

LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY REGISTER

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OBJECTIVES

The objective of Liverpool Plains Shire Council's *Drinking Water Quality* policy is to demonstrate Council's commitment to managing its drinking water supply system effectively to provide consumers with safe, high-quality water that complies with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

POLICY STATEMENT

Liverpool Plains Shire Council is implementing and will maintain a drinking water quality management system consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

Elected councillors commit to Liverpool Plains Shire Council's actions being undertaken in accordance with policy. Directors, managers and employees involved in the management of source waters and storages and the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system.

To achieve this, in partnerships with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Liverpool Plains Shire Council will:

- manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the consumer
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and managed
- undertake regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management
- develop and maintain appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability
- integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into our planning
- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against Council commitments and stakeholder expectations.
- contribute to the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle
- participate in appropriate research and development activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance