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<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>WATER QUALITY AND CONSERVATION</b>
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<b>FOLDER NUMBER:</b>	F2007/00307	
<b>POLICY OWNER / DIVISION:</b>	Community and Environment	
<b>POLICY OWNER / BRANCH:</b>	Natural Resources	
<b>FUNCTION:</b>	Environment	
<b>RELEVANT LEGISLATION:</b>	Water Management Act 2000	
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<b>RELATED POLICIES:</b>	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 2025.
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 2025, 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.
- 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