



Council Policy 41

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.
- Water supply services: materials 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 Regulation 2005*

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 a minimum head of 10m. 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 or Melbergen Water Supply Schemes be allowed without augmentation works or the disconnection of an existing meter on the scheme that is requesting a new connection.

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

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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 be 20mm, 25mm, 40mm or 50mm fitted with a backflow prevention device and approved by a qualified Certifier at the applicants cost.

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.

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 100 – Stock and Domestic Supply Contract
Form 054 – Transfer Water Agreement on Sale of Property
Form 182 – Application to Disconnect from Rural Water Supply

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.