



# CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Bottled water made available for Wilcannia residents**

Central Darling Shire Council like to advise that residents of Wilcannia can access free bottled water during the Boil Water Alert.

This morning the Council General Manager, Greg Hill, has been speaking with the manager of the Outback Stores in Wilcannia and has been advised they have enough supplies to provide the water to the Wilcannia community with more supplies due early next week. Council will be covering the cost of the water. People can go to the Outback Stores to collect water.

It comes after the Boil Water Alert was issued late yesterday. The situation is the result of a water treatment issue which has made the water unsafe to drink.

Water used for drinking or food preparation needs to reach 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.

Everyone, particularly people caring for young children, should be careful to avoid scalding, when you are heating and then cooling the water.

Bottled water or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, washing uncooked food (eg 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.

Tap water is safe for bathing. There is a potential risk if water is swallowed during washing and bathing. Parents and carers could consider a sponge bath for children as an alternative.

Central Darling Shire Council is urgently working to fix the problem.

This advice should be followed until further notice. Council would like to thank the community for their patience during this time.

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