

<b>POLICY:</b>	WATER – WINBURNDALE LINE
<b>DATE ADOPTED:</b>	Director Corporate Services & Finance’s Report #1 Policy 5 December 2012 Council 6 February 2013 Minute Book No. 11477
<b>ORIGINAL ADOPTION:</b>	Director Corporate Services Report #1 Policy 1 December 2004, Council 8 December 2004 Minute Book No. 9416 (former BCC Policy)
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	32.00004
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	To outline Council’s position in relation to the Winburndale Water Supply.

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Council’s original water source was Winburndale Dam, which was constructed in the early 1930s. A woodstave pipeline was also constructed at that time to deliver the water into the city.

Council has a current licence, with conditions, from the NSW Office of Water for the dam and the pipeline.

Council complies with the licence conditions, and in particular, condition 4 and 5 which states:

- (4) *In the event of flows entering the storage when water levels in the dam are below crest level, the licensee must release a flow through the vale referred to in condition (2) that will release:*
- a. *20% of the increment of storage conserved in the preceding flow event or*
  - b. *50% of the increment of storage conserved in the preceding flow event when a drought declaration has been made by the NSW Government or*
  - c. *80% of the increment of storage conserved in the preceding flow event when exceptional circumstances funding has been announced by the Commonwealth Government in response to prolonged drought.*

*These flows are only required to be released upon request from the Department of Natural Resources when inflows have been recorded not more than 28 days before the request.*

- (5) *When the valve referred to in condition (2) is operated in accordance with condition (4) the Licensee may close the valve when flows in Winburndale Rivulet have reached the confluence with the Macquarie River.*

The following statement summarises Council’s position with regard to Winburndale water. Council will meet all other conditions of the licence regarding the release of water when inflows and water level rises occur.

*There is a view that many of those requesting a flow of water for conservation are in fact seeking water which they do not have to pay for. Throughout Australia's history, rivers and streams have dried up in droughts and the wildlife has coped.*

Council's position, in regard to the possibility of supplying Hillview Estate, Walang with Winburndale Water is that as there are liability and licensing issues, it will not be possible to supply or use Winburndale water for Hillview Estate.