



DRINKING WATER QUALITY & SAFETY POLICY

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 infrastructure and catchment safely and effectively including providing a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and other regulatory and Dam safety guidelines.

The implementation of such will ensure that all managers, supervisors and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Management System and the Dam Safety Management System.

2. Policy Objectives

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

3. Policy Statement

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

4. Scope

In partnership with relevant stakeholders, Council will:

- Manage water quality at all points, from source (as possible) through to treatment, storage and distribution including safety mechanisms associated with Dam Safety, as relevant to Council's systems;
- Continue to use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality and safety are identified and balanced;
- Continue to revise and develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality or safety 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 and the Dam Safety Management System;
- Continue the routine monitoring of the quality of drinking water and safety; utilise effective reporting mechanisms in place to provide relevant and timely information; and continue to promote confidence in the water supply, safety and its management;
- Continue to comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW), associated Public Health Regulation 2012 and Dams Safety Act 2015 (NSW) and associated Dams Safety Regulation 2019 (NSW);
- Continually improve practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the Drinking Water Management System and Dam Safety Management System.

5. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility

Elected Council

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

General Manager, Executive and Management Teams

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

Management Oversight Group

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

Manager Water & Waste

Responsible for ensuring compliance with Policy, Regulation and guidelines.

6. Definitions

Nil.

7. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2017

Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

Public Health Regulation 2012

Dams Safety Act 2015 (NSW)

Dams Safety Regulation 2019 (the Regulation).

ISO 55001 Asset Management

ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems

Council Policy 3.180 Rainwater Tanks-Installation requirements where reticulated water is connected.

8. Version Control & Change History

Version	Date	Modified by	Details
V1.0	26/09/2018	Council	Adoption of Original Policy
V2.0	28/09/2022	Council	Amendment to include Dam Safety (Res No. 204/22)