

REFERABLE DAM SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Intent** To support the development, implementation and ongoing improvement of a Dam Safety Management System that is consistent with the *Queensland Dam Safety Management Guidelines*.
- Scope** This policy applies to dam safety management activities associated with all referable dams owned by Cairns Regional Council.

PROVISIONS

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (the Act) provides Cairns Regional Council with the obligation to ensure public safety by having a referable dam safety management program.

To achieve the intent of this policy, Cairns Regional Council will:

1. Be prepared to respond to any potential emergency situation at a referable dam by having appropriate contingency plans and emergency response capabilities to manage dam deficiencies, incidents and failures.
2. Appropriately manage the risk of dam failure and undertake rectifications of deficiencies in a timely manner.
3. Ensure that the referable dams are operated in a safe manner and that the dams comply with current engineering standards for safety.
4. Undertake regular monitoring and maintain effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information and promote confidence in the management of dam safety, including conducting regular assessment of the condition of a referable dam.
5. Audit and review our practices against industry standards and stakeholder expectations to continually improve our performance.
6. Ensure dam safety documentation is regularly reviewed and easily accessible.
7. Provide training to relevant employees to ensure that they are suitably qualified to execute their role in the implementation of the Dam Safety Management System.
8. Ensure that the Dam Safety Management System is responsive and adaptive to changing environmental or operational conditions.

This policy accepts that responsibility for Referable Dam Safety Management ultimately lies with Cairns Regional Council, as the Dam Owner.

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This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

Director Responsible for Review:

Director Cairns Infrastructure Assets

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