

## BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL Drinking Water Quality Policy

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<b>Last Reviewed:</b> 18 January 2019	<p><b>Review: Note:</b> This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The related information is amended or replaced.</li> <li>2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer.</li> </ol> <p>Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than two years.</p>
<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	

Council is committed to managing its drinking water supply schemes to provide safe, sustainable and high-quality water to the Barcoo Shire communities that meets the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)/ National Resource Management Ministerial Council Australia (NRMMC) *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, consumer and other regulatory requirements.

### Legislation

Public Health Act 2005

Water Supply Safety and Reliability Act 2008

Queensland Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Water Act 2000

### Policy Statement

Barcoo Shire Council are committed to:

- Managing water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the customers' water delivery point;
- Using a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and managed;
- Integrating the needs and expectations of consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into planning;
- Establishing regular monitoring of drinking water quality and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;
- Developing appropriate contingency plans and incident response capability;
- Continually improving our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

The organisation will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to manage effectively 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.