

## **POLICY ENG001**

# **DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY**

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Nyngan Township



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## Drinking Water Quality Policy for Nyngan Township

### 1. Overview

Bogan Shire Council provides reliable and potable drinking water services to domestic, commercial and industrial customers in Nyngan Township and is committed to providing safe, high quality drinking water which consistently meets the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)*.

### 2. Definition of Australian Drinking Water Guidelines

The *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* was developed as a framework for good management of drinking water supplies that if implemented, will assure the safety of customers at the point of supply. Whilst not mandatory standards, they provide an authoritative reference based on the best scientific evidence for determining that safe and good quality water, that is also aesthetically pleasing, is delivered to Council's customers.

### 3. Other Related Policies of Council

Extending town water supply – October 2006

### 4. Application of Policy

This Policy deals with the quality assurance in the treatment and distribution of potable water from “source to tap.”

### 5. Intent of Policy

The intent of this Policy is to provide Council with a preventative strategy ‘Framework’ approach to drinking water total quality management.

### 6. Policy Statement

**Bogan Shire Council** is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* and other regulatory requirements.

To achieve this, **Bogan Shire Council** will implement and maintain a *Drinking Water Management System* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

In partnership with relevant stakeholders, **Bogan Shire Council** will:

- manage water quality at all points, from source (as possible and within its control) through to treatment, storage and distribution;
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;

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- ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility and are appropriately trained to implement the *Drinking Water Management System*;
- routinely monitor the quality of drinking water; use effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information; and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- comply with the regulatory requirements of the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)* and associated *Public Health Regulation 2012*; and
- continually improve practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System* and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

All managers, supervisors, operators and staff involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the *Drinking Water Management System*.

### **7. Consultation**

Bogan Shire Council acknowledges the assistance of Viridis Consultants, NSW Health, and DPIE Water

### **8. Authority**

Director Engineering Services

### **9. Policy Owner**

Works and Services Manager

### **10. Related Information**

Risk Based Drinking Water Management System.  
Critical Control Points, standard Operating Procedures and Incident Response Plans.  
Drinking Water Quality Improvement Plan.

### **11. Review**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with any time table established by the General Manager, after application of the policy reveals deficiencies, or if changes in law or regulations impact on the accuracy or legality of the provisions.

*Policy adopted on*

*by Bogan Shire Council – Minute No.*