

DRINKING WATER QUALITY GENERAL POLICY

Intent

To establish a policy for the implementation and maintenance of a Drinking Water Quality Management System that is consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Scope

This policy applies to all Water and Wastewater activities associated with the supply of drinking water to the community.

Provisions

The Drinking Water Quality Management System will utilise a risk-based “catchment to tap” approach to identify and manage potential risks associated with drinking water quality.

To achieve this, in partnership with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Water and Wastewater will:

- Consider the needs and expectations of our customers, stakeholders, regulators and employees and integrate appropriate solutions into our planning to provide and maintain safe water supplies.
- Undertake regular monitoring of drinking water quality and maintain effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information and promote confidence in the management of the water supply systems.
- Have in place appropriate contingency plans and incident response capabilities to respond to and manage water quality incidents.
- Audit and review our practices against industry standards and stakeholder expectations to continually improve our performance.
- Provide training to all relevant employees to ensure that they are aware of this policy and are involved in the implementation of our Drinking Water Quality Management System.
- Openly communicate this policy to the community to encourage public awareness.

This policy assigns responsibility for drinking water quality management to all Water and Wastewater employees and acknowledges that corporate responsibility lies with the Water and Wastewater Management and ultimately the Douglas Shire Council, Chief Executive Officer

This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

Manager Responsible for Review: Manager Water and Wastewater

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