

## Friday 18 Nov 2016

## **Gravesend Boil Water Alert**

E. coli bacteria contamination

*E. coli* bacteria have been found in the Gravesend drinking water supply in regular monitoring by Gwydir Shire Council. *E. coli* itself is generally not harmful, but its presence in drinking water is associated with sewage and animals. These bacteria indicate that the water may be contaminated with organisms that may cause gut illness.

As a precaution you are advised that water used for drinking or food preparation 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.

Bottled or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, preparing food, making ice, pet's drinking water, cleaning teeth and gargling.

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

Gwydir Shire Council is working to fix the problem.

This advice should be followed until further notice.

For further information contact Town services on phone number 0267242025