



BOIL WATER ALERT UPDATE, WONGARBON AND MYALL RESERVOIRS LIFTED

Wednesday 27 July, 4:30pm

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has received approval from NSW Health to lift the boil water alert for properties serviced by the Myall and Wongarbon Reservoirs. DRC has now lifted eight (8) out of the eleven (11) water storage reservoir zones that have been subject to the boil water alert.

The following zones are now lifted:

- Riše Range Reservoir lifted 18 July 2022
- Bourke Hill Reservoir lifted 20 July 2022
- Newtown Reservoir lifted 20 July 2022
- Eulomogo Reservoir lifted 22 July 2022

- Buninyong Reservoir lifted 22 July 2022
- Standpipe Reservoir lifted 24 July 2022
- Wongarbon Reservoir lifted 27 July 2022
- Myall Reservoir lifted 27 July 2022

Reservoirs that remain on the boil water alert are being pushed to achieve the dilution targets agreed on by Council and NSW Health. DRC will aim to lift the zones in the below order, please note these are proposed timeframes which are subject to change based on community usage and other environmental factors:

- Ballimore Reservoir – 29 July 2022
- Yarrandale Reservoir – 30 July 2022
- Eumungerie Reservoir – 2 August 2022

The community can go to www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/water to check the drinking water status at their property via an interactive map.

For zones that have not had the boil water alert lifted:

Water used for drinking or food preparation should be brought to a rolling boil to make it safe. Kettles with automatic shut off switches can do this. Water should then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Everyone, particularly people caring for young children, should be careful

to avoid scalding, when you are heating and then cooling the water.

Residents are advised to use cooled, boiled water or bottled water for:

- Drinking
- Brushing teeth
- Washing and preparing food or beverages
- Preparing baby formula
- Making ice
- Pets drinking water

Tap water may be used directly for:

- Showering and bathing (residents should minimise that amount of water taken into their mouth). As a precaution babies and toddlers should be sponge bathed
- Washing dishes by hand in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher provided dishes are air-dried before being used after washing
- Washing clothes

DRC staff continue to flush the water storage reservoirs as part of the dilution process. Residents may see volumes of water running through the storm water system. Water pressure may be impacted, and Council asks the community to be patient while this process takes place.

For more information visit www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/water

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