



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL
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LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY

WATER ALLOCATION ACCESS

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PREAMBLE

Council is facing new challenges with a reduction in the availability of water for town use. Over recent years water allocations have significantly reduced and this has placed stress on residents with the implementation of water restrictions.

The Federal and State Governments have identified that water availability is a significant issue. The State Government established the 'Inquiry into secure and sustainable urban water supply and sewerage services for non metropolitan New South Wales' in an attempt to evaluate and improve the provision of water utilities in this state.

In an attempt to evaluate the viability of water services provided by Leeton Shire Council an 'Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan' has been completed. This plan was adopted by Council in April 2009.

This policy allows Council to establish a process for assessing requests from other organisations and institutions to access Council's Water Allocation.

1. PURPOSE

This policy will provide a systematic approach to assessing these requests in a consistent manner.

This policy ensures that **all** of council water resources are utilised in a sustainable way to ensure the long term viability of the available resource.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To provide a sustainable water supply utility.
- To ensure **all** of council water allocation is managed in an appropriate manner to improve water use efficiency.

3. REFERENCES

Leeton Shire Council, Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan
Leeton Shire Council, Water Conservation and Demand Management Strategy
Leeton Shire Council, Asset Management, Preliminary Strategic Implementation Plan
Leeton Shire Council, Drought Contingency and Emergency Response Plan

4. COUNCIL WATER ALLOCATION

Leeton Shire Council has a water entitlement of;

Town Water	4097ML
High Security	971ML
General Security	558ML

However these amounts are subject to water allocations. In 2008/09 and 2009/10 the initial allocations for Town Water and High Security was 50%, General Security was 0%.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

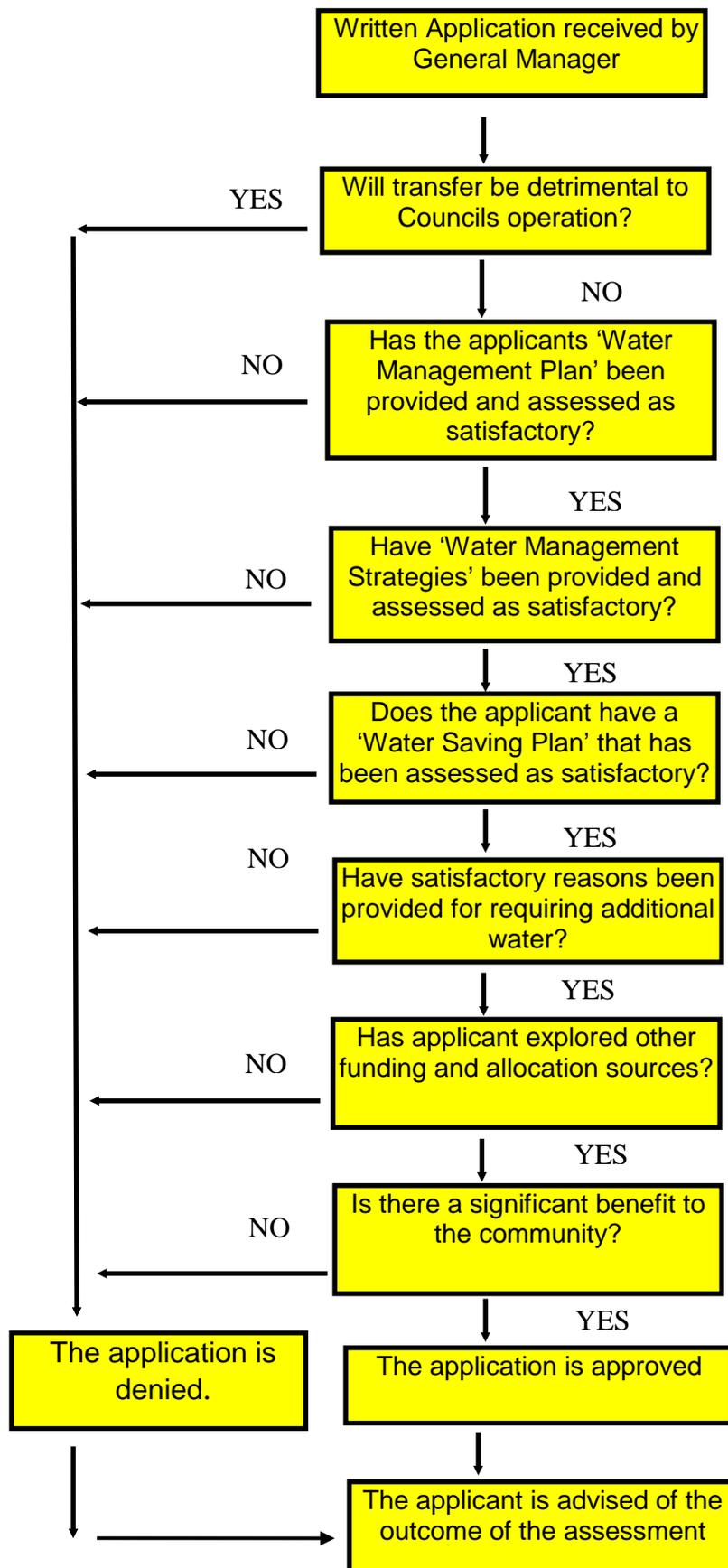
An application for accessing Council's Water Allocation is only to be considered where the application is made in writing, addressed to the General Manager.

6. APPLICATION EVALUATION

When considering the merit of any application the following criteria must be met;

1. An application will not be considered if Council has assessed that such transfer of an allocation will have detrimental consequences to Council's operations.
2. Applications shall include a 'Water Management Plan' identifying how the applicant intended to manage their existing water allocation.
3. Applications are to be accompanied by a detail of 'Water Management Strategies' in place for optimising the usage of their current available water allocation demonstrating implementation of the Water Management Plan. This would include evidence of the construction of any water saving infrastructure.
4. Applicants are to submit a 'Water Saving Plan' that details future measures to be implemented in improving water usage efficiency, including milestones and targeted water usage.
5. Applicants are to indicate reasons for increased water requirements exceeding their current available allocation.
6. Applicants are to show evidence of having explored other funding and allocation sources for their long-term requirements, e.g. water transfers and/or water purchases.
7. An application will only be considered for approval where there is likely to be a significant benefit to the community.

ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART



7. PRICING

Water will be transferred at the current market value at that time.

8. POLICY REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed as required with a maximum review period of five years from the time of adoption by Council.

Policy History:

Date of Adoption/Amendment	Resolution Number
27 January 2010	10/022
26 June 2013	13/136
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