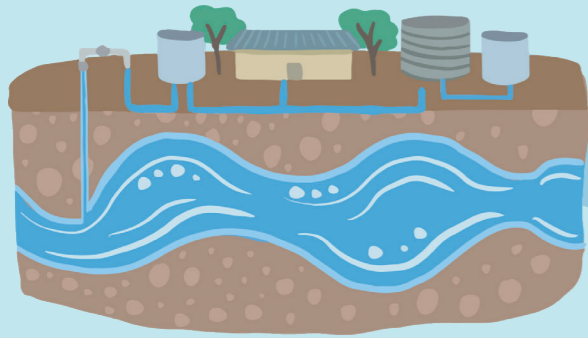


Bulla's drinking water

NT Health works with Power and Water to make sure that the best possible water is supplied to the community.

Where does drinking water come from?



- 1 Your water comes from a blend of groundwater (bore water) and surface water (river).



- 2 Water from underground flows through soil and rock, picking up natural minerals along the way.



- 3 Chlorine is added to the water to kill any germs in it.

How is the water supply managed?



- 4 Power and Water test the water supply each month to make sure it is free from dangerous germs. They also check the water's physical and chemical quality.



- 5 The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines provides advice on what is safe, good quality water.



- 6 The level of naturally occurring barium is higher than the limits recommended by the guidelines.

Are there any health concerns?



- 7 There has not been much research into the health effects of humans drinking water with higher levels of barium.

Studies using animals have found that drinking water with high levels of barium may impact kidney function and increase risk of high blood pressure.



- 8 To be on the safe side, bottled water will be provided for all to drink. The bottled water will be available for free, to the community.



- 9 It is OK for people including kids, to drink the tap water for a little bit of time.



- 10 Tap water is safe for brushing teeth, washing the dishes, cooking and to have a shower.

Health advice



- 11 The guideline value for barium is very cautious, it includes a large safety factor.



- 12 It is important for everyone to drink water to be strong and healthy.

Drinking water is much better for you than drinking softdrinks that are full of sugar and bad for your health.

What is being done to improve Bulla's water?



- 13 Power and Water are looking at different ways to manage the drinking water supply.