



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS5	NSW HEALTH DRINKING WATER MONITORING PROGRAM
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SUMMARY:

Report on the audit results conducted by NSW Health for January – December 2006.

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DESCRIPTION:

The drinking water supplied by Macleay Water is subject to compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). NSW Health monitors Macleay Water's compliance with these guidelines by requiring the submission of regular water samples from each water supply scheme for testing against guideline limits. The NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program prescribes the sampling regimes based upon the size of the water supply scheme. In addition, operational testing is also conducted on-site.

NSW Health recently conducted an audit of regional water utilities for the period January – December 2006 in terms of compliance with microbiological quality standards and the monitoring frequency. The results of this audit are presented in [Appendix F – Page H34](#).

As noted by NSW Health, the results of both the microbiological performance monitoring and the frequency analysis are satisfactory.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

This audit process is an independent assessment of the compliance regime for water supply in the Kempsey Shire. The results indicate good compliance.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council as a Water Supply Authority has a statutory obligation to provide potable water to Australian Drinking Water Guidelines standards and to undertake sampling and testing to ensure compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

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