



1.19 Asset Management Policy

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1. Purpose

This policy provides a framework for implementing appropriate and consistent asset management processes for Coomalie Shire.

2. Principles

Coomalie Community Government Council recognises that assets exist to provide services and value to the community and this recognition underpins Council's Asset Management Policy and practices.

Council is committed to implementing a consistent approach to asset management practices to support service delivery in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The following principles guide Council's asset management approach:

- a) Investment in assets support the delivery of council services and strategic goals;
- b) Asset management needs and investment requirements are considered when developing or reviewing council's strategic plan, annual plan, annual budget, and long-term financial plan; and
- c) Internal processes mitigate the risk of misuse and promote asset accountability.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Asset Management Priorities

Council is committed to progressively improving its Asset Management to ensure that assets are planned, created, operated, maintained, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council priorities for service delivery.

3.2 Asset Management Approach

Council will apply a total asset management approach as one of its key strategies in demonstrating effective governance through the application of the following:

- 3.2.1 Undertake asset management activities within a strategic framework which is integrated with broader corporate and business planning, and operational process.
- 3.2.2 A consistent Asset Management Strategy must exist for implementing systematic and appropriate best-practice asset management.

- 3.2.3 All relevant legislative requirements, together with political, social, environmental, cultural and economic factors will be considered.
- 3.2.4 Asset Management Plans will be developed for major asset categories. These will be Transport, Facilities and Plant.
- 3.2.5 The Asset Management Plans will be consistent with the goals of the Long-Term Strategic Plan and will inform the Long-Term Financial Plans of Council. The plans will be informed by community consultation and technical levels of service as required.
- 3.2.6 The asset management framework will ensure accountability for asset condition and performance with a whole-of-council approach to the continued improvement and development of asset management activities. Training in asset and financial management will be provided for relevant staff.
- 3.2.7 An inspection regime will be used to ensure agreed service levels are maintained and to identify asset renewal priorities.
- 3.2.8 Asset renewals and replacements required to meet agreed service levels and identified in adopted asset management plans and long-term financial plans will form the basis of annual budget estimates with the service and risk consequences of variations in defined asset renewals and budget resources documented in budget documentation.
- 3.2.9 Asset renewal plans will be prioritised and implemented progressively based on agreed service levels and the effectiveness of the current assets to provide that level of service.
- 3.2.10 Systematic and cyclic reviews will be applied to all asset classes and are to ensure that the assets are managed, valued and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice and applicable Australian Standards.
- 3.2.11 Future life cycle costs should be considered in decisions relating to new services and assets and upgrading of existing services and assets.
- 3.2.12 Asset Management Plans will incorporate sustainable practices wherever possible to ensure consistency with Council's policies and plans.

3.3 Long-Term Asset Management

Council will ensure adequate provision is made for the sustainable long-term provision, management and replacement of major assets by:

- 3.3.1 Ensuring that Council's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service.
- 3.3.2 Safeguarding of Council assets by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
- 3.3.3 Meeting legislative requirements for asset management.
- 3.3.4 Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated appropriately.
- 3.3.5 Demonstrating an integrated approach to acquiring, disposing of and renewing assets that ensures transparency and evaluates life cycle management of assets.

3.4 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

- 3.4.1 Council will keep and maintain appropriate asset records in order to support a DRFA claim and be eligible for DRFA funding assistance. This includes ensuring information in relation to essential public assets is no more than 4 years old.
- 3.4.2 Council will ensure all DRFA claims to the NT Government are submitted within the required timeframe.

4. Other Relevant Matters

4.1 References and Related Legislation

- 4.1.1 *Local Government Act 2019*
- 4.1.2 *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*
- 4.1.3 Australian Accounting Standards

4.2 Associated Documents

- 4.2.1 Coomalie Community Government Council Shire Plan
- 4.2.2 Coomalie Community Government Council Long Term Financial Plan
- 4.2.3 Coomalie Community Government Council Asset Management Plans
- 4.2.3 Coomalie Community Government Council Policy 2.10 Asset Disposal Policy

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