If you are using your tank for drinking, laundry, internal plumbing connection or irrigation, water filtration may be necessary to improve the water quality and avoid problems associated with tainted water.

**Please note:** We do not recommend drinking tank water when a potable supply is available unless it is appropriately filtered to remove potentially harmful contaminants.

Sludge in the bottom of the tank can consist of:
- Vegetation debris from nearby plants and trees
- Faecal matter deposited on water catchment areas by birds & possums
- Air-borne pollution—dust, smoke, chemical
- Roof & gutter material including flaking paint, and iron

Sludge can eventually build-up to such a level as to block the lower tank outlet, and it can damage your pump. Sludge generally contains bacteria and can be a potential health risk whether you are drinking the water or using it in the garden or laundry.

Please refer to NSW Health Guidelines — www.health.nsw.gov.au