



# ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY

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### DRINKING WATER QUALITY

#### POLICY TYPE: OPERATIONAL

#### 1. OVERVIEW

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) is committed to managing its water supply effectively in order to provide drinking water that consistently meets National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) standards and the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council's (NRMMC) developed *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, consumer and other regulatory requirements. The Drinking Water Quality Policy (the Policy) outlines the approach that RIA implements to ensure Australian standards water quality is always available to Island visitors, residents and businesses.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this policy are:

- to outline the approach that RIA will undertake to ensure safe, high-quality drinking water that consistently meets NHMRC standards and the NRMMC's developed *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, consumer and other regulatory requirements is available on Rottnest Island; and
- to support compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Rottnest Island Authority for Drinking Water.

#### 3. SCOPE

This Policy and any associated procedures and forms are applicable to all RIA officers, in partnership with stakeholders and relevant agencies.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

**National Health and Medical Research Council** - is Australia's leading expert body promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards.

**Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council** - comprises Australian and New Zealand government ministers with responsibilities for land and water management. The major role of this Council is to better integrate Australia's conservation and sustainable production objectives.

#### 5. POLICY POSITION

- 5.1 **Develop and implement a Framework for the management of drinking water quality as outlined in Appendix 1.**

- 5.2 **Manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the consumer.**
- 5.3 **Apply a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced.**
- 5.4 **Integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into our planning.**
- 5.5 **Alignment to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines for monitoring and sampling of drinking water and establish effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information to the Department of Health.**
- 5.6 **Develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability.**
- 5.7 **Continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.**

## **6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The **Director of Infrastructure** is the Policy Custodian responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining and monitoring the effectiveness of this Policy.

The **Director of Environment, Heritage and Parks** is responsible for all compliance reporting associated with this Policy.

## **7. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE and RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION**

The policy reflects the requirements of:

- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Standards
- Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council (NRMMC) Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Rottnest Island Authority for Drinking Water (2019)

There are no delegations or authorisations applicable to this Policy.

## **8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The policy initially came into effect from 1 January 2016.

## **9. REVIEW DATE**


The policy is to be reviewed every three years.

## **10. POLICY CUSTODIAN**

Director Infrastructure

## 11. POLICY AUTHORISATION

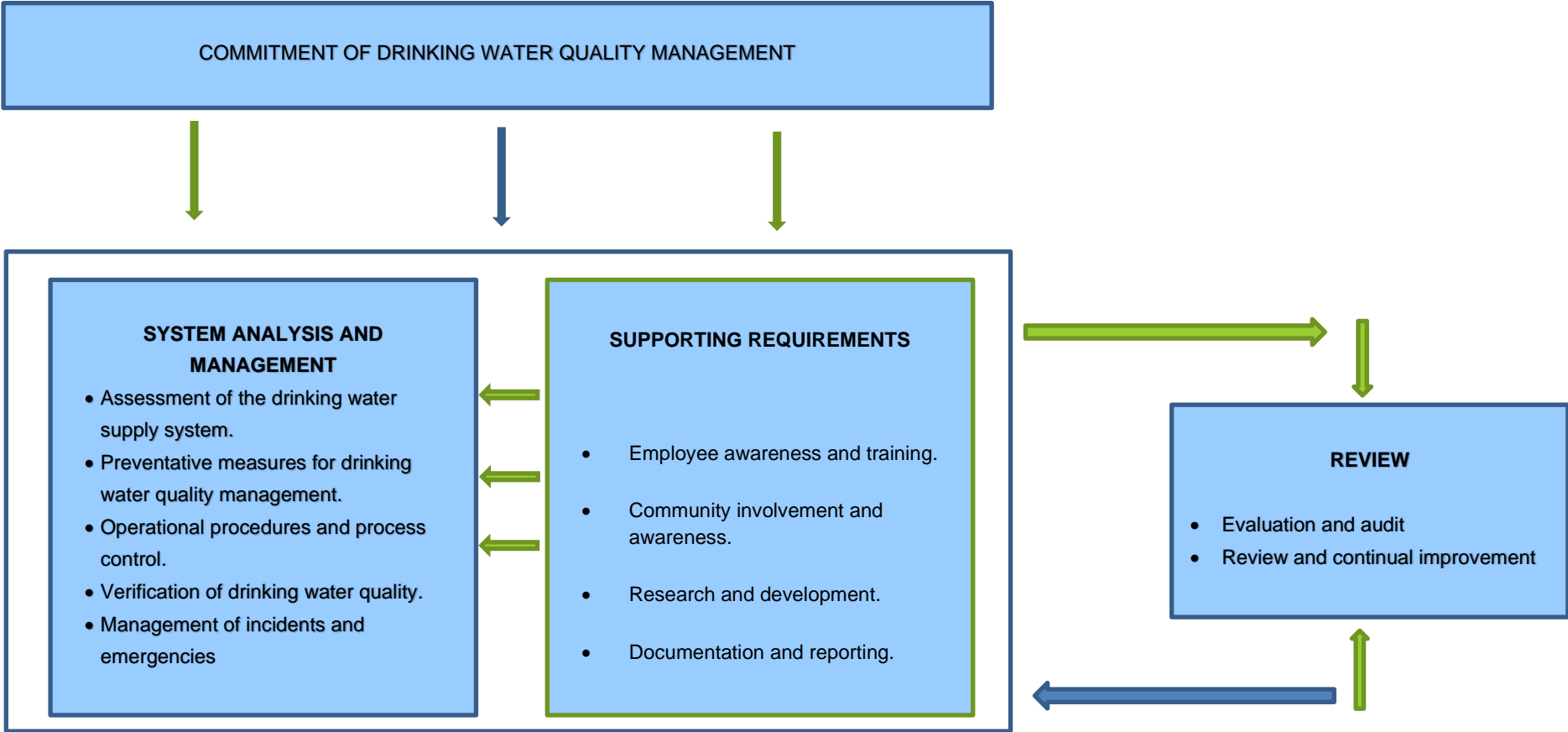
This policy details the Rottnest Island Authority's policy for Drinking Water Quality.

Signed:  Date: 14 July 2023  
Jason Banks  
Executive Director

## 12. POLICY REVISION

Rev	Water Policy	Revised by	Issue Date	Page
1.0	Final Version	T Hornsey	4 February 2016	All
2.0	Revised Version	J Banks	5 January 2018	All
3.0	Revised version	R Gabbitus	4 August 2022	All

**FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGEMENT OF DRINKING WATER QUALITY**



SOURCE: National Water Quality Management Strategy – Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 6 2011 – Version 3.7 Updated January 2022, p 13.