

Council Policy – Water Supply - Domestic

Responsible Directorate	Development Services
Responsible Business Unit/s	Environmental Health Building Services Community Safety
Responsible Officer	Manager Health, Building and Community Safety
Affected Business Units	Environmental Health Building Services

Objective

The Council recognises that due to the diversity of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale (the Shire), different solutions may be required to ensure the supply of a safe water supply for domestic use. This policy establishes the acceptable alternatives.

Scope

This Policy applies to all residential properties that do not have access to a mains water supply and aims to ensure a reliable, safe, and sustainable water supply for household needs.

Policy

Water supply – One 120,000 litre rainwater tank (which includes a 10,000-litre reserve for firefighting purposes) to be provided for domestic purposes unless an alternative adequate water supply can be proven (i.e. permanent, plus both chemically and bacteriologically sound). Supply to be established before a health test.

An alternative adequate water supply

- Bore water from a properly encased bore greater than 8 metres in depth with the bore protected from contamination and the supply meeting government standards on water quality.
- Combination of surface water, reticulation to the dwelling with a minimum 4,500 litre rainwater tank reticulated to a third tap in the kitchen.
- Surface waters which have been chlorinated.

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with any provisions of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Town Planning Scheme as they apply to the property in question. This Policy is designed to provide clarification to the interpretation of the Town Planning Scheme and not to supersede it.

Definitions

Nil

Related Documents

- Council Plan 2023-2033

- State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in bushfire prone areas

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

- *Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Local Planning Scheme No.3*
- *Health Local Laws 1999*

Amendment Record

Relevant Delegations		Nil	
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Council Adoption		15 December 2008	CGAM050/12/08
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3	18 December 2017	OCM179/12/17	
4	17 March 2025	OCM068/03/25	Formatted to new policy template. Updated capacity of tank from 92,000L to 120,000L.