

1. Purpose

Warrumbungle Shire Council's mission in the delivery of water services is to:

- Prudently manage scarce water resources.
- Provide quality, cost effective water services that meet health and environmental standards and satisfy the social and economic needs and aspirations of the community in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan.
- Maintain commitment to the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA), providing a unified approach to the sustainable delivery of water supply and sewerage services and to achieve and maintain gazetted Best Practice by the earliest feasible date.

This policy outlines the responsibility of Warrumbungle Water for managing Council's water supply to provide safe, high quality drinking water to connected properties in each town across the shire.

2. Objectives of the Policy

In accordance with Council's commitment to the provision of safe, high quality drinking water, this policy aims to:

- Outline Council's responsibilities in the provision of drinking water
- Ensure compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) 2011
- Support Warrumbungle Water's Strategic Business Plan 2013
- Support Warrumbungle Water's Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) 2014

3. Policy Scope

Warrumbungle Water employees, volunteers and contractors must observe Council's Drinking Water Quality (DWQ) Policy to ensure compliance with guidelines, standards and regulatory requirements.

4. Background

This policy has been developed to assist Council in complying with:

- ADWG 2011
- NSW Public Health Act 2010

This policy also forms part of Warrumbungle Water's DWMS 2014.

5. Definitions

ADWG: Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

DWMS: Drinking Water Management System

DWQ: Drinking Water Quality

LWU: Local Water Utility

OWUA: Orana Water Utilities Alliance

SBP: Strategic Business Plan

6. Policy Statement

Warrumbungle Water is committed to providing safe, high quality drinking water consistent with the ADWG 2011 and other regulatory requirements.

To achieve this commitment, Warrumbungle Water will:

1. Deliver water which complies with health related criteria contained in the ADWG 2011 and work towards achieving full compliance with aesthetic criteria, by the earliest feasible date.
2. Manage water quality at all points along the delivery network, where this falls within the Local Water Utility (LWU) responsibility.
3. Use a risk based approach in which potential risks to water quality are identified and managed to minimise any threat to drinking water quality.
4. Ensure appropriate, timely monitoring and corrective actions are undertaken at critical control points to ensure the continual delivery of safe drinking water to our customer.
5. Continue to develop and maintain a sustainable network to meet community needs and health and safety standards.

7. Responsibilities

Warrumbungle Water is responsible for the application of this policy.

8. Associated Documents

- NSW Public Health Act 2010
- ADWG 2011
- Warrumbungle Water SBP 2013
- Warrumbungle Water DWMS 2014

9. Getting Help

For information regarding this policy, please contact the Manager Warrumbungle Water.

10. Version Control

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Staff Member Responsible for Review: Warrumbungle Water Project Officer

Policy Name	Action	Resolution No.	Date
Drinking Water Quality Policy	DRAFT		