



## ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY POLICY

### DRINKING WATER QUALITY

#### 1. OVERVIEW

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) will implement and maintain a Drinking Water Quality Policy (the Policy) in order to provide safe, high-quality drinking water supply to consumers on Rottnest Island.

The 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.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

The key objective of the Policy is to provide safe, high-quality drinking water that consistently meets NHMRC standards and the NRMMC's developed *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, consumer and other regulatory requirements.

#### 3. SCOPE

This policy and any associated procedures and forms are applicable to the RIA, 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 STATEMENT/S

It is RIA policy to:

- ***manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the consumer;***
- ***use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;***
- ***integrate the needs and expectations of our consumers, stakeholders, regulators and employees into our planning;***
- ***establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;***

- *develop appropriate contingency planning and incident response capability; and*
- *continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and stakeholder expectations.*

**6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Manager Major Contracts is responsible for:

- Ensuring that all RIA managers, employees and contractors involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the drinking water quality management system; and
- Maintaining this Policy and related procedures to support compliance.

**7. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE and RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION**

The policy reflects the requirements of the NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) Standards and the NRMCC (Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council) *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*.

**8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The policy is effective from 1 January 2016.

**9. REVIEW DATE**

The policy is to be reviewed every two (2) years.

**10. CUSTODIAN**

General Manager, Project and Contracts Services

**11. POLICY AUTHORISATION**

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

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**12. POLICY REVISION**

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