



# CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

## MEDIA RELEASE

June 23 2022

### **Boil Water Alert issued for Wilcannia**

Central Darling Shire Council would like to advise that because of problems with water treatment the water in Wilcannia is 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.

### **Ends**

Media Contact: Gabrielle Johnston 0472 787 022