



Drinking Water Source Protection Policy

Water Corporation is committed to protecting the primacy of drinking water quality over other catchment land uses.

In partnership with relevant government agencies and stakeholders, we will:

Protect our catchments

Maintain active catchment protection programs to prevent contamination or degradation of our drinking water sources.

Uphold, support and promote catchment protection despite pressure from competing land uses.

Employ best practice

Employ the source protection principles of the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG)*.

Recognise and strongly advocate for source protection as a key component of our drinking water quality management system.

Risk management

Implement a multi barrier approach to drinking water quality management, which begins with source protection.

Recognise that water treatment is not a safe, practical or economic substitute for robust source protection practices.

Engage with the community

Ensure land uses and activities within catchments comply with approval conditions and best management practices.

Work closely with key stakeholders to build understanding of their role in protecting drinking water catchments.

“Prevention of contamination provides greater surety than removal of contaminants by treatment, so the most effective barrier is protection of source waters to the maximum degree practicable.” (ADWG, 2011)

All Water Corporation employees and alliance partners involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding their role in water source protection, and for implementing and continuously improving processes to protect our drinking water catchments.

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