

SOUTH EAST WATER FINANCIAL POLICY

Purpose

To ensure that the Company's finances are managed in an economically responsible manner to secure long term viability and to promote a culture of financial responsibility in all decision-making.

Policy Statement

To this end we will:

- Maintain the financial integrity of the Company through open and transparent financial and management reporting processes;
- Produce relevant and timely financial information to enable proper monitoring and control of financial performance and prompt decision making;
- Maintain and promote sound systems of internal compliance and control whilst ensuring they are operating effectively and efficiently;
- Ensure financial systems are managed effectively to meet business needs, stakeholder requirements and compliance obligations;
- Proactively manage all external financial reporting, taxation, legislative and regulatory obligations;
- Manage sound and robust audit programs which add value and contribute to good corporate governance;
- Manage, within Board approved policies, treasury obligations, liquidity and interest rate risks;
- A commitment to drive and maintain efficient business operations that underpin sustained growth of business value;
- Formulate short and long term financial plans in line with corporate plans and strategies;
- Demonstrate and promote a culture which contributes to sound financial management and acceptable shareholder returns; and
- Maintain appropriate due diligence and risk management strategies in respect of commercial activities.

Responsible for Approval

South East Water Board

Executive Sponsor

General Manager Corporate Services

Responsible for Implementation

Finance Branch

Related Documents and Relevant Legislation

- Water Plan
- Corporate Plan
- Fraud Policy
- Schedule of Delegated Authorities
- Accounts Payable Manual
- Requisitioning Manual
- Accounting Policy Manual
- GST Manual
- Treasury Policy and Procedures
- Department of Treasury and Finance Treasury Management Guidelines
- Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987
- Australian Accounting Standards
- Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views
- Corporations Act 2001
- Income Tax Assessment Act 1997
- National Tax Equivalent Regime (NTER)
- NTER Manual
- Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986
- A New Tax System (Goods & Services Tax) Act 1999
- Unclaimed Moneys Act 2003
- Corporate Tax Charter
- Net Present Value Models

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