

MEDIA RELEASE

Private Water Suppliers Quality Assurance Program (QAP)

As required under the *Public Health Act 2010* (NSW)(NI), private water suppliers are required to complete a quality assurance program (QAP).

This applies to all businesses providing drinking water to the public or using drinking water in food preparation, including all <u>holders of a Sale of Food Licence</u>, <u>tourist accommodations</u> and <u>water carters</u>.

There are QAP templates on NIRC's website, which are designed based on the source of water for each premises. There are templates for:

- Rainwater
- Bore water
- Rain and bore water
- Surface water
- Specific QAP for water carters

You can download these documents under the Public Health tab on the council website or from the following link: <u>http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/services/waste-and-environment/public-health</u>

Inspections will be conducted to assist the premises owners/managers with practices capable of improving the quality of the water that is provided to the public. Examples can be found in the QAP form mentioned above, as well as in the NSW Heath website: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/private-supplies.aspx

If your organisation has any questions relating to the *Public Health Act 2010* (NSW)(NI) please do not hesitate to contact the Waste and Environment Office at 22609 or email arthur.travalloni@nirc.gov.nf.

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