



BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL
PRESS RELEASE

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL DEFERS THE DECISION TO SWITCH TO
100% BORE WATER SUPPLY FOR BOURKE FILTERED WATER SUPPLY

General Manager of Bourke Shire Council, Ross Earl announced today that Council had deferred its decision to change the filtered water supply for Bourke to be fully reliant on Bore Water.

The changeover to a supply fully reliant on bore water was meant to take place on Friday, 17th May 2019.

The decision has been taken to allow some additional work to be undertaken on the new bore known as Stoney Rise Bore.

Mr Earl said that the filtered water supply is currently a blend of river water and water from Walden's Bore.

In welcome news, Council's Manager of Works, Peter Brown advised that recent testing of the blended filtered water supply has shown that the sodium level in the water was 176mg/l which is below recommended maximum of 180mg/l. This will offer some reassurance for those who had concerns regarding the higher sodium levels that may be experienced when the supply becomes fully reliant on bore water. He added that those persons with health issues related to their sodium intake, should discuss any concerns with their Doctor.

Mr Earl said that Council staff were monitoring flows in the various river systems and in particular those flows in the Culgoa River which will hopefully lead to a flow into the Bourke Weir Pool. Mr Earl added that the extremely dry river beds had made it difficult for even the most experienced river watchers to be able to accurately predict flows and it is unknown how much water will reach the Bourke Weir Pool.

Ross Earl
General Manager

16th May 2019 3.00pm