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Draft Drinking Water Quality Policy

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Policy Objective

To highlight Muswellbrook Shire Council's commitment to supplying safe, high quality drinking water to the residents communities of Muswellbrook, Denman, and Sandy Hollow, ~~which appropriately that~~ consistently meets the ~~requirements of the~~ NHMRC / NRMCC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines ~~of 6~~, 2011 (ADWG 2011), and consumer and other regulatory requirements.

(where, NHMRC is the National Health and Medical Research Council and NRMCC is the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council)

Risks being addressed

Muswellbrook Shire Council affirms its commitment in ensuring that its customers in Muswellbrook, Denman and Sandy Hollow receive safe, high quality drinking water, ~~which appropriately that~~ consistently meets the quality requirements as stipulated in the ADWG 2011.

This commitment is in line with Council's goal of providing safe, secure, ~~efficient and effective~~ reliable water, ~~sewerage and waste~~ wastewater services ~~in compliance with regulatory requirements~~ as outlined in Council's Operational Plan.

Scope

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

Policy Statement

Muswellbrook Shire Council's commitment to supplying safe, high quality drinking water to the communities of Muswellbrook Shire will be implemented through its Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) and Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy, consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011.

To achieve this, in partnership with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Muswellbrook Shire Council will:

~~Manage drinking~~

- manage water quality ~~through treatment, storage and distribution at all points along the delivery chain from source water~~ to the consumer ;
- ~~Establish and operate under use~~ a risk-based approach ~~to identify & mitigate~~ in which potential ~~hazards threats~~ to water quality; are identified and balanced
- ~~Incorporate~~ integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators, and employees into our planning ;

- ~~Implement continuous~~ establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water ~~quality; together with and effective water quality reporting procedures so as mechanisms~~ to provide suitable relevant and timely information; and promote confidence in the water supply and its management ;
- ~~Ensure proficiency of in emergency~~ develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response ~~procedures; capability~~
- ~~Enhance knowledge on drinking water quality issues and performance by participating in current~~ participate in appropriate research and development ~~work carried out in the water treatment industry; activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance~~
- ~~Respond to customers' concerns in a timely manner;~~
- ~~Participate in discussions that contribute to establishing~~ the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines ~~to ensure that industrial and commercial operations do not discharge harmful substances into waterways that may impact the overall water quality and subsequently the , and other standards relevant to public health of and the community; water cycle~~
- ~~Assess~~ continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

Muswellbrook Shire Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality ~~performance through audits on a regular basis management system consistent with the Guidelines to improve operational capability of it~~ effectively manage the risks to drinking water ~~treatment plants and reticulation system quality.~~

~~Ensure that Council~~

All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water ~~are appropriately trained and understand their role and responsibility at Muswellbrook Shire Council are responsible for ensuring that water quality goals are achieved~~ understanding, implementing, maintaining, and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

Delegations

There are no associated delegations with this policy.

Legislation

NHMRC/NRMMC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 6, 2011
NSW Public Health Act 2010 and Public Health Regulation ~~(2012)~~ 2022
Local Government Act 1993

Dispute Resolution

The Operations Manager Water & ~~Waste~~ Wastewater is the interpreter of this policy.

Associated Council Documentation

This policy is to be read in conjunction with:

- Muswellbrook Shire Council Drinking Water Management System ~~(ADWG)~~ 2014
- Muswellbrook Shire Council Drinking Water Management System ~~(DWMS)~~ – Improvement Plan – ~~reviewed & updated 27 June 2017 (Doc ID 749483)~~
- Muswellbrook Shire Council Integrated Water Cycle Management ~~(IWCN)~~ Strategy – ~~to be finalised by 2019.~~
- Operational Plan

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