



GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

Drinking Water Quality Policy

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INTRODUCTION

The NSW *Public Health Act 2010* introduces new and more stringent requirements for Local Water Utilities in the provision of drinking water to the public. The associated regulations require utilities to undertake their activities using the risk based approach outlined in the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG)*.

This policy describes the local interpretation of those guidelines in relation to the Glen Innes and Deepwater drinking water systems, and also outlines Council's responsibility to manage private water suppliers as defined under the act.

AIMS OF POLICY

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all reticulated drinking water supplied within the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area is supplied according to the framework described in the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, and meets the quality parameters stated in those guidelines.

POLICY STATEMENT

Glen Innes Severn Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide safe, high-quality drinking water that consistently meets the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, consumer and other regulatory requirements.

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

- manage water quality at critical control 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 managed;
- establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and apply effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, promoting confidence in the water supply and its management;
- develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability;

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- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against ADWG guidelines.

Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system consistent with the 12 elements contained within the ADWG to manage effectively the risks to drinking water quality. All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

APPLICABILITY

The policy shall apply to all reticulated drinking water supplied within the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area from 27 February 2020.

VARIATION AND REVIEW

The policy shall continue in force until revised or rescinded by resolution of Council. Revision is scheduled at intervals of four (4) years.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION

The policy shall be distributed to all staff within the Integrated Water Services section and these staff will be required to maintain awareness of and adhere to the policy.

A copy of the policy will be made available to the community on Council's web page www.gisc.nsw.gov.au



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