

HIGH LEVEL OF ORGANIC MATTER IN WATER POSES NO RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Dubbo Regional Council has advised residents experiencing a change in taste or odour of their water that the water is safe to drink and Council is working to rectify the situation.

“Water is treated all year round but the source water currently has record levels of organic matter in it,” Councils Director Technical Services Stewart McLeod said.

“Burrendong Dam has been at or above 115% for several months, five metres higher than full supply, and grass and shrubs have been under water decomposing.

“With the change of season and warmer months the dam experiences a change in currents and churns algae into the water.

“The presence of this organic matter does not pose a health risk to the public.”

“Both water treatment plants are utilising their activated carbon systems and Council has adjusted the dosage accordingly and this will rectify the situation over the next couple of days.

“This is an issue with the source water and is in no way related to the recent water issues in some parts of South, Central and North Dubbo.

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