

Drinking Water Quality Policy

Policy Approval and Distribution

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to support the provision of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's water supply service by outlining how Council will effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

Scope

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*.

Legislative Framework

This policy ensures Council is compliant with the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)* and associated *Public Health Regulation 2012*.

Review Period

This document is to be reviewed every four (4) years to ensure that it remains relevant and meets legislative requirements.

Policy Statement

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.

To achieve this, Council will implement and maintain a *Drinking Water Management System* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

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;
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
- 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*;
- routinely monitor the quality of drinking water; use effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information; and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- 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*.