



Urban and Rural Water Supply

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to stipulate water connection conditions for rural and urban water supply schemes.

Definitions

Council: Carrathool Shire Council

Backflow prevention device: used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.

Rural Water Supply Scheme: Network of water mains that supplies water to various rural properties not located within Urban Water Boundaries – Yoolaroi, Melbergen, Goolgowi Rural, Bunda, Goorawin and Rankins Springs Rural.

Urban Water Supply Scheme: Network of water mains that supplies water to towns/villages located within the council adopted Urban Water Boundaries - Hillston, Goolgowi, Merriwagga, Carrathool, Rankins Springs

Water supply services: Assets used to convey water to users

Reference

This policy complements other legislation and where it is silent on matters referred to in the following legislation such matters must be followed in accordance with the legislation.

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *NSW Best Practice Management of Water Supply & Sewerage Guidelines*
- *Local Government General Regulation 2021*

Policy statements

1.0 Rural Connections

1.1 That unless stated otherwise in connection or transfer agreements, Council will endeavour to supply 18,200 l/day of water to large area farms (>500Ha) and 7,000 l/day of water to small area farms (<500Ha) at an available pressure head. Council cannot guarantee either instantaneous or continuous supply, therefore on farm storage is considered desirable to ensure a regular supply.

1.2 That no further connections to the Rankins Springs Rural or Melbergen Water Supply Schemes be allowed without augmentation works or if any disconnection balance exists with the Council.

2.0 Allocation

2.1 That Council will only allow a subdivision of the rural water supply entitlement where the resulting minimum entitlement is greater than or equal to 4,600 l/day per Lot/Parcel.

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Where a parcel of land is sold and less than 4,600 l/day is available the entitlement must be combined with another holding.

3.0 Service Sizes

- 3.1 That rural and urban water supply services size be 20mm or 25mm.
- 3.2 That all water supply services over 25 mm require the approval of the Director Infrastructure Services.
- 3.3 That commercial and industrial water supply services 20mm and above will be fitted with a dual check valve meter as a primary backflow prevention device. The requirement for secondary backflow prevention devices can be determined during the Development Application (DA) assessment by the Council Building & Regulatory Services department.

4.0 Water Main Extension Applications

- 4.1 That any application for a water extension to a locality outside any urban boundary be assessed by the Water & Sewer Department and if found suitable will then be referred to Council for the final decision.

Revision Table

Minute /Date	Amendment Summary – Reason or Reference
0658/15.04.2014	Policy 23 Water Allocation, 37 Rankins Springs & Melbergen Schemes, 41 Rural Water Connections and 42 Water Main Extension Applications to be incorporated into a combined policy.
1056/20.08.2019	Combine Policies 23, 37, 38, 41 and 42.
0654/19.09.2023	Statutory Review – Updates to definitions

Associated Documents

Annual Fees and Charges - Operational Plan
Water Urban Boundaries Policy - 040
Rural Water Supply Network Map
Form 189 – Water Supply Agreement - Rural
Form 041 – Water Supply Agreement – Town
Form 054 – Transfer Water Agreement on Sale of Property
Form 182 – Application to Disconnect from Rural Water Supply
Stock and Domestic Supply Contract

Review

This policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed within four years of its adoption (or latest amendment) with reference to any relevant legislation and best practice guides.