



Boil Water Alert

6th July 2018

Lightning Ridge Water Supply System

E. coli bacteria contamination

Detection of *E. coli* bacteria mean that drinking water in the **Lightning Ridge Water Supply** is unsafe.

E. coli in drinking water shows that the water may be contaminated with faeces and organisms that may cause gastrointestinal illness.

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.

Bottled water or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, washing uncooked food (e.g. salad vegetables and fruit), making ice, cleaning teeth, gargling and pet's drinking water.

Dishes should be washed in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher. Children should take bottled water or cool boiled water to school.

Walgett Shire Council is working to fix the problem by carrying out the following activities;

- Flushing mains – you may experience dirty water
- Chlorination – you may notice Chlorine taste in the water
- Checking the reservoirs for any breaches and rectifying as required
- Collecting additional samples to monitor the water

This advice should be followed until further notice.