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## LANDFILL REMEDIATION POLICY

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## OBJECTIVE

To consider Council's Financial Management obligations in relation to the management and restoration of the Boulia Landfill.

## SCOPE

This Policy applies to operation of Council's landfill site in Boulia ensuring compliance with its relevant obligations, and to further consider the necessity for a financial provision to be made within Council's Financial Statements.

## BACKGROUND AND CONSIDERATIONS

Council has been treating the restoration as operational expenditure as part of our everyday course of business. On site there is permanent plant that is used at the end of a Town dump run to cover all the refuse in the hole, so it is an ongoing back fill done as part of the normal operations.

We are a very small Community, it takes approximately 8 years for a hole (cell) to become to the stage that we need to create a new one. By the end of the period, as it has been filled each week, there is trees and grass growing on the covered areas.

The estimated life expectancy of the landfill is 100 years plus.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Boulia Shire Council will recognise a liability of \$10,000 per year as the estimated cost of restoration of capped landfill holes.

This liability is raised to cover the estimated cost of rehabilitation of any landfill hole that has been capped as advised by an independent expert should there be a 1 in 10 year storm.

Each year the provision will be raised fully for \$10,000 and in the first 10 years capped at \$20,000 limit as the risk of having more than a 1 in 10 year storm occurrence.

Council's current practice of ongoing maintenance of the site will continue to be absorbed into operation costs as normal works.

No further provision will be made for restoration until post closure of the landfill



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site.

The yearly review of the useful life of the landfill site will be assessed by an external expert as part of the financial end of year process.