



CABONNE COUNCIL STRATEGIC POLICY

POTABLE WATER SUPPLY – CUMNOCK & YEOVAL

1. Document Information

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2. Summary

This Policy outlines the procedures to be implemented by Council to connect property owners in Cumnock and Yeoval to the reticulated potable water supply from Molong Water Filtration Plant.

3. Approvals

Job Title	Date Approved	Signature
Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure		

4. History

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5. Reason

Council has recognised the priority to connect the Cumnock and Yeoval townships to a potable water supply, to improve the communities health, economic growth and security of water supply.

The policy provides the processes to be implemented by Council to connect properties in Cumnock and Yeoval to the potable water supply.

6. Scope

This policy applies to all existing developed properties in Cumnock and Yeoval with an existing water supply from the non-potable water network, as at the date of adoption of this policy by Council. The policy will continue to operate for 12 months following the installation of all agreed water supply connections.

7. Associated Legislation

Local Govt Act 1993

EP&A Act

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011

8. Definitions

Potable Water – Water that is healthy for human consumption in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

9. Responsibilities

9.1 General Manager

To lead staff in their understanding of this policy and to monitor its relationships with other areas of council activity

9.2 Deputy General Managers

To communicate, implements and comply with this policy

9.3 Leaders

To implement this policy and related procedures

9.4 Employees

To comply with this policy and consider its implications for related projects and programs

9.5 Others

Property owners familiarise themselves with the policy when considering connection works proposals for their individual properties.

10. Related Documents

Document Name	Document Location
Cabonne Council Fees & Charges (2020/21)	
Cabonne Council Drinking Water Management System	

11. Policy Statement

All properties within the water supply area are liable to pay water charges as resolved in Council annual fees and charges, (except for those properties which are exempt from all rates as defined under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 Sect 555). These charges include usage and availability charges and any other approved Council charges.

All properties within the water supply area will be provided with a connection to the reticulated potable water supply installed and operated by Council. This will include an approved water meter and backflow prevention device, which remain the property of Council, as well as minimum necessary pipework to provide a single suitable connection to the existing potable water supply at the property.

Council will undertake an inspection of the existing water supply connection at each property to determine, in consultation with the property owner, or their nominated delegate, the most appropriate means of connecting the property to the reticulated potable water supply.

Council will, by mutual agreement with the property owner or their nominated delegate, undertake necessary plumbing work, at full cost to Council, to connect the property to the reticulated potable water supply. Council will provide a 12 month warranty on the agreed works from the date of installation.

Council will not meet the cost of undertaking plumbing work to address existing faults or deficiencies within the internal plumbing of the property, as determined by a licensed plumber, which are not required as part of the connection to the reticulated potable water supply.

All properties with an existing independent water supply (rainwater tank, bore, surface water supply) must not be interconnected to the potable water supply once the property

is connected to the reticulated potable water supply. Council will undertake an inspection of every property within the designated water supply area in Cumnock and Yeoval to ensure the integrity of the potable water supply and, if necessary, direct the property owner to undertake necessary works to ensure no interconnections exist.

Council will ensure effective liaison with affected property owners throughout this process, including

- outlining the timeframe for completion of this work,
- providing at least 48 hrs notice prior to any planned works and/or disruption to water supplies, and
- providing ongoing information and advice on issues relating to the new water supply, such as water pressure and water quality, particularly in relation to the requirements under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines relating to chlorine as well as the fluoridation of the supply

If a property owner refuses access to Council staff, or their approved contractors, to their property for the installation of, as a minimum, a water meter and backflow prevention device, this refusal will be confirmed in a letter to the property owner and a record maintained at Council.

Residents who choose to continue to use an independent water supply for potable use will be directed to the NSW Health website

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/drinking-water.aspx> for information.