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## Stormwater Risk Management Policy (Revision 1)

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## **1. Purpose**

Murrumbidgee Council's objective is to establishment a stormwater management system to a standard that optimises the service life and safety level of the individual assets, giving due consideration to the priorities and resources available.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to Murrumbidgee Council stormwater assets.

The stormwater network has been classified into four sub-categories identified in Council's Asset Register.

Council maintains a Stormwater Asset Register, which also identifies the condition, location, size and type of the stormwater asset.

## **3. Definitions/Stormwater Classifications**

**Council** means Murrumbidgee Council

**MC** means Murrumbidgee Council

### **Stormwater Sub-Categories**

- Mechanical
- Stormwater Component
- Stormwater Pipe System
- Surface Drains

## **4. Policy Statement**

This policy has been prepared to ensure Council has a clear and concise direction as to the Construction and Maintenance Standards and Budget Allocations for stormwater assets within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area.

## **5. Construction Standards**

Five general factors form the basis for the design standards:

- volume of flow expected
- composition of stormwater materials
- Terrain
- Location requirements
- Budget allocation in accordance with Risk Rating priorities

## **6. Maintenance Standards**

Maintenance standards have been developed in order to meet the demands and expectations of the various users in accordance with the minimum requirements that are considered necessary to keep the stormwater system functioning in a satisfactory manner.

All stormwater maintenance will be managed using a systematic approach based on:

- regular inspection of the network
- recording defects and maintaining those records as part of Council's records in Reflect
- determination of defects hazard in accordance with adopted intervention levels
- incorporation of a planned renewal and upgrade program across the stormwater network to prolong asset life and ensure user safety
- Budget allocation in accordance with Risk Rating priorities

The routine maintenance service level will differ between the different stormwater categories due to variations relating to the functional, capacity and utilisation characteristics of the stormwater assets.

## **7. Controls**

Council will at all times endeavor to follow the order for risk as set out below:

- i. Eliminate the risk
- ii. Reduce the risk
- iii. Accept the risk

By using the techniques set out in the Stormwater Management Procedure. Implementation of controls is the responsibility of Director of Infrastructure.

## **8. Monitoring**

Council will monitor the results of the program using the procedure set out in Stormwater Management Procedure. Implementation of controls is the responsibility of Director of Infrastructure.

## **9. Allocated Resources**

Budget allocations in support of this Stormwater Risk Management Policy shall be made on the basis that any stormwater "project", construction, maintenance or renewal, is costed and funded for the completion of the entire project, including restoration of natural surface area.

The annual stormwater works program will be prepared in accordance with the recognised risk management principles to ensure asset protection, user safety, risk and resource priorities and best value.

## **10. References**

StateWide Mutual – Operational Risk Workbook  
Local Government Act 1993  
Roads Act 1993  
Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979  
Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1979

## **11. Review**

This Policy

- To be reviewed within the first year of the new Council term;
- May be reviewed and amended at any time at Council's discretion (or if legislative or State Government policy changes occur).