

BOIL WATER ALERT LIFTED

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Ben Lomond Water Chief Executive Officer Barry Cash said today that the boil water alert for the township of Ross has been lifted.

Residents in Ross were advised on Tuesday last week to boil water prior to use following the detection of E coli in the water supply.

"Ben Lomond Water was advised this afternoon that the Director of Public Health had approved the lifting of the boil water notice," Mr Cash said.

"The problem was discovered through routine tests and Ben Lomond Water is investigating the cause of the microbiological failure however it would appear that it is the result of the Ross reservoir being unroofed.

"Water for Ross is pumped from and chlorinated at Campbell Town and it is possible that the chlorine dose may not have been sufficient.

"Ben Lomond Water is investigating measures and taking steps to mitigate this problem in the future.

"The area will be closely monitored to ensure the problem does not recur.

"I would like to thank the public for their cooperation and understanding. Every effort is taken to ensure the quality and safety of drinking water," Mr Cash said.

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