## **Question on Notice**

- How often is the testing undertaken?
- Who does this testing?
- What is the involvement of NSW Health in the testing process?
- Who pays Council or NSW Health?

Council has been undertaking regular testing of its town water supply bores and treated water for the Dubbo water supply scheme since 2020. Since last year all bores across the entire LGA and all treated water supply systems (Dubbo, Wellington, Geurie & Mumbil) are now sampled monthly.

Towards the end of 2024 NSW Health recommended all local water utilities undertake initial screening for PFAS for each treated drinking water supply system where PFAS had previously not been tested. As noted regular testing has been undertaken for the Dubbo water supply but had not been completed the testing for Wellington, Geurie and Mumbil supply systems. NSW Health offered complimentary sample kits for water utilities to undertake the sample and then analysis was provided free of charge at NSW Health laboratories. This was a one off provision and all other monthly testing prior and following has been carried out by Council and paid for by Council and sent to NATA accredited laboratories for analysis.

As further recommended by NSW Health, Council publishes PFAS information for its treated water supply on our website which can be access from the link below:

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