

POLICY REVIEW – I/PM/1 PLANT - GENERAL

Policy showing changes

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PLANT - GENERAL POLICY

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Plant & Machinery

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines relating to the replacement period for the Council's heavy plant.

POLICY

1. This policy applies to the Council's plant, which includes:
 - a) Trucks (over 4.5 tonnes); and
 - b) Vehicular plant, including (but not limited to) loaders, graders, and backhoes.
2. Plant purchases are to be structured around a replacement program intended to maintain consistent annual expenditure avoiding excessive or insufficient levels in the Plant Reserve. and based upon the benchmark standards developed by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Limited (IPWEA): Plant and Vehicle Management Manual – Third Edition (2012).
3. Plant disposal should occur where the cost of ownership of the vehicle is optimised. Generally, plant will be disposed of where the time of disposal maximises the financial advantage to the Council, as outlined in the following table.

Type	Years	Hours/km
Grader	5 - 9 years	10,000hrs to 15,000hrs
Heavy Loader	7 - 9 years	10,000hrs to 13,000hrs
Backhoe/Loader	10 - 15 years	8,000hrs to 10,000hrs
Heavy Truck 6x4	5 - 7 years	250,000km to 500,000km
Medium Truck 4x2	7 - 12 years	300,000km
Light Truck	7 - 12 years	300,000km
Roller	7 - 12 years	7,000hrs to 9,000hrs
Tractor	4 - 8 years	3,000hrs to 6,000hrs
Heavy Trailer	10 - 25 years	N/A

4. Plant may be kept past the suggested optimum hours/kms if considered to be providing ongoing value to the Council and will therefore fall outside the purview of this Policy.

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