



Cloncurry Shire Council

**POLICY
NO.**

COR 1006

DEBT POLICY

1. Statement

The Cloncurry Shire Council will utilise a debt management strategy based on sound financial management guidelines.

Council is awaiting the announcement of the recipients of a project grant application, for 2021/2022.

Subject to the outcome, if unsuccessful, Council may envisage new debt during 2021/2022. No specific debt amount has been identified.

2. Objectives

The purpose of establishing an annual debt policy is to:

- Provide a comprehensive view of the Shires long term debt position;
- Increase awareness of issues concerning debt;
- Enhance understanding between Councillors, community groups and Council staff by documenting policies; and
- Demonstrate to lending institutions that Council adopts a disciplined approach to borrowing.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Councillors and Council staff.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

The Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate Services are responsible for ensuring that this policy is understood and adhered to by all staff.

5. Policy

- 5.1 Council will not use long-term debt to finance operating activities or recurrent expenditure.
- 5.2 Council recognises and accepts that infrastructure demands placed upon the Council can often only be met through borrowings but will always be mindful of the additional cost incurred by the community when assets are acquired through borrowings, which increases the cost of providing capital infrastructure.
- 5.3 Council will endeavour to fund all capital renewal projects from operating cash flows and borrow only for new and upgrade capital projects.
- 5.4 Where borrowing is constrained, borrowings for infrastructure that provides a return on capital will take precedence over borrowings for other assets.
- 5.5 When Council finances capital projects through borrowings, it will repay the loans in a term not exceeding the life of those assets and in accordance with Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines.

- 5.6 Council will maintain close scrutiny of its level of debt to ensure its relevant financial sustainability indicators will not exceed the minimum limits recommended by the Queensland Treasury Corporation.
- 5.7 Council will use as its basis for determining funding options the detailed capital works and asset acquisition programs for the next five years, together with the 10-year financial model.
- 5.8 The Council will follow a policy of full debt disclosure in all relevant financial reports.
- 5.9 Pursuant to s192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, details of the planned borrowings for the budget year and the following nine (9) financial years will be presented at Council's annual budget meeting. The details will include the planned borrowings for each year, the purpose of the borrowings and the term of repayment of existing and planned borrowings (*Refer Annexure A*).

6. Compliance Review

Compliance with this policy and associated procedures should form part of an annual compliance review and that review be subject to the oversight of the Internal Audit Function.

7. Accountability and Reporting

This policy must be formally reviewed and readopted by Council annually.

References and Related Documents:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Revenue Statement

Revenue Policy

Adopted by Council Resolution

POLICY VERSION AND REVISION INFORMATION

Version No.	Date Adopted	Review Date
6.2	27.07.2021	June 2022

Policy Authorised by: Philip Keirle



Title: Chief Executive Officer



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Annexure A

Existing Borrowings

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
			Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Beginning Balance	12,782,947	13,714,454	12,955,244	12,166,403	11,528,722	10,935,774	10,328,722	9,707,230	9,070,956	8,419,547	7,752,642
Repayment of market value	(7,453,109)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: Refinanced loans	9,179,414										
Less : Principal Payment	(794,798)	(759,210)	(788,841)	(637,681)	(592,948)	(607,052)	(621,491)	(636,274)	(651,409)	(666,904)	(682,768)
Closing	13,714,454	12,955,244	12,166,403	11,528,722	10,935,774	10,328,722	9,707,230	9,070,956	8,419,547	7,752,642	7,069,874
Annual Service Debt	(1,358,139)	(1,098,501)	(1,098,501)	(919,572)	(859,929)	(859,929)	(859,929)	(859,929)	(859,929)	(859,929)	(859,929)

inclusive of interest and admin charges

BOOK STATEMENT - DEBT POOL ACCOUNT

Loan Description	Principal Balance at June 30, 2021	Original Due Date of Loan	New Due Date of Loan	Original Interest Rate %	New Interest Rate %	Previous Annual Debt Service Payment	New Annual Debt Service Payment 2021/22
Capital 2008 A/C	\$488,270	15-Sep-23	15-Sep-23	7.751	7.751	\$238,572	\$238,572
Capital 2010 A/C refinanced Apr-21	\$1,032,721	15-Jun-30	15-Mar-41	6.418	2.395	\$120,102	\$65,781
Community Precinct refinanced Apr-21	\$3,200,138	15-Dec-31	15-Mar-41	5.403	2.395	\$326,714	\$203,840
Industrial Land Dev refinanced Apr-21	\$1,710,651	15-Jun-31	15-Mar-41	5.945	2.395	\$181,915	\$108,964
Mary Kathleen Park refinanced Apr-21	\$725,387	15-Dec-31	15-Mar-41	5.349	2.395	\$74,057	\$46,205
Water Treatment Plant refinanced Apr-21	\$2,420,733	15-Jun-31	15-Mar-41	5.945	2.395	\$257,426	\$154,194
Sewerage Treatment Plant	\$4,136,554	15-Jun-39	15-Jun-39	2.285	2.285	\$280,946	\$280,946
Totals	\$13,714,454					\$1,479,732	\$1,098,502