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Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (R2008)

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Description

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Scope

The DWSNZ are applicable to water intended for drinking irrespective of its source, treatment or distribution system, whether it is from a public or private supply, or where it is used. The exception is bottled water, which is subject to different standards set under the Food Act 1981.

The three main themes of the DWSNZ are:

- the water quality standards
- the compliance criteria and reporting requirements
- remedial actions.

The DWSNZ do not set quality standards for water used for industrial or agricultural purposes.

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Notes/comments

NZS 4606.1:1989 cites Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 1989, and NZS 4608:1992 cites Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 1992. Both of the cited resources are no longer available online.

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