

POLICY:-	
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RESPONSIBILITY:-	
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Committee/s (if any) consulted in the development of this policy::	
Responsibility for implementation:	Manager Water Sewer & Waste
Responsibility for review of Policy:	Manager Water Sewer & Waste

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To demonstrate and detail Councils commitment to providing Public drinking water supplies fully compliant with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

POLICY STATEMENT

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is committed to managing its town water supplies effectively to provide a safe, high quality drinking water that consistently meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. Council is also committed to providing a service that meets consumer expectations and other regulatory requirements. The Policy extends to Councils Town water supplies in Crookwell, Gunning, Taralga and Dalton.

To achieve this, in partnership with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Upper Lachlan Shire Council will:

- manage water quality at all 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 balanced;
- plan for the needs and expectations of consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees;
- establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability;
- deliver the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Operational Plans including water asset capital program, ensuring timely upgrade and replacement of identified drinking water assets;.
- ensure increasing standards of Levels of Service for delivery of drinking water and that these Levels of Service are reviewed regularly including maintenance and servicing of infrastructure;.
- participate in appropriate research and development activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance and incorporation testing for PFAS in the drinking water produced;.
- participate in testing of town supply water license bores;
- ensure water and sewer staff are trained and competent in operation, testing and compliance to critical control points in water treatment plants and retic network;
- contribute to the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle;.
- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations;.
- protect water quality by improving the health of catchments and waterways through effective partnerships with stakeholders, including council, relevant catchment agencies and private landholders and keeping sites secure and continue dam surveillance monitoring.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to effectively manage the risks to Quality of drinking water quality.

All Council staff involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

RELATED POLICIES AND RELEVANT LEGISLATION/GUIDELINES

Public Health Act 2010

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

VARIATION

Council reserves the right to vary or revoke this policy.