



NOTICE TO COLLARENEBRI RESIDENTS

BOIL WATER ALERT LIFTED FOR COLLARENEBRI

The boil water alert on the Collarenebri Water Supply has now been lifted by Walgett Shire Council effective immediately.

This action was taken following advice received from the NSW Health Service that the last four weekly samples had been free of E-Coli contamination and an investigation carried on 15th May 2017 (yesterday) found no potential source of contamination.

River water turbidity in recent years has gone frequently over 1000NTU for prolonged duration and the membrane filters aren't designed to cope with such a high turbidity for prolonged duration. As a long term solution, further improvement work is being recommended by the consultant to screen high turbidity load before it reaches the membrane filters.

As an immediate solution, media filter is being cleaned manually and 3 membrane filter modules which failed integrity testing have been taken offline. These modules will be repaired and replaced if they can't be repaired to acceptable standard.

The issue of low residual chlorine has improved and but mains flushing will occur more frequently on an at least weekly basis. Residual Chlorine will be monitored at treatment plant and reservoir site on a daily basis.

Walgett Shire Council General Manager Don Ramsland said today, "I am pleased that the boil water alert has now been lifted. However, routine daily testing of the Collarenebri Water supply, as well as weekly testing by an independent laboratory in Sydney, will continue in the interests of community health".

Council wishes to apologise to the residents of Collarenebri for any inconvenience caused by Council having to impose the boil water alert.

Don Ramsland
General Manager