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Water supply





Compared to other places the water here's fantastic. We have to take more care of it and think how lucky we are; we get mineral water quality from the tap here. There's almost no other city in the world where that happens.

In the summer people are using this wonderful water on gardens and I think we should be doing more to conserve it. When I'm washing rice, I collect the water in a bucket and use that on the plants. I have another friend who has rearranged their spouting system and they collect some of the rain water to use for watering the garden. That's a good idea too.

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Why does the Council provide water supply activities?

The Council provides the water supply to support the health and well being of the community, the needs of commercial users and fire-fighting requirements. Water conservation programmes are used to ensure the long-term availability and quality of the city's water supply.

What activities are included in water supply?

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The Council provides a continuous supply of fresh and wholesome water to properties by sourcing it from aquifers, and managing a network of wells, reservoirs, pumps and pipelines. It maintains sufficient water supply for fire-fighting purposes.

Water conservation

The Council provides education programmes to domestic and commercial users, which aim to reduce water consumption.

How does the Council's work contribute towards our Community Outcomes?

Community Outcome	How the Council contributes	How much?
Safety	By maintaining sufficient water for fire-fighting purposes.	<i>」 」 」 」</i>
Community	By providing equal access to water.	1
Environment	By conserving water and encouraging others to do so too.	J J J
Governance	By providing the opportunity for the community to participate in decision-making through consultation on plans and projects.	1
Prosperity	By meeting commercial water needs.	<i>」 」 」 」</i>
Health	By providing drinking water to the community.	<i>」 」 」 」</i>
Recreation	By providing water for swimming pools and gardens.	11
Knowledge	By providing water conservation education.	1
City Development	By providing water for gardens and landscaping.	<i>」 」 」 」</i>

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What does the Council plan to do in the future?

What is the Council's objective?	What policies, strategies or drivers support these objectives?	What is the Council already doing?	What will we do in years 1 to 3?	What will we do in years 4 to 10?	How will we know if we achieve our objective?
To provide a reliable supply of quality water to properties through a network of underground pipes.	Strategies: • Water Supply Asset Management Plan Drivers: • Public health, commercial and fire-fighting needs	Supplying quality water to households and businesses.	Continue to do the same.		Number of unplanned shutdowns. Time to repair leaks. Ministry of Health water supply grade. Customer satisfaction with water quality and taste. Water pressure and flow
To concern and anotact the	 Amenity and recreational needs Urban form and extent Population growth 		A strategy for the sustaina city's water supply will be to the Council in year 2.	•	Residents' satisfaction with water appearance, taste, pressure and flow. Quality water is available for the future needs of the city.





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Measuring our achievements

Measures and targets	Current performance	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Number of unplanned shutdowns (over 4 hours) with loss of water, due to reticulation, pumps or reservoirs.	1 unplanned shutdown on average per week.				Maintain ≤ 1	unplanned shu	tdown on avera	age per week.			
 95% of leaks reported to be in the Council's reticulation system are repaired within the following schedule: a) Major/urgent leaks contractor on site within one hour of the leak being reported; b) Medium magnitude leak repaired within one working day; c) Minor leaks and faults repaired within three working days. 	95%					≤ 95% 0	f the time				
Achievement of the highest Ministry of Health water supply grade possible without treatment of the water.	Due for regrading by Ministry of Health in 2006/07.	Maintain the highest grade possible without treatment.									
% customer satisfaction with water quality and taste.	90% satisfaction.					>90% sa	tisfaction.				
% of properties where an ordinary water connection at the boundary can supply 25 litres per minute (based on complaints received and corrective action taken).	98%.		Maintain at ≥ 98%.								
Domestic consumption of water per capita (litres per day). To ensure the long term availability of water, domestic consumption should remain below 300 litres per person per day by 2020, on a 5 year-rolling average).	321 litres	≤ 319 litres	≤ 318 litres	≤ 316 litres	≤ 315 litres	≤ 313 litres	≤ 312 litres	≤ 310 litres	≤ 309 litres	≤ 307 litres	≤ 306 litres
Commercial consumption of water per capita (litres per day). (To ensure the long term availability of water, commercial consumption should remain below 94 litres per person per day by 2020, on a 5 year rolling average).	101 litres	101 litres	100 litres	100 litres	99 litres	99 litres	98 litres	98 litres	97 litres	97 litres	96 litres
Total water used by the city per year (million cubic metres M cu, on a 5-year rolling average).	53 M cu	53 M cu +/- 6	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain



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What negative effects or risks can occur in relation to water supply?

