

PLANT – GENERAL

Purpose

To provide clear guidelines relating to the replacement period for the Shire of Plantagenet (the Shire) Council's heavy plant.

Scope

This policy applies to the Shire Council's plant, which includes:

- trucks (over 4.5 tonnes); and
- vehicular plant, including (but not limited to) loaders, graders, and backhoes.

Policy

1. 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.
2. 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	10,000hrs to 15,000hrs
Heavy Loader	7-9	10,000hrs to 13,000hrs
Backhoe/Loader	10-15	8,000 to 10,000hrs
Heavy Truck 6x4	5-7	250,000km to 500,000km
Medium Truck 4x2	7-12	300,000km
Light Truck	7-12	300,000km
Roller	7-12	7,000hrs to 9,000hrs
Tractor	4-8	3,000hrs to 6,000hrs
Heavy Trailer	10-25	N/A

3. 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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