



Paroo Shire Council

Council Policy	
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1 Application of Policy

1.1 Purpose

Council owns, controls, manages and maintains an extensive range of “fit for purpose” plant, equipment and Vehicles.

The objective of the Fleet Replacement Lifecycle Policy is to:

- Establish the framework for effectively managing a modern, efficient and safe fleet of vehicles and plant
- Ensure that Council decisions with respect to fleet are based around staff and public safety, productivity and cost-effectiveness
- Provide assets that enable affordable and competitive internal hire rates.

1.2 Scope

This policy applies to all assets of vehicles and plant owned and managed by Paroo Shire Council.

2 Statement of Policy

2.1 Policy Overview

This policy applies to all assets of vehicles and plant Council has direct responsibility for and control over including (but not limited to):

- Plant and machinery;
- Maintenance and emergency equipment (SES, Generators etc.); and,
- Passenger and utility vehicles.

This Policy establishes a fleet replacement schedule, which takes a range of factors into account, including:

- Industry benchmarks for optimum fleet replacement.
- Current resale value of the asset
- Past trade-in trends for the asset type
- Maintenance and servicing costs
- Other whole of life costs
- Data from fleet dealers and resale auctions

2.2 Policy Exceptions

Exceptions to this schedule may occur on a case by case basis under the following circumstances:

- Changes to operational requirements.
- Excessive wear, exceptional circumstances and/or favourable market conditions to achieve optimum resale price.
- Balancing Council budget requirements against other non-fleet priorities.
- *Condition of auxiliary systems on truck mounted units, where replacement of the truck itself will involve considerable engineering.*
- Certain items of plant with low utilisation rates (when compared to industry standards) are required in areas for daily operational use, such as forklifts and backhoes operating predominantly in Council depots and other facilities

All exceptions shall be referred in writing to the Director Infrastructure for review and approval.

3 Replacement Lifecycle Times

In general, replacement lifecycle times and or meter readings for plant and vehicles should be as follows.

Plant Category	Plant Type	Useful Life	Hours/Klms
1 Earthmoving	BACKHOE	7	5,000
1 Earthmoving	FORKLIFT	20	
1 Earthmoving	GRADER	8	10,000
1 Earthmoving	LOADER	8	8,000
1 Earthmoving	ROLLER-MULTI	10	5,000

Plant Category	Plant Type	Useful Life	Hours/Klms
1 Earthmoving	ROLLER-SMOOTH	10	5,000
1 Earthmoving	SKID LOADER	6	5,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK PATCHING	8	8,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK HEAVY	8	500,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK PRIME	8	500,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK MEDIUM	8	200,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK LIGHT	6	150,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK RUBBISH	8	500,000
2 Trucks	TRUCK SWEEPER	8	8,000
3 Trailers	TRAILER-DOLLY	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-FUEL	10	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-LOW LOADER	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-LUNCHBOX	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-PORTALOO	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-TIPPER	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-DOG	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-VAC	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-VMS	15	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-STAGE	25	
3 Trailers	TRAILER-COLD ROOM	20	
3 Trailers	WATER TANK >10000l	15	
3 Trailers	WATER TANKER	15	
4 Tractor/Slasher	SLASHER	10	
4 Tractor/Slasher	TRACTOR	8	6,000
5 Mowers	MOWER-RIDE ON	8	2,000
5 Mowers	MOWER-ZERO TURN	8	2,000
6 Camp	CAMP	20	
6 Camp	DONGA	20	

Plant Category	Plant Type	Useful Life	Hours/Klms
7 Vehicles	ATV	10	
7 Vehicles	BUS	10	150,000
7 Vehicles	HEARSE	10	
7 Vehicles	MOTORCYCLE	10	
7 Vehicles	UTE-4X2	5	150,000
7 Vehicles	UTE-4X4	5	150,000
7 Vehicles	WAGON	8	180,000
8 Small Plant	BOAT	10	
8 Small Plant	GENERATOR	15	
8 Small Plant	MISC	15	
8 Small Plant	ROLLER-SMALL	20	
8 Small Plant	SMALL PLANT	15	
8 Small Plant	STORES PLANT	15	
8 Small Plant	TANK	15	
8 Small Plant	WATER TANK <10000l	15	

4 Financial Budgeting

The Director Infrastructure will maintain a five (5) year fleet replacement plan with proposed budget forecasts, as well as a financial year budget for the following financial year. This approach requires sustained organisational commitment so that all of Council's plant and vehicles are replaced while still in an efficient and safe condition and yielding an optimum resale value.

The Fleet and Workshop Coordinator will provide advice on these budgets, at a minimum, on a six-monthly basis. Reviews will be undertaken of all utilisation and plant hire rates at least annually in conjunction with the Director Corporate Governance & Risk to ensure an appropriate revenue return for each plant item and the fleet as a whole.

The Director Infrastructure shall review the budgets, utilisation and future plant and vehicle requirements and provide the latest five (5) year plan and future financial year information to Council as part of the annual budgeting process.

When determining the most economical time to replace an asset, consideration is given to the type of plant, utilisation (hours/km), age, service history, consumables, repair costs, suitability for the role, reliability, current plant value, technology and WH&S requirements.

The specifications for a replacement asset shall consider the resale value, suitability for purpose, performance and operational profitability, efficiency requirements (size), parts and service backup, consumable costs, WH&S and technology requirements, maintenance and operator assessment. The Fleet and Workshops Coordinator will ensure that, at all times, a consultative approach is applied to specifying and procuring plant which meets as many of Council's requirements as possible.

5 Plant and Fleet Procurement


All plant and vehicles shall be purchased in accordance with the provisions of Councils Procurement Policy (policy ref).

Where a vehicle or plant item is approved for replacement in a financial year, and a change of business requirements results in an increase in the forecast cost associated with the replacement, such changes will require approval from Council by resolution.

Where the change in business requirements does not change the forecast cost, or reduces it, such changes will require approval of the CEO.

6 Relevant Links

- *Local Government Act (2009)*
- Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Code of Conduct
- IP-025 Asset Management Policy
- Procurement Policy

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