

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to compliment the DWQMP and to ensure Maranoa Regional Council provides safe, reliable, efficient water and wastewater services to residents, visitors and businesses in the Maranoa Region. Maranoa Regional Council is committed to managing its drinking water supply systems effectively to provide customers with dependable, safe, high-quality water that consistently complies with the health based parameters of the AWDG.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all of Council's drinking water supply schemes.

## 3. Definitions

ADWG	Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
DWQMP	Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
MRC	Maranoa Regional Council
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council

## 4. Details

In partnership with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Maranoa Regional Council will:

- Manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the consumer's water meter by using a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and managed to minimise any threat to drinking water quality in accordance with the AWDG;
- Comply with statutory and regulatory requirements associated with the provision of safe drinking water;
- Implement and maintain a Drinking Water Quality Management Plan;
- Maintain regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and have effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, which promotes confidence in the water supply and its management;
- Establish and implement appropriate contingency plans for response to incidents and monitor that the controls identified in these plans is effective;
- Participate in appropriate research and development activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance;
- Commit to continually improve the capability of our staff by encouraging and supporting participation in training and professional development;
- Actively contribute to the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle;
- Continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

## 5. Special Provisions

**6. Related Policies and Legislation**

Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act

**7. Associated Documents**

Drinking Water Quality Management Plan