

DOCUMENT ON EXHIBITION

Drinking Water Policy

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Objective

To provide a commitment to the sustainable management and supply of safe drinking water to our customers.

Legislative requirements

The Public Health Act 2010 and Public Health Regulation 2022 requires water utilities to develop and implement a quality assurance program for drinking water quality. Implementing a Drinking Water Management System in line with the NSW Guidelines for Drinking Water Management Systems (NSW Health, NSW DPI 2013) satisfies this requirement. Commitment to a drinking water quality policy is a key element of the NSW Guidelines for Drinking Water Management Systems.

Related policies and plans

- Mid-Western Regional Council Risk-Based Drinking Water Management System - Mudgee, Gulgong and Rylstone Water Supply Systems (Version 3, 2023)
- Mid-Western Regional Council Drinking Water Quality Management System Annual Report (August 2023)
- Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011) - Updated September 2022
- Public Health Act (2010) NSW
- Public Health Regulation 2022
- Mid-Western Regional Council Risk Management Framework

Policy

To achieve the sustainable management and supply of safe drinking water to our customers, Mid-Western Regional Council will:

- Manage water quality at all points along the delivery network from the source water to the customer's tap.
- Use a risk based approach in which potential risks to water quality are identified and managed to minimise any threat to drinking water quality.
- Deliver water to our customers that complies with the health related criteria in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
- Promote community participation in decision making processes and ensure that community expectations are considered.
- Review the implemented Drinking Water Quality Management System on a periodic basis in line with the NSW Guidelines for Drinking Water Management Systems.

- Continually improve our management practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations
- Continually improve the capability of staff by encouraging and supporting participation in training and professional development and ensure all employees are aware of and actively seek to achieve the aims of this policy.

All managers, employees, and contractors of Mid-Western Regional Council that are involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Quality Management System.