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GOVERNANCE & PLANNING – DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE

POLICY OBJECTIVES

- To demonstrate Gosford Council's commitment to providing drinking water that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, and consumer and other regulatory requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT

Gosford City Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide safe, high-quality drinking water that consistently meets the NHMRC/NRMMC *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, and consumer and other regulatory requirements.

To achieve this, in partnerships with stakeholders and relevant agencies, Gosford City 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 balanced
- integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into our planning
- maintain 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
- maintain appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability
- participate in appropriate research and development activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance
- contribute to the debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle
- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

Gosford City Council will implement and maintain a drinking water quality management system consistent with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

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

(Min No 2008/650 - 7 October 2008 - New Drinking Water Quality Policy)

(Min No 2009/311 - 5 May 2009 - Review of Policies)

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