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WALGETT WATER UPDATE

There is a lot of social and other media reports currently about in regards to the Walgett water situation. It is unfortunate that much misinformation and alarmist language is being used.

Last Thursday 3rd January 2019 the township of Walgett experienced an outage at the water filtration plant due to an electrical surge. This surge was outside of Councils control. The outage affected the supply of the filtered (drinking water) for several hours, however Council staff and electrical contractors worked to repair the problem and Walgett residents now have a reliable drinking water supply restored.

Walgett Township runs a dual water system, with raw water from the river being used for external purposes i.e. watering of gardens and lawns. It is this water that currently has a level 5 restriction, i.e. no external use (watering of gardens) due to the lack of flow in the Namoi and Barwon Rivers. This restriction has been in place for several weeks and will remain in place until the rains come and the situation with river water changes. Some raw water is being conserved for emergency use only, i.e. firefighting.

The other part of the dual system, filtered water, is supplied via a bore and is used for drinking and other household purposes. The bore supply is almost limitless.

Please be advised that Walgett has sufficient drinking water for its community and there is no cause for alarm despite the media and social media reports.

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