

Infrastructure Policy

Purpose

The Outback Communities Authority has a relatively small number of assets that makes up its infrastructure network. The infrastructure network is however diverse in nature and location. The Outback Communities Authority holds its assets on behalf of the Crown and is obligated to maintain the relevance and condition of all its assets.

The purpose of this policy is to clearly communicate how the Outback Communities Authority will guarantee the assets it holds are relevant to outback communities. The policy also underpins the long-term commitment to maintenance, replacement and development of infrastructure for public services and facilities.

Policy Statement

Adding to the infrastructure network;

The Outback Communities Authority will only acquire an asset to add to its infrastructure network where there is a clear connection between the asset and the Objectives and Functions of the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009*.

An assessment of the risk associated with acquisition, keeping and maintenance of the asset will be undertaken before acquisition. The acquisition will only go ahead if:

- the risk is considered acceptable and
- the acquisition can be made within budget parameters and
- the long term maintenance and up keep of the infrastructure can be adequately budgeted for.

Holding Infrastructure;

Outback Communities Authority will take all reasonable steps to maintain its infrastructure network at a safe, workable and presentable standard.

The Outback Communities Authority will maintain an asset management plan detailing each class of asset and how its long term management and replacement will be undertaken.

Reducing the Infrastructure network;

The Outback Communities Authority will periodically review its infrastructure network to identify any asset that no longer meets the criteria of this policy.

Assets identified as not meeting the criteria of this policy will be disposed of in accordance with State Government guidelines.

Implementation

Implementation of this policy will be assured at several levels. The Director of the Office for the Outback Communities Authority will be responsible for compliance with State Government acquisition and disposal criteria.

The Business Services Manager will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the infrastructure network budget.

The Governance Manager will be responsible for maintaining the Outback Communities Authority's asset management plans.

The Outback Communities Authority will review its asset management plans annually to monitor condition of the infrastructure network and its relevance to outback communities and visitors to the outback.

Evaluation and Review

The next review and evaluation of this policy will be undertaken [*input from OCA*].

Definitions

The OCA has a requirement to have a long-term plan for the maintenance, replacement and development of infrastructure for public services and facilities for outback communities. As far as practicable this will be in the form of an industry recognised Asset Management Plan but may vary in style, format and content.

References

Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009.

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia – Asset Management guidelines and principles.

This policy was adopted by the Authority on 19 January 2017.