

Recycled Water Policy

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Wannon Water provides secure, safe, reliable and innovative integrated water services to communities in South West Victoria.

Recycled water is water that has already been used by urban communities or industry, and has been treated to a standard that is appropriate for reuse for a specific application. Recycled Water is a valuable resource that can provide alternative supplies for non-drinking uses.

Wannon Water will actively seek to deliver innovative and sustainable recycled water services and recycled water will be a key element of integrated water cycle management within its service area.

2.0 COMMITMENT

Wannon Water is committed to the beneficial use of recycled water, and the application of a risk management approach consistent with the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling 2006* and relevant regulatory guidelines issued by the Environment Protection Authority and the Department of Health. To achieve this Wannon Water will comply with the principles of sustainable use of recycled water set out in *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling 2006* by:

- protection of public and environmental health without compromise
- implementation of a preventative risk management system by installing and maintaining a recycled water management system to effectively manage health, environmental and commercial risks
- application of preventative measures and requirements for recycled water quality commensurate with the source of recycled water and the intended uses
- ongoing communication with regulators, recycled water customers and other stakeholders involved in the use of recycled water
- actively investigating viable markets for recycled water
- actively pursuing improvement in the sustainable use of recycled water through appropriate research and development partnerships and projects
- undertaking appropriate training, incident response and contingency planning.

The following hierarchy shall be used as a guide for determining the optimum beneficial use of the recycled water resource when assessing expressions of interest received for access to recycled water:

- 1 Projects of State or Regional Significance
- 2 Potable water substitution
- 3 Surface water substitution
- 4 Groundwater substitution
- 5 Enhancing environmental flows in waterways
- 6 Providing an additional water resource to a region or location

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The General Manager Strategy and Innovation has overall responsibility for the implementation of this Recycled Water Policy.

4.0 DOCUMENT CONTROL



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Only the Board may authorise development and approval of Board policies. The policy development and approval process is coordinated and documented in the agenda and minutes of the Board. For document control purposes, the approver detailed below is the relevant employee responsible for managing the Policy on behalf of the Board.

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