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OBJECTIVES

Lithgow City 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. This policy identifies the measures that council will undertake to maintain drinking water quality.

POLICY

1. Lithgow City Council will:
 - 1.1 manage water quality at all points, from the catchment or source through to treatment, storage and distribution;
 - 1.2 use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
 - 1.3 develop contingency and incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
 - 1.4 ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility to implement the *Drinking Water Management System*;
 - 1.5 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;
 - 1.6 comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) and associated Public Health Regulation 2012; and
 - 1.7 continually improve our practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System*.
2. Lithgow City Council will implement and maintain a *Drinking Water Management System* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.
3. All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the *Drinking Water Management System*.

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