

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Incorporated

Financial Investment Policy

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Related Legislation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (Western Australia) 2. Australian Accounting Standards, as published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, URL http://www.aasb.gov.au/Pronouncements/Old/Current-standards.aspx
Related Policies or Procedures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1.4.1 Terms of Reference, Finance Committee 2. Financial Investment Procedure 3. Risk appetite statement 4. constitution

1. Definitions

“Finance Committee” means the Standing Committee that provides advice to the Board of Management on financial matters, undertaking duties as set out in its terms of reference.

“Finance Officer” means the employee or service provider appointed who is responsible for administering the financial management system.

“Investments” means any funds allocated to any activity for the sole purpose to expand the funds, such as a term deposit.

“Wheatbelt NRM” means Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Incorporated.

“Risk Tolerance” means the accepted level of potential loss of funds from Investment.

2. Overview

This Policy relates to the investment of Wheatbelt NRM funds, attitudes, philosophy, and accepted tolerance relating to such investments.

The objective of this policy is to guide the decision making of financial investment opportunities with the purpose of expanding the cash holdings of the organization.

The Finance Committee is tasked to investigate and provide advice to the Board of Management relating to Investments.

3. Policy Statements

- 3.1 Financial Investments are to maximise income earning potential from the organisations financial position.
- 3.2 Income shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to Members, Board Directors, or Associates except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.
- 3.3 Wheatbelt NRM act with honest transparency and integrity when engaging in financial investments,.
- 3.4 Declaration of conflict or speculation of conflict in investment opportunities will be clearly noted.
- 3.5 Advice perceived as speculation in relation to recommending financial investment opportunities is managed in accordance with adequate due diligence.
- 3.6 The Risk Appetite statement is applied to decisions regarding financial investments.
- 3.7 Financial risk tolerances for the organisation vary according to origin of funding and its intended use. Risk tolerances are specified in the organisations risk appetite statement and are reviewed annually.

4. Responsible Officers

The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing this Policy prior to Board of Management approval, and ensuring the scheduled review of this Policy.

The Chairperson of the Board of Management has been delegated the responsibility by the Board of Management or as otherwise delegated, for the operational compliance of the Finance Committee to this Policy.

The Finance Committee members are responsible to act in accordance with this Policy and make recommendations for its improvement as required.

5. Approval

This Policy was approved by the Board of Management on the 5 May 2015

Jim Sullivan
Board of Management
Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Incorporated