

## POLICY DOCUMENT

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<b>Applicable Legislation:</b>	
<b>Related Policies:</b>	
<b>Related Documents:</b>	Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling & National Guidelines for Recycling (Phase 1): Managing & Environmental Risks (2006) Guidelines for Non-Drinking Water in South Australia 5.64.1.2 Reclaimed Water Project (Council document)

### 1. POLICY

The City of Port Lincoln is committed to the responsible, safe and sustainable use of recycled water guided by sound principles and implementation strategies.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The following principles, issues and requirements are the basis of Council's implementation and management of the recycled water system:

- a commitment to responsible use of recycled water, and the application of a risk management approach
- recognition and compliance with relevant statutes, regulations and other requirements
- communication and partnership arrangements with agencies with relevant expertise, and with users of recycled water
- communication and engagement with employees, contractors, stakeholders and the public
- intention to adopt best-practice management and a multiple-barrier approach
- continuous improvement principles for managing the treatment and use of recycled water

### **3. IMPLEMENTATION**

The City of Port Lincoln supports and promotes the responsible use of recycled water and the application of a management approach that consistently meets the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling*, as well as recycled water user and regulatory requirements.

To achieve this Council will:

- ensure that protection of public and environmental health is recognised as being of paramount importance
- ensure compliance with all regulating authorities such as the Public Health Department, the Environment Protection Authority and ESCOSA
- maintain communication and partnerships with all relevant agencies involved in management of water resources, including waters that can be recycled
- engage appropriate scientific expertise in developing and improving recycled water schemes
- recognise the importance of community participation in decision-making processes and the need to ensure that community expectations are met
- manage recycled water quality at all points along the delivery chain from source to the recycled water user
- use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and controlled
- integrate the needs and expectations of users of recycled water, communities and other stakeholders, regulators and employees into planning processes
- establish regular monitoring of control measures and recycled water quality and establish effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the recycled water supply and its management
- develop appropriate contingency planning and incident-response capability
- participate in and support appropriate research and development activities to ensure continuous improvement and continued understanding of recycled water issues and performance
- contribute to the development of 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 stakeholder expectations.

### **4. OPERATION**

The City of Port Lincoln will implement and maintain recycled water management systems consistent with the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling* to effectively manage the risks to public and environmental health.

All managers and employees involved in the supply of recycled water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the recycled water management system. Membership and participation in professional associations dealing with management and use of recycled water is encouraged.

### **5. RELEVANT DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES**

Any actions or decisions made regarding this policy, will be taken in accordance with Council's current Delegations Register.