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RECYCLED WATER POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

This policy outlines Council's commitment to manage the recycled water network of the region in an effective and sustainable manner. Recycled water will be produced in a manner that supports the Corporate Plan objectives, promotes the safety of the community and provides a sustainable resource for the future.

SCOPE

The policy provides guidance on Council's requirements for existing and potential customers of the recycled water network.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM	MEANING		
Council	Isaac Regional Council		
Environmental Authority	Relevant activities require an Environmental Authority (EA) (under the Environmental Protection Act 1994) to be issued before any activity can begin. An EA imposes conditions to reduce or avoid potential environmental impacts.		

POLICY STATEMENT

Council's/Management's position on matter

Council promotes responsible use of the recycled water network within the region.

Council will establish a risk-based approach to the allocation and usage of recycled water within the region, focusing on community health and wellbeing, Corporate Plan objectives and environmental sustainability.

Guiding principles

Recycled water usage contributes to community recreational facilities, facilities and the sustainable management of the wastewater network.

To this end, Council will:

- Establish and maintain partnerships with all stakeholders in the recycled water management chain, including regulators, community members and recycled water customers.
- Manage recycled water quality from source to user network.
- Ensure users understand their environmental reporting requirements if issues arise from their assets/activities.
- Ensure all threats are risk managed to ensure quality and quantity of recycled water.
- Ensure that users are registered in the relevant Environmental Authority.

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- Integrate the needs of the community and the recycled water customers into planning and practical application of the community resource.
- Ensure effective processes are implemented to deal with illegal use of recycled water.
- Ensure effective monitoring and control process within the entire recycled water network including user requirements.
- Ensure effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information to the end user network.
- Ensure and regularly test disaster and emergency management processes in regard to the recycled water network and the recycled water customers.
- Contribute to, and take account of, industry regulations and guidelines in regard to recycled water usage.

Actions required to ensure compliance

Isaac Regional Council will implement the Recycled Water Management Plan (REMP) and end user agreements that comply with the relevant legislation and guidelines.

Roles, responsibilities, accountabilities and consequences related to delivery of the policy

All managers and employees involved with the supply of recycled water will be adequately trained and responsible for implementing the REMP requirements at each locality.

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008
- Public Health Act 2005
- Public Health Regulation 2005
- Queensland Water Recycling Guidelines 2008

REFERENCES

TYPE DOCUMENT ID/NAME		
WWW-PLN-001 Recycled Water Management Plan		
WW-PRO-083	Recycled Water Connection Procedure	
WW-FRM-227	Recycled Water (Irrigation) Customer Agreement Form	
WW-FRM-276 Recycled Water Allocation Form		

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