



NORTH DUBBO REMAINS ON BOIL WATER NOTICE WHILE ACTION PLAN IS UNDERTAKEN

Dubbo Regional Council Director of Technical Services Stewart McLeod has this morning advised that the Boil Water Notice in North Dubbo is expected to remain in place, possibly until Thursday, while further precautionary cleaning of the reservoirs at Myall Street and sampling and testing are undertaken.

“Today, staff are sampling sites in the reticulation and cleaning the steel reservoir internally as a precautionary measure,” Mr McLeod said.

“Following cleansing, they will then be chlorinating the reservoir and from there the water needs to be left overnight to make sure the reservoir is fully disinfected,” he said.

“On Tuesday morning the chlorine levels in the steel reservoir will be tested and the adjoining concrete reservoir will also undergo a precautionary clean.

“Nine sites in the Myall Street Zone will then be sampled, with such samples then sent to a Sydney water laboratory while further flushing is conducted,” he said.

“Come Tuesday afternoon it is anticipated that there will be a formal meeting by teleconference with NSW Health and DPI Water to discuss progress and a possible timetable for the ending the boil water notice,” he said.

“With higher than usual levels of chlorine utilised during the flushing process, it is also necessary to conduct field testing for chlorine residuals before lifting the notice,” Mr McLeod said.

“Council understands the frustrations of residents and businesses in the affected area, however public health is paramount and the Boil Water Notice will remain in place until Council, DPI and Public Health are satisfied the risk has been eliminated,” he said.

“Once the situation has been rectified, Council will consider its position regarding any compensation to customers,” he said.

“Council would like to apologise for the inconvenience experienced by residents and business owners in the affected zone, and will notify the public when the Notice is lifted as soon as possible,” he said.

For more information, please visit the website www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au or call Customer Service during business hours on (02)6801 4000

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