



DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY

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

In partnership with relevant stakeholders, Murrumbidgee Council will:

- Manage water quality at all points, from catchment (where possible) through to treatment, storage and distribution;
- 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 our practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System*.

All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintain and continuously improving the *Drinking Water Management System*.

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