

# Data Sheet 140 (DS 140)

## Drinkable (Potable) Water Use

### What are we monitoring?

The volume of drinkable (potable) water used in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA) each year.

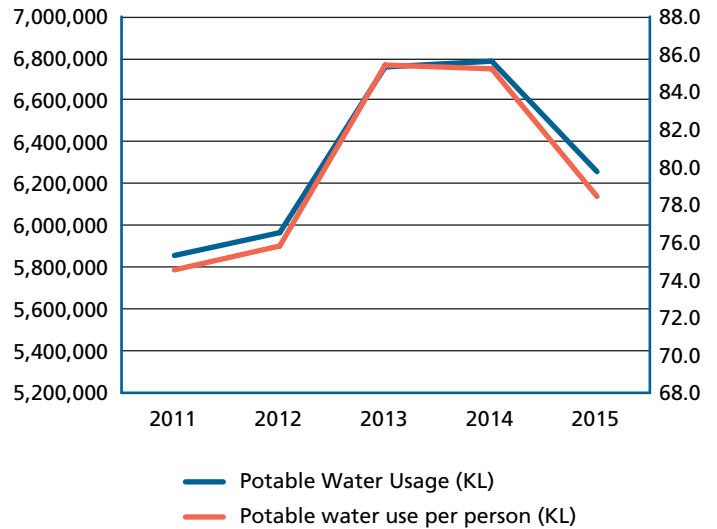
### What is the trend?

The total volume of drinkable water used in the LGA is increasing as is the amount of water used per resident. However, the 2015 data indicates that water use has fallen from higher rates of use in 2013 and 2014. This drop in use may be related to a relatively wet summer in 2015.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

A conservative level of water use is a key component of the sustainability of the City. Lower levels of water use result in greater ability to withstand the effects of drier times and they also reduce the volumes of water that are treated and released to river systems.

Blue Mountains LGA Potable Water Use



Potable Water Use in the Blue Mountains

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Potable Water Usage (KL)	5,855,069	5,966,520	6,761,620	6,790,364	6,258,799
Blue Mountains Estimated Residential Population	78,553	78,748	79,181	79,688	79,812
Potable Water Usage Per Capita (KL)	74.5	75.8	85.4	85.2	78.0

Source: Sydney Water, 2016