



Drinking Water Quality Policy

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1. Purpose

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.

2. Scope

The Drinking Water Quality Policy applies to all managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water. They are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Management System.

3. Objective

This policy sets out how 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:

1. Manage water quality at all points, from catchment (where possible) through to treatment, storage and distribution;
2. Use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
3. Develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
4. 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;
5. 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;
6. Comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) and associated Public Health Regulation 2012; and
7. Continually improve our practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the Drinking Water Management System.

4. Policy Review

This policy is due to be reviewed in September 2022.

