



RAINWATER TANKS – INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS WHERE RETICULATED WATER IS CONNECTED

Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction for the installation of rainwater tanks where reticulated water is connected.

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1. Overview

This Policy was adopted to:

- a) encourage water conservation by the installation of water tanks, connected to household fixtures, through a safe and reliable method, to supplement the mains supply; and,
- b) set out Council's requirements as a Water Authority in reticulated supply locations.

This policy does not cover water tanks in non-reticulated water supply areas.

This includes the installation of water tanks not connected to household fixtures, to prevent later illegal connection.

This Policy must also be read in conjunction with the **“State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008”** – Subdivision 32 – Rainwater tanks (above ground) and Subdivision 33 – Rainwater tanks (below ground).

Note: The provisions of the SEPP will prevail this policy. Clause 2.64 of the SEPP states “if reticulated water is provided to the lot, the development must not be interconnected with any system supplying drinking water to the lot unless it complies with the relevant water authorities requirements”.

2. Policy Principles

To encourage water conservation by the installation of water tanks, connected to household fixtures, through a safe and reliable method, to supplement the mains supply.

3. Policy Objectives

To ensure that installation of water tanks where reticulated water is available are done so in accordance with current legislative requirements.

4. Policy Statement

Council’s requirements as the Water Authority are:

1. Any water tank which is to be connected to plumbing fixtures, must be connected separately to the fixture and an approved “intelligent controller” system installed, which shuts off water tank supply and opens main supply when the water tank level becomes to low, or due to power failure.
2. There can be no direct connection between the mains supply and the water tank.
3. All plumbing work is to be carried out in accordance with the Plumbing Code of Australia.
4. Maintenance of the tank or tanks shall be in accordance with the guidelines from the New South Wales Department of Health for the “Guidance on use of rainwater tanks” 2010.

5. Scope

Where it is proposed to install rainwater tanks where a reticulated water supply is available.

6. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility

Elected Council

Not applicable.

Chief Executive, Executive and Management Teams

Not applicable.

Management Oversight Group

Not applicable.

Individual Managers

Manager Planning & Development Services.

7. Definitions

Nil.

8. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- New South Wales Department of Health for the "Guidance on use of rainwater tanks" 2010.

9. Version Control & Change History

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