



SHIRE COUNCIL
Blayney

Signs as Remote Supervision Policy

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Policy

1. Users of Blayney Shire Council's owned, operated or controlled land are exposed to varying degrees of risk associated with the use of the land. The risk comes from the hazards which exist on the land: both natural hazards, and hazards related to developed facilities. The law says that if it is "reasonably foreseeable" that a person might suffer some sort of loss or harm because of something someone else does, then that person is owed a Duty of Care. It is desirable for Blayney Shire Council to provide a warning to users of the land about the nature of any hazards, to exercise its Duty of Care.

The Blayney Shire Council supports this methodology through Community Consultation Committees and through the development of the strategic plan of the Blayney Shire Community. Signs as remote supervision are supported through other operational related policies.

2. Council has adopted the Blayney Best Practice Guide for Signs as Remote Supervision as the process for the assessment, selection and placement of signs at Blayney Shire Council facilities. Such signage shall be used to direct, advise or warn the public of inherent dangers in the environment in which they are operating.

The implementation of this policy is set out in the Blayney Best Practice Guide for Signs as Remote Supervision.

3. The Blayney Best Practice Guide for Signs as Remote Supervision will identify Blayney Shire Council's facilities. The Manager Infrastructure will site risk audit Pools, Parks/Reserves, Skate parks and BMX facilities once a year. The information from the site risk audits will be entered into Council's asset management system with the condition and appropriateness of each sign.
4. The Blayney Best Practice Guide for Signs as Remote Supervision will apply to Blayney Shire Council's facilities, Pools, Parks/Reserves, Skate/BMX parks or elsewhere that it is identified that the Council is in control of the asset. Blayney Shire Council's Infrastructure will conduct site risk audits on these facilities for appropriateness of using Signs as Remote Supervision. The information from the site risk audits will be entered into Council's asset management system describing the location, condition and appropriateness of each sign.
5. This Policy has been developed taking into account the principles of ISO31000 – 2018 Risk Management Standard and Statewide Mutual's Best Practice Manual, Signs As Remote Supervision with a view to limiting Council's (i.e. the community's) exposure to potential litigation claims.
6. To bring Blayney Shire Council's signs up to best practice, signs in existence not meeting the current Blayney Best Practice Guide for Signs as Remote Supervision and/or Australian Standards shall be replaced as funds permit based on a priority order. Blayney Shire Council will consider the on-going maintenance and replacement of damaged or vandalised signs in annual budget allocations.

7. Council may refer to other documents for style, layout and regulatory requirements relating to the use of signs in specific circumstances, for example: Roads Maritime Service for roadside signage.
8. A regular inspection program of Blayney Shire Council's remote supervision signage shall be included in risk inspections by Council staff.
9. When Blayney Shire Council becomes aware of a potential risk, it will endeavor to follow the hierarchal order of risk control principals ie:
 - Eliminate the risk
 - Reduce the risk
 - Accept the risk, using signs as remote supervision where possible.

End of Policy

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