Directorate: Transport and Utilities Group

Responsible Officer: Director

**Scope**

Bega Valley Shire Council is committed to providing our customers with high quality Water and Sewerage services. The Water and Sewer Services section manages the collection, treatment and distribution of water in the Bega Valley Shire. It also collects, treats, reuses and disposes of effluent safely back into the environment.

This policy and associated procedures describe the processes implemented by Council to facilitate delivery of services to residents who are connected to reticulated potable water and trunk water supplies.

**Purpose**

- To provide water supply services in accordance with adopted Strategic Business Plan objectives and levels of service
- To provide water supply services in accordance with adopted Development Servicing Plan objectives
- To manage water supply assets in a financially sustainable manner
- To provide water supply services in accordance with NSW Government regulatory requirements relating to environmental health, public health, dam safety and workplace safety
- To implement water restriction procedures based on the scarcity of source water.

**Definitions**

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<td>Drinking water or potable water</td>
<td>Water that is safe enough to be consumed by humans or used with low risk of immediate or long-term harm.</td>
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<td>Water supply</td>
<td>Council’s network of interconnected water mains, storage dams, weirs, reservoirs/tanks, water pumping stations, bores, bulk flow meters, pressure control valves, treatment facilities, hydrants, valves and water connections.</td>
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**Legislative requirements**

- NSW Local Government Act 1993
- Water Management Act 2000
- Public Health Act 1991
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Water Act 2007 (Commonwealth)
- NSW Fluoridation of Public Works Supplies Act 1957
Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will provide Water Supply Services in areas defined in Development Servicing Plans by:

- Providing a water connection once payment of relevant fees and charges is made.
- Ensuring the owners and occupiers of all connected properties conform to backflow prevention requirements to protect the Council’s water supply from contamination.
- Permitting rural water connections to the water supply system only in areas defined in Development Servicing Plans.
- Implementing water restrictions to facilitate reduced consumption of reticulated water when it is deemed necessary by the Mayor and General Manager.

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Goal(s)

1. Our Shire continues to be a vibrant, enjoyable, safe and affordable place to live.
2. Our places retain their character and scale, development is well planned, and a range of goods and services are available within our Shire that meet local needs.

Responsible Officer

Director

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29 November 2017

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