

WATER RESTRICTIONS

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Policy is to provide a framework for the effective conservation of water within the Isaac region.

Section 41(1) of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* provides the head of power for implementation of water restrictions under this policy. Section 41(2) of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* provides the conditions for the restriction of water including climatic conditions, water conservation needs and demand management.

Section 43(5) of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* sets the maximum penalty for contravention of a water restriction.

The *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* provides the head of power for an infringement notice offence that is issued under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, Section 43(5).

SCOPE

This policy applies to consumers and transporters of potable and raw water supplied by Isaac regional Council (Council), both within its water supply districts and in areas to which it supplies potable water outside those districts.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM	MEANING
COUNCIL	Isaac Regional Council
DOMESTIC PURPOSES	Shall mean potable water taken from the water supply system inside any premise for drinking, cooking, washing persons and clothes, use for dishwashing, or cleaning, heating and cooling a building.
EXEMPTION	Shall mean permission approved by Council in writing and accepted by an applicant that modifies or waives any water conservation measure under this policy.
TRIGGER LEVELS	Are used to clearly establish (in terms of water supply volumes) the clearly defined levels in dams, rivers or bores that enable the implementation of water restrictions to extend the capability of the existing raw water supplies (Water Restriction Trigger Levels Guideline).
WATER	Shall mean potable and raw water supplied from Council's water supply system.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Shall mean Council's infrastructure assets associated with the provision and distribution of water to customers, consumers, users and transporters of water.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to ensuring water conservation activities are in place to provide an adequate water supply to the communities it serves through the application of Water Conservation Measures and Water Restrictions. This Policy:

- Outlines Council's position on water conservation measures;
- Confirms when water restrictions may be introduced; and
- Provides a pathway for consumers to apply for an alteration of or exemption from imposed water restrictions.

APPLICATION

Water restrictions may be applied separately or for any or all of the below water supply scheme areas:

- Moranbah;
- Clermont;
- Glenden;
- Nebo;
- Dysart;
- Middlemount;
- St Lawrence; and
- Carmila.

Nothing in this policy prevents the use of:

- a. Water drawn from a source other than from a water supply system under the control of Council;
- b. Reclaimed/used water;
- c. Private bores;
- d. Rainwater collected in tanks (unless the tank is topped up by the Council water supply) or dams;
- e. Water supplied from another service provider; or
- f. Water for domestic purposes as defined in this policy.

To assist the investigation of alleged contravention of water restrictions, Council encourages those accessing water in the above circumstances to register their details with Council.

Council ensures the management of water restrictions as outlined in the Water Restrictions Procedure.

Council will:

- Implement water restrictions as per the Water Restriction Trigger Levels Guideline and Water Restriction Conditions Guideline to reduce the consumption of water taken from its water supply system, subject to the provisions of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*;
- Regularly monitor water usage from Council owned and managed dams, bores, raw water supply systems and treatment plants;
- Notify all affected residents and businesses in accordance with the Water Restrictions Procedure;
- Investigate and monitor reported breaches; and
- Consider exemptions to imposed water restrictions.

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Council supports and commits to water saving measures being implemented wherever feasible in residential, commercial and Council properties and facilities. Council actively encourages the use of water saving devices, measures and activities that support water sustainability. Council recommends these best practice measures as per the Water Conservation Measures Guideline which is available on the Council website. Although not enforceable, these measures are in place all year round and all water users are encouraged to comply with them.

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*
- *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999*

REFERENCES

ID	NAME
WW-PRO-105	Water Restrictions Procedure
WW-GDS-200	Water Restriction Conditions Guideline
WW-MISC-097	Water Restriction Trigger Levels Guideline
WW-GDS-201	Water Conservation Measures Guideline
WW-GDS-190	Water Restrictions Internal Guideline