

1. Purpose

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

- Prudently manage scarce water resources.
- Provide safe, secure, efficient and affordable 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, secure and high-quality drinking water to connected properties in each town across the shire.

2. Objectives

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

- Outline Council's responsibilities in the provision of drinking water
- Ensure compliance with the latest version of the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011* (ADWG)
- Support *Warrumbungle Water Drinking Water Management System 2022* (DWMS)
- Support *Warrumbungle Water Drought Management Plan (2019)*

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Warrumbungle Water employees, volunteers and contractors and must be observed to ensure compliance with guidelines, standards and regulatory requirements.

4. Legislation and Associated Documents

ASSOCIATED POLICIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy also forms part of <i>Warrumbungle Water Drinking Water Management System 2022</i> (DWMS)
ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NSW Public Health Act 2010</i> • <i>NSW Public Health Regulation 2022</i> • <i>Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011</i>
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5. Policy Statement

Warrumbungle Water is committed to providing safe, secure and high-quality drinking water consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011 (ADWG) 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.

6. Responsibilities

The Manager Warrumbungle Water will be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

7. Getting Help

The staff members who can assist with enquiries about the policy are:

Position: Director Environment and Development Services, Manager Warrumbungle Water.

8. Version Control

DEPARTMENT	Environment and Development Services		
RESPONSIBILITY	Manager Warrumbungle Water		
VERSION CONTROL			
Policy Name	ID No and Version	Resolution	Date Adopted
Drinking Water Quality Policy	1	336/1819	21 March 2019
Drinking Water Quality Policy	2		
Next Review Date			