



Drinking Water Source Protection Policy

Water Corporation is committed to effective management of its drinking water supplies to provide a safe, high-quality product that consistently meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, customer and regulatory requirements, and the corporate objectives and vision. Source Protection is recognised as a key component of this process.

To achieve this, and in partnership with our stakeholders and relevant agencies, we will:



Strongly advocate source protection and the primacy of drinking water quality over other land uses.

Recognise robust source protection practices provide a safer, more practical and economical approach to drinking water safety than water treatment.



Continuously maintain robust multiple barriers appropriate to the level of potential contamination facing the raw water supply starting with source protection.

Uphold, support and promote catchment protection despite pressure from competing land uses and activities.



Routinely monitor our source protection systems and use effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information on their performance.

Maintain active catchment surveillance and protection programs to prevent contamination or degradation of our drinking water sources.



Ensure land uses and activities within catchments comply with legislation, approval conditions and best management practices.

Collaborate with key stakeholders and the community to protect drinking water catchments.

Guiding principle 1 of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines states:

The greatest risks to consumers of drinking water are pathogenic microorganisms. Protection of water sources and treatment are of paramount importance and must never be compromised.

All Water Corporation employees, partners and contractors are responsible for understanding their role in water source protection, and for implementing and continuously improving protection of our drinking water catchments.

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