



SHIRE COUNCIL
Blayney

Recycled Water Quality Policy

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Strategic Policy

1. PURPOSE

Blayney Shire Council supports and promotes the responsible use of recycled water and the application of a management approach that consistently meets the National Guidelines on Water Recycling, as well as recycled water user and regulatory requirements.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

Blayney Shire Council will implement and maintain recycled water management systems consistent with the *National Guidelines on Water Recycling* to effectively manage the risks to public and environmental health.

To achieve this we will:

- ensure that protection of public and environmental health is recognised as being of paramount importance
- maintain communication and partnerships with all relevant agencies involved in management of water resources, including waters that can be recycled
- engage appropriate scientific expertise in developing recycled water schemes
- manage recycled water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source to the recycled water user
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and controlled
- integrate the needs and expectations of our users of recycled water, communities and other stakeholders, regulators and employees into planning processes
- establish regular monitoring of control measures and recycled water quality and establish effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the recycled water supply and its management
- develop appropriate contingency planning and incident-response capability
- participate in and support appropriate research and development activities to ensure continuous improvement and continued understanding of recycled water issues and performance
- contribute to the development of industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle
- ensure operators are adequately trained

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

All managers and employees involved in the supply of recycled water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the recycled water management system. Membership and participation in professional associations dealing with management and use of recycled water is encouraged.

4. LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY LINKS

This Policy has been formulated with reference to a number of key pieces of Legislation and associated Regulations and Guidelines.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Water Management Act 2000
- Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling 2006

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