

LAND UNDER ROADS POLICY

Policy/Procedure Type	Council
Responsible Department	City Infrastructure
Responsible Officer	Manager City Assets
Related Policies and Procedures	Processes relating to Annual Financial Statements
Community Plan 'Towards 2050' Link	3. Economy 3.5 We drive strong economic, cultural, environmental, and social outcomes through strategic investments in property, technology, facilities, and infrastructure.
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1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. Council owns the land under which public roads are constructed. As this land is not easily valued or has very little to no value, this policy is to ensure Council consistently applies the value of the land in the Council's General Purpose Financial Statements.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy applies to the recognition of land under roads for financial reporting purposes in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 1051 *Land Under Roads*.

3. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. To outline Council's position that, for an asset to be recognised, its fair value must be able to be reliably measured. Council has determined that the fair value of land under roads cannot be reliably measured, and therefore land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 will not be recognised.
- 3.2. To articulate Council's application of AASB 1051.8, which permits an entity to elect whether to recognise land under roads acquired before the end of the first reporting period ending on or after 31 December 2007 (for Council, the period ending 30 June 2008).

- 3.3. To confirm that, in accordance with AASB 1051.9, a final election under paragraph 8 was required as at the first day of the next reporting period (1 July 2008), and this Policy formalises Council's election not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to that date.

4. DEFINITIONS

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
Fair Value	Agreed price for an asset in a market transaction

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Role</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Elected Members	• Responsible for the approval and adoption of this Policy • Must comply with the requirements of this Policy
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	• Must comply with the requirements of this Policy
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	• Must comply with the requirements of this Policy
Manager City Assets	• Responsible for the review and application of this Policy
All Employees	• Must comply with the requirements of this Policy

6. STATEMENT

- 6.1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of AASB 1051 Land Under Roads, Council has elected not to recognise land under roads established **prior** to 1 July 2008 as an asset for valuation purposes in its annual financial statements.
- 6.2. Land under roads acquired after the end of the first reporting period ending on or after 31 December 2007, which for Council was the 2008-09 financial year, will be recognised and measured in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment, as required by AASB 1051 Land Under Roads.
- 6.3. This Policy is to be administered by the finance team when preparing Council's financial statements.
- 6.4. Council will acknowledge this Policy in the General Purpose Financial Statements under Note 1.

7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.1. Full information about the sub-delegated powers and duties is contained in the Council Delegations Register.

8. LEGISLATION

- *AASB 1053 Land Under Roads (expired 30 June 2008)*
- *AASB 1051 Land Under Roads (came into effect 1 July 2008)*
- *AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment*
- *Model Set of Financial Statements*

9. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

9.1. The Policy is available for public inspection during normal office hours at:

The Civic Centre,
181 Unley Road, Unley SA 5061.

A copy may be purchased for a fee as determined annually by Council.

It is also available for viewing, download and printing free of charge from the Council's website www.unley.sa.gov.au.

10. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Version No.	Comment
1 July 2008	Version 1	
24 May 2010	Version 2	C655/10
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