

MEDIA RELEASE

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Important information for Private Water Suppliers

Recent changes to the **Public Health Act 1997** now require Private Water Suppliers to register with their local council every 12 months to ensure compliance with the **Tasmanian Drinking Water Guidelines 2015** and prevent risks to public health.

Huon Valley Council will be starting this registration process on the 30th of June 2016 by sending out application forms to known Private Water Suppliers. The annual registration fee will be \$35.

A Private Water Supplier is 'any provider of drinking water to individuals and/or businesses from a source that is not under the management and control of a Regulated Entity (TasWater).' This includes commercial operators such as bed & breakfasts and any accommodation or venture that offers water to patrons from their private water scheme such as a rainwater tank supply.

If you think you might be a Private Water Supplier and do not receive a registration application form, please contact Council to clarify whether you need to be registered. Penalties may apply for operating an unregistered private water supply.

Registration will include a set of conditions that must be adhered to by the Private Water Supplier and a demonstration of compliance with these conditions will be sought by council upon the annual registration renewal.

Further details can be found in the document 'Guidance Note - Private Water Suppliers', which can be found at:

<https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/water/drinking/private>

If you have any queries regarding the Private Water Supplier registration process, please contact an:

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