

## WATER QUALITY POLICY

### 1. Aim

The Corporation aims to act with proper care and diligence with regard to compliance with the Tasmanian Drinking Water Guidelines.

### 2. Legislation

Tasmanian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines issued by the Director of Public Health under the Public Health Act 1997.

### 3. Policy

In accordance with the Guidelines, the Corporation will take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of drinking water from a health perspective and to protect public health.

To achieve this, the Corporation will: -

- comply with the Tasmanian Drinking Water Guidelines at all times;
- develop and implement a Drinking Water Quality Management Plan;
- manage water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source water to the point of delivery;
- use a risk-based approach in which potential risks associated with water quality are identified and considered;
- integrate the needs and expectations of our customers, stakeholders, regulators and employees in our planning;
- establish regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms, including publishing all results on our website, to provide relevant and timely information and confidence in the water supply and its management;
- develop appropriate effective contingency planning and incident response capability;
- participate in appropriate research and development activities to ensure continued understanding of drinking water quality issues and performance;
- contribute to debate on setting industry regulations and guidelines, and other standards relevant to public health and the water cycle;
- continually improve our practices by assessing performance against corporate commitments and shareholder expectations; and
- be active in the management of our catchments.

### 4. Responsibilities

The Corporation will nominate an Executive Manager to be responsible for the development and implementation of the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan.

All relevant managers and staff are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the Drinking Water Management System, and undertaking relevant training as required.

## 5. References

- Tasmanian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines
- Australian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines 2004
- Water Quality Aims (to be developed)
- Standard Operating Procedures (to be developed)
- Interim Operating Licence

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