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**POLICY TITLE:** WATER QUALITY AND CONSERVATION

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**FOLDER NUMBER:** F2007/00307

**POLICY OWNER / DIVISION:** Community and Environment

**POLICY OWNER / BRANCH:** Natural Resources

**FUNCTION:** Environment

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:** Water Management Act 2000

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**AMENDMENT HISTORY:** 8 December 2004 (EN 50/04)  
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12 September 2018 (EH16/18)

**RELATED POLICIES:** Stormwater Management Policy  
Stormwater Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) 2006  
Water Efficiency Labelling Standards 2006

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**POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES**

1. To ensure potable water is conserved within Council operations and services.
2. To reduce Council water consumption of 10% by 2022.
3. To minimise stormwater pollution impacts on waterways from Council works and operations.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

- A reduction in Council potable water use of 10% to be achieved by 2022, based on the average Council water consumption covering the years 2007-12.
  - Water use should be consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
  - Water conservation should encompass education, regulation, research, water reuse and efficiency.
  - Potable water should not be used for a purpose where water of a lower quality could be used more efficiently and economically.
  - Water conservation measures should not compromise public health or have detrimental impacts on the ecological health of the Shires catchments.
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- Council capital works projects should comply with water quality targets prescribed in the Hornsby Development Control Plan
- Council operations should comply with best practise water quality control procedures