Negative effects	Mitigation options
Over abstraction of water from underground aquifers can result in lower river levels and the contamination of the aquifer with sea water and other less pure water in the ground.	• Management of water use and abstraction, through water conservation and monitoring of the aquifer.
Water pipes can burst causing damage to land and property, and wasting water.	Maintenance and renewal of water pipelines and a quick response to reported leaks.

The Council's key assets relating to water supply

Water reticulation system (water pipes, connections and meters) - 3,000 km Wells and reservoirs - 240.

Maintaining our assets

Maintenance of the assets is provided by service providers under long-term contracts. The development of new infrastructure is competitively tendered. Typical renewal/replacement periods for key assets include:

Water mains - every 60 to 120 years
 Depending on the size

and type of material

- Water sub-mains every 80 to 100 years
- Water connections every 80 years
- Water meters every 20 years
- Pump station equipment every 25 to 50 years
- Reservoirs every 100 years
- Wells and well heads every 60 years

Changes planned for assets

Reason for change	What will be done?	Year 1 cost (\$ 000)	Year 2 cost (\$ 000)	Year 3 cost (\$ 000)	Years 4 to 10 cost (\$ 000)
Renewals and replacements	Assets are maintained in accordance with the Water Supply Asset Management Plan, including replacement of pipes (10 km per year), headworks and 1 well per year, depending on the age and condition of the asset.	5,621	6,333	6,358	48,959
Increased levels of service	Service improvements are planned in the areas of energy efficiency, noise mitigation, security, lifelines, pump stations and reservoirs.	1,554	2,524	2,995	23,037
Increased demand	Assets will be added in accordance with the Water Supply Asset Management Plan including new pipes, headworks and 1 new well every 2 years.	2,118	2,172	2,573	24,304

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Cost of Proposed Services	CCC 2006/07 \$000's	BPDC 2006/07 \$000's	Total Plan 2006/07 \$000's	Plan 2007/08 \$000's	Plan 2008/09 \$000's	Forecast 2009/10 \$000's	Forecast 2010/11 \$000's	Forecast 2011/12 \$000's	Forecast 2012/13 \$000's	Forecast 2013/14 \$000's	Forecast 2014/15 \$000's	Forecast 2015/16 \$000's
Activity Operational Cost - Water Supply	17,507	1,305	18,812	19,651	20,903	21,982	22,926	23,752	24,248	24,412	24,990	25,462
Total Expenditure	17,507	1,305	18,812	19,651	20,903	21,982	22,926	23,752	24,248	24,412	24,990	25,462
Activity Operational Revenue - Water Supply Capital Revenues	2,309 2,867	321 72	2,630 2,939	2,713 3,387	2,795 3,856	2,872 4,356	2,947 4,870	3,017 4,746	3,078 4,798	3,139 4,841	3,191 4,870	3,245 4,900
Total Operational Revenue	5,176	393	5,569	6,100	6,651	7,228	7,817	7,763	7,876	7,980	8,061	8,145
Fees and charges Grants and subsidies	5,176	393	5,569	6,100	6,651	7,228	7,817	7,763	7,876	7,980	8,061	8,145
Total Operational Revenue (by source)	5,176	393	5,569	6,100	6,651	7,228	7,817	7,763	7,876	7,980	8,061	8,145
Net Operational Cost	12,331	912	13,243	13,551	14,252	14,754	15,109	15,989	16,372	16,432	16,929	17,317
Vested Assets	1,462	-	1,462	1,516	1,568	1,617	1,664	1,709	1,751	1,789	1,824	1,859
Net Cost of Services	10,869	912	11,781	12,035	12,684	13,137	13,445	14,280	14,621	14,643	15,105	15,458
Capital Expenditure												
Renewals and Replacements Improved Service Levels Increased Demand	5,261 545 2,073	360 1,009 45	5,621 1,554 2,118	6,333 2,524 2,172	6,358 2,995 2,573	6,868 4,410 3,298	7,107 6,498 3,526	6,061 4,155 3,099	6,119 1,772 3,599	8,067 2,240 3,264	7,323 2,374 3,825	7,415 1,588 3,693
Total Capital Expenditure	7,879	1,414	9,293	11,029	11,926	14,576	17,131	13,315	11,490	13,571	13,522	12,696

Rationale for activity funding (see also the Revenue and Financing Policy, page 258)

User charges (technically classified as a rate) are made for excess water supplied at the average cost of water. The level of revenue sought from these activities by the Council for the 10 years covered by the LTCCP is illustrated above. The balance of the net operating cost is funded by a targeted rate on serviced properties based on capital value.

Development contributions are applied towards appropriate capital expenditure. The balance is funded corporately in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy. Refer to page 259 for a summary of the corporate funding approach for capital expenditure.