

# Drinking Water Source Protection Policy



Water Corporation strongly advocates source protection and is committed to the primacy of drinking water quality over other catchment land uses.

To achieve this, and in partnership with relevant government agencies and our stakeholders, we will:

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



Recognise source protection as a key component of our drinking water quality management system.

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



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

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



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

Work closely with key stakeholders to protect drinking water catchments.



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

“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 practical” (ADWG, 2004).

All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving source protection in our drinking water catchments.

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