



Walgett Shire Council

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- Western Magazine
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DATE: 4 April 2014

EMBARGO: Nil

NEED TO CONSERVE FILTERED WATER SUPPLY IN WALGETT

Storm activity in the Walgett area appears to have caused a malfunction in the pumping equipment at the Walgett Water Filtration Plant overnight resulting in the plant shutting down lowering the water level in the town's reservoirs.

It is believed that during the shutdown process some only partially treated water may have infiltrated into the town's reticulation system.

As a precaution measure, residents of Walgett are advised that until further notice water for human 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 or bottled water should be used for:

- Drinking, cooking, washing raw foods (such as seafood or salads), making ice, pet's drinking water, and cleaning teeth.
- Dishes should be washed in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher.
- Children should take bottled or cooled boiled water to school.

Walgett Shire Council staff are working to alleviate the problem which is believed to be caused by fluctuations or brown outs in the town's electricity supply but Walgett residents are requested to conserve water until the reservoir refills over the next twenty four hours and to also take precautions by boiling water until further notice.

Any residents requiring additional information should contact Council's Urban Infrastructure Division on 68281399.

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