

2247 Drought Management Urban Water

Governance Policy



PURPOSE

- 1) The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism under which North Burnett Regional Council introduces and manages restrictions on urban water usage.
- 2) This policy supports Council in managing urban water usage in line with the authority granted at Division 3 of the *Water (Supply Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*.
- 3) This policy establishes a framework for consistent and appropriate drought management provisions within Council's urban water supply schemes and is in alignment with the *Water Act 2000*, Chapter 2A, Part 2 Sections 352 and 353.

SCOPE

- 4) This policy applies to all reticulated urban water supply schemes owned and/or operated by Council, WSPID 490.
- 5) This policy is binding on all customers of Council's reticulated urban water supply schemes and forms part of the service contract between Council and its customers.

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Council	means North Burnett Regional Council
WSP	means Registered Water Supply Provider
WA	means <i>Water Act 2000</i>
WSSRA	means <i>Water (Supply Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i>

POLICY

OBJECTIVES

- 6) The objectives of this policy are to:
 - a) Ensure efficient and sustainable outdoor water use;
 - b) Ensure sufficient water remains in Council's water allocation for essential indoor and firefighting uses;
 - c) Ensure equitable use of the source water supply to maintain consistent water pressure and quality throughout the reticulation network for all customers; and
 - d) Ensure the long-term viability of Council water schemes.

PRINCIPLES

- 7) Monitoring and compliance shall be carried out in accordance with:
 - a) Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, Sections 45-48 - Authorised Persons;
 - b) Water Act 2000, Chapter 2A, Part 2 Sections 352 and 353.
 - c) Local Government Act 2009, Section 125-148 – Powers of Authorised Persons;
 - d) State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2000, Section 8C; and
 - e) State Penalties Enforcement Regulation, Sch. 5.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 8) Water restrictions shall be set for all water supply schemes owned and/or operated by Council in accordance with the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, Sections 41-43 – Power to Restrict Water Supply.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9) The Water and Wastewater Manager is responsible for the application of this policy and supporting procedures.
- 10) Other roles and responsibilities will be as identified in supporting procedures.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

- 11) Applicable legislation and regulation:
- a) *Local Government Act 2009*
 - b) *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*
 - c) *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999*
 - d) *State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014*
 - e) *Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 12) Related documents are:
- a) Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
 - b) Drought Management Procedure for Urban Water

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Water and Wastewater Manager

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