



YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL

RECYCLED WATER POLICY

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1 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Due to the continuing issues related to water shortages there has been a push from both the State and Federal governments to increase the role that recycled water plays in sustainable water management. Recycled water should be considered a valuable resource that should not be wasted and which can be used in a safe and sustainable manner to reduce pressures on limited drinking water resources.

2 PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

The provision of safe water and sanitation has been more effective than any other intervention in reducing infectious disease and increasing public health. Our Community expects to have safe water and sanitation. The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate Council's commitment to the promotion of the use of recycled water whilst still protecting public health and the environment.

3 POLICY

- A. To ensure that protection of public and environmental health is recognised as being of paramount importance;
- B. To maintain communication and partnerships with all relevant agencies involved in the management of water resources including NSW Office of Water, Environment Protection Agency and NSW Health;
- C. To engage appropriate stakeholders in the development of recycled water systems including scientific expertise, Council staff and community participation;
- D. To manage recycled water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source to the recycled water user;
- E. To use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to recycled water quality are identified and controlled;
- F. To establish regular monitoring of control measures and recycled water quality and establish effective reporting mechanisms.
- G. To provide relevant and timely information and promote confidence in the recycled water supply and its management;
- H. To develop appropriate contingency planning and incident-response capability
- I. To continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations;
- J. To investigate the true value of recycled water and how to reflect these costs in a user-pays or cost recovery environment.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

Young Shire Council's Utility Services Department is responsible for reviewing this policy. This policy is to be reviewed every four years or when changes in legislation are necessary to adopt and implement.

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