



**DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY**

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Walcha 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, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, Walcha Council will:

- ❖ Manage water quality at all points, from the inner drinking water catchment through to treatment, storage and distribution;
- ❖ Use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- ❖ Develop contingency and incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
- ❖ Ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility 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 our practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System*.

Walcha Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

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