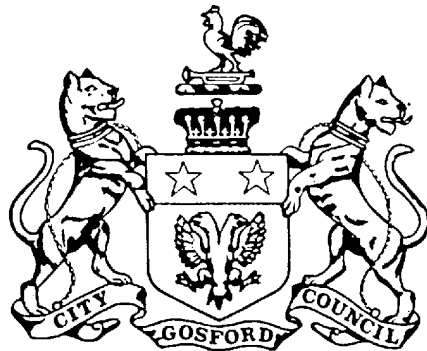




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GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING – DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE

POLICY OBJECTIVES

To demonstrate Gosford City Council's commitment to responsible and sustainable management and use of recycled water that meets the National Water Quality Management Strategy: Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling, customer and other regulatory requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT

Gosford City Council supports and promotes the responsible and sustainable management and use of recycled water and the application of a best practice multi-barrier management approach that consistently meets the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling, as well as recycled water user and regulatory requirements.

To achieve this Council will:

- ensure that protection of public and environmental health is paramount
- apply the principles of sustainability at all points along the delivery chain from source to recycled water use
- maintain communication and partnerships with all relevant stakeholders
- integrate the needs and expectations of users of recycled water, community stakeholders, regulators and employees into planning/decision making processes
- provide training to employees associated with the recycled water system
- manage recycled water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source to recycled water user
- use a multi-barrier risk based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified, assessed and controlled
- carryout 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 of recycled water issues and performance
- contribute to the development of industry regulations, guidelines and other standards relevant to recycled water
- continually improve practices by regularly assessing performance against regulatory requirements, corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.

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.

PROCEDURES

This procedure being an administrative process may be altered as necessary by the Chief Executive Officer.

The procedures for the management and use of recycled water are detailed in Gosford City Council's Recycled Water Risk Management Plans and supporting documentation.

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