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| <b>POLICY:-</b>                               |   |
| Policy Title:                                 | Access to community non-potable water standpipes. |
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| <b>PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES:-</b>          |  |
| Date procedure/guideline was developed; |  |
| Procedure/guideline reference number:   |  |

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| <b>RESPONSIBILITY:-</b>  |                                   |
| Draft Policy Developed by:   | Manager of Water, Sewer and Waste |
| Committee/s (if any) consulted in the development of this policy:: | N/A                               |
| Responsibility for implementation:                                 | Chief Executive Officer           |
| Responsibility for review of Policy:                               | Chief Executive Officer           |

## BACKGROUND

Council currently provides community access to non-potable water supply from bore and standpipe facilities located at Crookwell, Gunning, Taralga, Bigga, Binda, Tuena, Jerrawa and Breadalbane and also at the Lost River Road intersection. Council encourages the use of this water for purposes which do not require drinking standard water, and particularly those that would otherwise place demand on existing drinking water supplies. Approved access is provided to all Shire residents free of charge. Water from the standpipe is carted from the site and is currently utilised by both urban and rural communities. Typical uses include; gardening, truck washing, building and commercial operations, small industrial uses, stock watering, fire fighting and Council operations and dust suppression. Emergency services activities have priority use at the standpipe. **The site is not intended to provide drinking standard water.** Access is not generally available for use outside the Shire, however following written application to Council, access may be granted on humanitarian grounds. Access for use outside the Shire will incur a charge as provided in Council's Operational Plan.

Council reserves the right to reduce access to the facilities in times of severe water shortage.

## OBJECTIVES:

To provide a framework for appropriate access to Councils non-potable water supplies, whilst maintaining responsible and sustainable management of water resources.

## ELIGIBILITY

This policy applies to all Upper Lachlan Shire Council residents who wish to gain access to non-potable water from Council access points.

This policy applies to all parties who wish to gain access to non-potable water from Council access points for use within the Shire area.

## DEFINITIONS

Non-potable water' refers to water for use other than drinking.

## PROVISIONS

Each water access point is fitted with a meter to record the volume provided by the facility. This meter is periodically read to monitor water usage and following reports of alleged inappropriate uses. The meter is read before and after approved applications for carting outside the Shire.

Each water access point has a sign outlining the acceptable uses of the water, clearly marked non-potable, and located in a prominent location.

Council reserves the right to deny access to the site or lock the standpipe in the event of inappropriate use, for supply maintenance activities, or as a result of water quality or quantity issues.

Emergency services and combat agencies have priority access.

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**VARIATION:**

That Council reserves the right to vary the terms and conditions of this policy to ensure it meets the requirements of the relevant legislation.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND COUNCIL POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The following Legislation and Council Policies and documents that are relevant to this Policy include:

Local Government Act (1993)  
Local Government Regulations