

Drinking Water Quality Policy



Acknowledgement of Country

Glen Innes Severn Council (Council) acknowledges and pays respect to the Ngarabul people as the traditional custodians of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and to Torres Strait Islander people and all First Nations people.

Purpose

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

Applicability

This policy applies to all reticulated drinking water supplied within the LGA.

Outcomes

Council shall:

- Use this policy and the Drinking Water Management System to ensure all drinking water meets the standards set by NSW Health, and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
- Ensure this information is available to the Public by having this policy and the Management System on its website

Roles and Responsibilities

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.

All Integrated Water staff will utilise this policy and the Drinking Water Management System to ensure the policy objectives are met.

The Manager of Integrated Water will be responsible for updating and distributing the policy and Management system to the IWS staff.

Policy Statement

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;
- continually improve Council 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 effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

Legislation And Supporting Documents

Relevant Legislation, Regulations and Industry Standards include:

- NSW *Public Health Act 2010*
- Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

Relevant Council Policies and Procedures include:

- Drinking Water Management Systems

Variation And Review

The Drinking Water Quality Policy will be reviewed every term of Council (four years), or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council. The term of the Policy does not expire on the review date, but will continue in force until superseded, rescinded or varied either by legislation or a new resolution of Council.

Appendix A

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