



DRINKING WATER QUALITY

Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction on how Council maintains its drinking water quality.

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Related Legislation	Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2017 Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) Public Health Regulation 2012
Delegations of Authority	Chief Executive, Directors, Managers

1. Overview

This Policy serves to ensure that Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and other regulatory guidelines.

2. Policy Principles

The principles of the policy is to ensure that Council, all managers, supervisors and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for supporting, understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Management System.

3. Policy Objectives

Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and other regulatory requirements.

4. Policy Statement

Council has implemented and will maintain a Drinking Water Management System to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

5. Scope

In partnership with relevant stakeholders, Council will:

- manage water quality at all points, from source (as possible) through to treatment, storage and distribution, as relevant to Council's systems;
- continue to use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- continue to revise and develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
- continue to ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility and are appropriately trained to implement the Drinking Water Management System;
- continue the routine monitoring of the quality of drinking water; utilise effective reporting mechanisms in place to provide relevant and timely information; and continue to promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- continue to comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) and associated Public Health Regulation 2012; and
- continually improve practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the Drinking Water Management System.

6. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility

Elected Council

Adopt the Drinking Water Quality Policy and to continue to support the Drinking Water Management System.

General Manager, Executive and Management Teams

Adopt the Drinking Water Quality Policy and to continue to support the Drinking Water Management System.

Management Oversight Group

Continue to support and include system risk as described in the Australian Drinking Water Management Guidelines.

Manager Water & Waste

Responsible for ensuring compliance with Policy, Regulation and guidelines.

7. Definitions

Nil.

8. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2017

Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

Public Health Regulation 2012

9. Version Control & Change History

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