



ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy governs Hunter Water's approach to managing the physical assets required to provide water, wastewater, recycled water and stormwater services to our customers.

SCOPE

This policy covers all Hunter Water physical assets, activities and operations and applies to all Hunter Water Corporation employees, contractors and consultants..

Hunter Water Corporation is a State Owned Corporation and the water and wastewater service provider for over half a million people in the lower Hunter Region. This includes the planning, construction, operation, maintenance and disposal of assets for the supply of drinking water, collection and treatment of wastewater, the provision of recycled water and stormwater services.

POLICY STATEMENT

In managing its physical assets Hunter Water is committed to:

- providing safe, reliable and efficient services with a focus on the needs of the community
- taking a responsible and sustainable approach to the protection of the environment and public health
- embracing the highest standards of corporate governance and financial management
- complying with all legislative and regulatory requirements.

APPLICATION OF POLICY


Hunter Water will achieve this by:

- Ensuring that all Asset Management decisions and activities consider and balance the needs of all relevant internal and external stakeholders
- Making investment decisions on the basis of least life cycle cost balanced with risk and the Corporate financial position
- Managing all physical assets to ensure that customer service objectives are achieved in both the short and long term
- Ensuring that all Asset Management decisions and activities comply with Hunter Water's Work, Health and Safety, Environment and Drinking Water Quality Policies
- Formally assessing risk outcomes when making decisions relating to the management of physical assets
- Providing adequate resources and appropriate tools, applications, information and training to permit the achievement of Asset Management objectives
- Encouraging innovation and sustainable solutions to support continual improvement of Asset Management processes and performance
- Adopting an open and transparent approach to sharing information about Hunter Water's Asset Management performance

- Fulfilling the Asset Management requirements of Hunter Water’s Operating Licence
- Complying with all legislation and regulations related to physical assets and Asset Management
- Ensuring all Hunter Water employees are accountable for the implementation of this policy

Hunter Water’s Asset Management System and other business systems will provide the framework for applying asset management policies, procedures and practices to the tasks of planning, creating, operating, maintaining, renewing and disposing Hunter Water’s physical assets.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Effective from	June 2016
Approved by	Interim CEO
Policy Owner	Manager Asset Management
Policy Administrator	Asset Management System Engineer
Application	All Policies and Schedules of Hunter Water Corporation
Last review date	December 2015
Next review date	June 2018
Version	2.0
File reference	S09-3/4/5/10.006
Published externally	Yes
Approval Signature	Jeremy Bath - Interim CEO 

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Hunter Water Strategic Plan

Hunter Water Corporation Operating Licence 2012-2017

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

Requirements for an asset management policy are outlined in the international standard:

ISO 55001 Asset management systems—Requirements; and

ISO 55002 Asset management systems—Guidelines for application of ISO 55001

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
ISO	International Standards Organisation
Hunter Water’s Operating Licence	The Operating Licence is issued by IPART. The licence enables and requires Hunter Water to lawfully provide water and wastewater services within its area of operations. The current Operating Licence extends to 2017.
Physical Assets	Assets which directly provide the water and wastewater services and include equipment, inventory, properties, Information technology hardware, applications and asset information.