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Purpose

Greater Hume Shire 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. To achieve this Greater Hume Shire Council will implement and maintain a Drinking Water Management System to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

Scope

All directors, managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Management System.

Definitions

Nil

Policy Content

In partnership with all relevant stake holders, Greater Hume Shire Council will:

- Manage water quality at all points, from source (as possible) through treatment, storage and distribution;
- Use a risk based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;
- Develop incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;
- Ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility and are appropriately trained to implement the *Drinking Water Management System*;
- 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;
- Comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health ACT 2010 (NSW) and associated Public Health Regulation 2012;
- Continually improve practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System*.

Links to Policy

Nil

Links to Procedure

Drinking Water Management System

Links to Forms

Nil

References

Nil

Responsibility

All Directors, Managers and Employees involved with the supply of drinking water within Greater Hume Shire.

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Relevant Legislation

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011

Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

Public Health Regulation 2012

Associated Records

Nil