



Drinking Water Quality Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with a preventative strategy and frame work approach to drinking water quality as required for Council's Drinking Water Management Plan.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Public Health Act 2010

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, high-quality drinking water that consistently meets the National Health and Medical Research Council 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, and consumer and other regulatory requirements.

To achieve this, in partnerships with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Council will:

- manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the consumer;
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into our planning;
- establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability;
- deliver Council's Delivery and Operational Plans inclusive of annual drinking water system capital works program, ensuring timely replacement of identified drinking water assets;
- ensure timely and sustainable expansion of drinking water system to support projected and future population growth predictions;
- ensure increasing standards of Levels of Service for delivery of drinking water and that these Levels of Service are reviewed regularly;
- contribute to the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle;
- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against other water utilities, corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system, as per s25 of the Public Health Act (2010), consistent with the 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to manage effectively the risks to drinking water quality.

All Council staff involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

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