

	POLICY NUMBER:	P09
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING	
	CATEGORY:	COUNCIL POLICY
	SP CLASSIFICATION:	FINANCIAL
	LG ACT 2019 REF:	Part 10.7
	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. PURPOSE

This policy provides the framework for the preparation and presentation of Council's general purpose financial statements.

2. SCOPE

To provide a true and fair view of Wagait Shire Council's financial position and the basis upon which that assessment has been made for the guidance of ratepayers, electors, creditors, regulators, government in general and other stakeholders.

To achieve compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations (UIGs) and relevant Northern Territory legislation.

3. DEFINITIONS

Nil

4. POLICY

4.1. Basis of Accounting

The annual financial statements are to be prepared using generally accepted accounting principles and are to comply with the Australian Accounting Standards and any interpretations or pronouncements issued from the Australian Accounting Standards Board. They must also comply with the Local Government Act, the Local Government (General) Regulations and any ministerial guidelines issued. If there is a conflict between the Australian Accounting Standards and applicable legislation, the legislative requirements will take precedence.

4.2. Significant Accounting Policies

Council's accounting policies are to be governed by the Australian Accounting Standards and relevant legislation. These policies are to be disclosed in Note 1 in the general purpose financial statement section of Council's annual report. The Audit Committee shall review and comment on Council's accounting policies when changes are made to either the Australian Accounting Standards or to Council's accounting policies.

4.3. Asset Accounting

Council will only recognise assets with an economic life of greater than one year that are above a certain value in its financial asset register for financial reporting purposes.

Council will maintain a register for attractive and portable assets. Attractive and portable assets are identified as assets that have limited economic life and individually do not meet the capitalisation threshold. However, collectively they account for a reasonable investment of Council's resources. To ensure the security of these assets and compliance with Council policies, a stocktake will be undertaken annually on these assets.

5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

P29 Wagait Shire Council Audit Committee Terms of Reference
Wagait Shire Council Annual Report

6. REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019
Northern Territory Local Government (General) Regulations
Local Government General Instructions

7. REVIEW HISTORY

Date Approved 19/05/2015	Approved By Council Moved: V President L Stones Seconded: President P Cleo Vote: AIF	Resolution # 2015/186	Date for review Next Council Election
Date Approved 19/11/2019	Approved By Council Moved: Cr M Vaughan Seconded: Cr G Drake Vote: AIF	Resolution # 2019/541	Date for review Next Term of Council
Date Approved 15/02/2022	Approved By Council Moved: Vice President Tom Dyer Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF	Resolution # 2022/034	Date for review Next Term of Council