



WATER QUALITY | FACT SHEET

Richmond Valley Council has two separate water supplies. Water is extracted from the Richmond River above Jabour Weir west of Casino and then is treated at the Casino Water Treatment Plant. All other town supplies in the Richmond Valley Council area (Broadwater, Coraki, Evans Head, Riley's Hill and Woodburn) are supplied by Rous Water from Rocky Creek Dam near Doon Doon and treatment is at the Rocky Creek Water Treatment Plant.

Both water supplies are treated water which is required to comply with National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG).

Routine and systematic testing of the raw water and treated water, both at the plant and throughout the distribution network, verify compliance with requirements and results are reported to Rous Water and the Northern Rivers Regional Health Authority.

The ADWG requires compliance with three general criteria:

- physical (i.e. colour, taste),
- chemical (i.e. pH, metal concentrations, chlorine residuals etc)
- and bacterial (i.e. total coliform, faecal coliform, and e-coli counts).

For more Information:

- on drinking water quality, go to the NSW Department of Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/ehb/water/>.
- about local water quality issues visit the Rous Water website at www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au.

**For further information phone Richmond Valley Council on (02) 6660 0300
or visit www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au.**

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