



BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

TRANSFER OF BOURKE FILTERED WATER SUPPLY TO 100% BORE WATER

Council proposes to test the new bore system and associated telemetry system to ensure that it all is functioning correctly.

Accordingly, it is proposed that Council's filtered water system will be switched over to become 100% reliant on the bore water supply on Friday, 17th May 2019 and confirm that it is able to readily meet the needs of the community should the need arise.

Bourke Shire Council acknowledges that the sodium (salt) level in the bore water is higher than desired. Recent testing of the bores shows that the sodium concentrations range from 289 mg/L to 353 mg/L. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines gives a value of 180 mg/L as the concentration at which people are likely to taste sodium in their drinking water.

NSW Health confirms that the water is safe to drink, but Council appreciates that people may be concerned about the taste of the water. Chilling your drinking water can help reduce the salty taste.

Anyone who may be concerned about sodium in the water and their diet should talk to their doctor for specific advice. NSW Health has given information to doctors about patients who may need special attention because of the extra sodium in the drinking water. These are pregnant women, and people with advanced kidney disease, poorly controlled high blood pressure, diagnosed heart failure and others who are on a low salt diet.

Enquiries should be referred to the Manager of Works, Peter Brown on 02 68 30 8000.

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