



INFORMATION SHEET

Regulatory Information for Water Carters

This information sheet provides regulatory information to water carters who on sell water for drinking purposes or intend to do so in the future.

As a water carter, you must be aware of the key legislative and regulatory requirements for carting drinking water to comply with the Public Health Act 2010, Public Health Regulation 2012, Food Act 2003 and Local Government Act 1993. Failure to comply will result in a regulatory breach (such as fines or retraction of carting right).

The following should be noted and implemented:

1. If you provide water for human consumption, the water should be taken from a supply that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (potable supplies), such as the Liverpool Plains Shire Council's water supply.
2. Notify your business to the NSW Food Authority at <http://www.foodnotify.nsw.gov.au>
3. Obtain necessary approval from Liverpool Plains Shire Council if taking water from its supply.
4. Develop a simple quality assurance program (needs to be in place from 1 September 2014 onwards) – template can be obtained from the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/drinkwater-watercarters.aspx>
5. The completed quality assurance program must be provided to the local NSW Health Public Health Unit:

Fidelis Jaravani
Environmental Health Officer
Hunter New England Local Health District Tamworth Office
Public Health Unit, NSW Health
Telephone: 02 6764 8020
6. Make and keep for at least 6 months a record of the following, NSW Health templates can be used for ease as they capture all the requirements:
 - name of supplier from which you received water
 - name and address of each person to whom you deliver the water
 - place, date, time and volume of water supplier to that person
 - details of any substances other than drinking water transported in any water tank being used
 - dates on which any water tank used was cleaned.

You should also refer to the NSW Guidelines for Water Carters 2012 for additional details. For further information, please contact Council's Water Services Manager, Rod Batterham or Fidelis Jaravani at the Public Health Unit.