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**Information for Water Industry Managers and Practitioners in the Queensland Water Industry**

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**1. End of Waste Code for Biosolids**

**2. Recycled Water Guidelines**

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**1.   End of Waste Code for Biosolids**

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The draft End of Waste Code for biosolids was released by DES on 31 October and a [**collated industry response**](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245831/Feedback_on_EOW_Code_for_Biosolids_November_2018) was provided on 29th November, largely supporting the detailed response submitted by LGAQ. In short, the sector did not support the draft version of the Code for several reasons but primarily because it will result in biosolids from many STPs being directed to landfill instead of beneficial reuse. This would result in greater costs for Queensland communities as well as wasting a resource that, elsewhere in Australia and internationally, is commonly safely reused. A better balance needs to be struck between managing any risks associated with biosolids and adding more waste to landfill.

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**2.   Recycled Water Guidelines**

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The Department of Health has recently released a discussion draft of the Guidelines for Low-Exposure Recycled Water Schemes. The guidelines are accompanied by spreadsheet tools for calculation of *E. coli* as well as a Model Water User Agreement. The drafts are available for members for feedback as follows:

* [Draft Guideline for low-exposure recycled water schemes](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245872/Draft_Guideline_for_low-exposure_recycled_water_schemes);
* [Draft - Model Recycled Water User Agreement](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245883/Draft_-_Model_Recycled_Water_User_Agreement);
* [DRAFT - Class A + ecoli-calculation-tool](https://www.qldwater.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=245886);
* [DRAFT - Class A ecoli-calculation-tool](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245885/DRAFT_-_Class_A_ecoli-calculation-tool);
* [DRAFT - Class B ecoli-calculation-tool](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245887/DRAFT_-_Class_B_ecoli-calculation-tool);
* [DRAFT - Class C ecoli-calculation-tool](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245895/DRAFT_-_Class_C_ecoli-calculation-tool);
* [DRAFT - Class D ecoli-calculation-tool](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245897/DRAFT_-_Class_D_ecoli-calculation-tool)

DOH are seeking initial feedback before Christmas – please provide comments directly to the Department using the [**Consultation feedback form**](https://www.qldwater.com.au/_literature_245884/Consultation_feedback_form).

***qldwater*** will be reviewing the document and providing comments in early January. If you wish to contribute to this joint response, please forward any comments to rfearon@qldwater.com.au by the second week of January.

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