

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 What is this Assessment about?

This is the first assessment of water and sanitary services prepared by Council. It is an assessment of the water and sanitary services provided by Council but also by individuals, communities, businesses and other organisations.

Given the importance of water and sanitary services to the public health and well being of the community, the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 requires all territorial authorities to make assessments of:

### Water Services

- Water supply (drinking water)
- Waste water
- Stormwater

### Sanitary Services

- Cemeteries
- Crematoria
- Public toilets
- Waste disposal (not required by this Council as Solid Waste Management Plan 2003 has already been completed).

This assessment meets the Council's obligation to prepare an assessment under the LGA 2002.

## 1.2 Scope of Assessment

Information covered in this assessment includes:

- provision for drinking water, management of wastewater, stormwater and sanitation services
- assessment of the risks to the community
- assessment of the quality and adequacy of the services
- statement of current and estimated future demands
- statement of the options available to meet current and future demands
- statement of Council's intended role in meeting the current and future demands.