

<b>POLICY:-</b>	
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Responsibility for implementation:	Director of Infrastructure
Responsibility for review of Policy:	Director of Infrastructure

## **Introduction:**

It is the Upper Lachlan Shire Council policy to address the matter of Plant Replacement in a systematic manner to maximise the use of Council's plant resources whilst minimising the cost of operating its plant fleet.

## **Objectives**

The objective of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Plant Replacement Policy is to:

- Ensure that Council's plant fleet is safe for staff to use and is fit for its intended use.
- Endeavour to operate Council's plant fleet in a most cost effective manner by ensuring that vehicles and equipment are replaced at optimum time intervals, operating hours and/or kilometres travelled and within Council's budget.
- Improve plant availability by replacing plant before significant repairs are required.
- Comply with relevant Workplace Health and Safety legislation and regulations
- Raise staff morale by providing them with quality, well maintained equipment to use in the performance of their duties.
- Provide sound input into Council's annual Operational Plan by more accurately forecasting replacement dates and costs.

## **Types of Vehicles Considered**

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council Plant Replacement Policy applies to the following types of vehicles.

1. Heavy equipment (such as graders and front end loaders). These machines would normally have a value in excess of \$150,000 per unit.
2. Trucks.
3. Light vehicles (such as cars and utilities).
4. Specialised equipment such as garbage collection vehicles.

Please note that the replacement of small equipment such as lawn mowers (under \$5,000 in value) and chainsaws etc will not be considered using this policy.

## **Replacement Parameters**

The following parameters will be used as a guideline to plan the replacement of a vehicle or a machine, however special circumstances may prevail that require the parameters to be modified slightly in individual cases. The final decision regarding replacement of vehicles is the responsibility of the Director of Infrastructure.

**1. Heavy Equipment**

- a. Graders, Front end loaders - replace at 10,000 hrs or ten years.
- b. Rollers - replace at 6,000 hrs or six years.
- c. Backhoes and other equipment - replace at 6,000 hrs or ten years.

**2. Trucks**

- a. Generally trucks will be replaced at 300,000km or 10 years.

**3. Passenger vehicles**

- a. 100,000km or three year's.

**4. Work utes**

- a. 150,000 km or five years

**5. Specialised vehicles**

As required to meet changing usage patterns and market forces that effect the value of the trade – in vehicle.

**Used Equipment and Vehicles**

Generally, plant and equipment purchased by Council will be new, with a compliance plate indicating that the product is aged no older than 3 months from its date of manufacture. However, from time to time, circumstances will arise that will provide Council with an advantage in purchasing second hand vehicles and equipment. These circumstances will be considered on their merits and entered into where the advantage can be clearly demonstrated. This decision will be the responsibility of the Director of Infrastructure.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND COUNCIL POLICIES**

Asset Management Policy  
Records Management Policy  
Financial Management Policy  
WH&S Policy  
Road Management Policy  
Acquisition of Goods and Services Policy  
Local Government Act  
Environment Planning & Assessment Act  
Workplace Health and Safety Act.  
Relevant Australian Standards  
Australian Design Rules  
Australian Vehicle Standard Rules  
Australian Road Rules.

**Variation to Policy**

The Council reserves the right to vary the terms and conditions of this policy.