

Wilcannia-Boil Water Alert E.coli Bacteria Contamination

Regular monitoring for *E. coli* bacteria in the Wilcannia water supply system is conducted by Central Darling Shire Council. *E. coli* is generally not harmful, but its presence in drinking water is associated with sewerage and animal wastes. The presence of these bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that may cause disease.

Recent monitoring has shown *E. coli* to be present in the Wilcannia water supply system. As a precaution you are advised that water for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil. Water should then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Cooled boiled water or bottled water should be used for:

- Drinking, cooking and washing raw foods (such as seafoods or salads)
- Making Ice
- Pets drinking water
- Cleaning teeth

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

Central Darling Shire Council is working to alleviate the problem.

Precautions should be taken until further notice.

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