

#### 4. Draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032*

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##### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report discusses the draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032*.

##### BACKGROUND

The draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032* (Asset Plan) is a new requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

The draft Asset Plan is intended to be a strategic public facing document that informs the community on how council-controlled infrastructure assets are to be managed.

The draft Asset Plan is a document that highlights the importance and magnitude of the infrastructure assets for whom the council is the custodian.

The draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032* is attached as **Appendix 1**.

##### DISCUSSION

The draft Asset Plan outlines the way Council will manage assets now and into the future.

The draft Asset Plan complements Council's *Asset Management Policy* which sets guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes throughout the Benalla Rural City Council.

The Asset Plan and *Asset Management Policy* are key documents which support asset-related decisions that align with community expectations and service needs in a sustainable manner and act to moderate the risk of poorly managed assets.

The Asset Plan communicates the importance and magnitude of the infrastructure assets for which the Council is the custodian. The aim of the Plan is to have more informed community engagement and a mutual understanding of the best use of council assets in the interest of the community

The Asset Plan must be adopted by 30 June 2022, in accordance with the Act.

**COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLICATIONS**

**Community**

- A connected, involved and inclusive community.

**Livability**

- Vibrant public spaces and places.

**Leadership**

- Good governance.
- High performance culture.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In accordance with the *Local Government Victoria Asset Plan Guidance 2022*, Community engagement is not mandatory for the first iteration of the Asset Plan.

It is proposed that, in accordance with the Council’s *Community Engagement Policy*, due to the operational nature of the draft Asset Plan, community engagement be undertaken at the ‘consult’ level under the International Association for Public Participation’s IAP2 public participation spectrum.

Level of Public Participation	Promise to the community	Techniques to be used
Consult	We will provide information and consider feedback prior to making a decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback invited via Council’s website</li> <li>▪ Public Notice in the Benalla Ensign and on Council website.</li> <li>▪ Plan presented in public reports to Council.</li> <li>▪ Feedback invited via social media</li> </ul>

Community engagement on the draft Asset Plan will open Thursday 19 May 2022 and close 5pm Thursday 16 June 2022.

Community feedback will be invited via the Council’s website and social media channels and through a formal public notice in the *Benalla Ensign*.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The development and implementation of the Asset Plan will be accommodated within the existing budget allocations.

**LEGISLATIVE/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The Asset Plan will be reviewed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Feedback relating to the draft Asset Plan will be presented in a report to the Planning and development Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 22 June 2022.

**Recommendation:**

**That the Planning and Development Committee, acting under its delegated authority of the Council, resolve:**

- 1. That the draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032* be endorsed for public exhibition.**
- 2. That the draft *Benalla Rural City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032* be considered for adoption at the Planning and Development Committee on Wednesday 22 June 2022.**