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### 1. Name of Instrument

This instrument is the Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – School Management Records) Approval 2013 (No 1)

### 2. Approval

I approve the Records Disposal Schedule – School Management Records.

### 3. Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

Danielle Wickman Director of Territory Records 27 August 2013



# **Records Disposal Schedule**

# **School Management Records**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The *Records Disposal Schedule – School Management Records* is the official authority for the disposal of these ACT Government records.

It is one of a series of Whole of Government Records Disposal Schedules authorised by the Director of Territory Records in accordance with the provisions of the *Territory Records Act* 2002. It is used in conjunction with Territory Records Disposal Schedules.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Records Disposal Schedule is to provide for the authorised disposal of records created or maintained by ACT Government Agencies.

### **SCOPE**

This Records Disposal Schedule applies to records created or maintained by ACT Government Agencies. It applies to records in any format, including electronic records.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Director of Territory Records, in consultation with stakeholders and the Territory Records Advisory Council, has approved this Records Disposal Schedule for use. The schedule does not take effect until it has been incorporated into an agency's Records Management Program that has been signed off by the Principal Officer of the agency.

Even so, officers using this Records Disposal Schedule should apply it with caution. They should be aware that the authorisations for disposal are given in terms of the *Territory Records Act 2002* only. Officers must not dispose of records in contravention of this Records Disposal Schedule or other requirements.

This Records Disposal Schedule will remain in force until a new schedule supersedes it or the Director of Territory Records withdraws it from use.

# STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE TERRITORY VERSION OF KEYWORD AAA

A Records Disposal Schedule generally specifies retention periods. That is, how long records are to be retained by the agency before being destroyed or retained as Territory Archives.

Retention periods set down in this schedule are minimum periods only and an agency may keep records for a longer period if considered necessary for business requirements. Reasons for longer retention could include legal requirements, administrative need or agency directives. An agency must not dispose of any records where it is aware of possible legal action for which the records may be required as evidence or if there is a current records disposal freeze in effect.

The *Records Disposal Schedule - School Management Records* has a hierarchical structure that reflects its arrangements according to functions and activities, rather than by subject, and this also reflects a close relationship to the Territory Version of Keyword AAA. The Records Disposal Schedule is designed to be applicable to all Whole of Government records regardless of titling conventions used, so that records, which have not been titled using the terminology represented by this Records Disposal Schedule, may still be sentenced with relative ease.

### Whole of Government Thesaurus

The Whole of Government Thesaurus is a controlled vocabulary of terms designed for use in the classifying, titling and indexing of records on creation.

The Whole of Government Thesaurus has been developed on the basis of the Territory Version of Keyword AAA (TVKAAA) (2010), a thesaurus incorporating 16 common Functions. All other Functions within the Whole of Government Thesaurus are considered Functions performed by the ACT Government and have been included following consultation with agencies and after consideration by the Territory Records Office (TRO) via a formal approval process.

The Whole of Government Thesaurus is mandated by the Director of Territory Records for use by all ACT Government agencies as part of their classifying and titling of paper and electronic records. See also *Records Advice No.28 Functional directories on shared drives*.

The disposal actions listed in this Records Disposal Schedule were determined through the process of appraisal in accordance with *Territory Records Office Standard for Records Management No.2 - Appraisal*. Appraisal is based upon the same type of analysis of business activity employed in the classification scheme used in the Territory Version of Keyword AAA. Essentially, appraisal involves attaching record retention periods and disposal decisions (and even records creation requirements and rules) to the same classification scheme.

### **GUIDELINES FOR USE**

### Coverage of authority

The Records Disposal Schedule - School Management Records:

- covers all records related to the function;
- is intended to be used in conjunction with other Territory Records Disposal Schedules:
- specifies the minimum period records should be kept (retention periods)
- specifies whether, upon the expiry of the retention periods, the records may be destroyed or are required as Territory Archives; and
- is applicable to records created and maintained in any format, including electronic or formats such as microfiche.

### Layout of the schedule

This Records Disposal Schedule begins with an introduction incorporating definitions and the business classification scheme. Then each of the functions and activity disposal sets or 'disposal classes' relating to the functions are described. These are followed by a composite list of classes designated 'Retain as Territory Archives'. The functions and activity disposal sets show the following details:

### Function.

This is the broad level business function and is displayed in bold capital letters at the top of each page. It is the highest level in the business classification scheme. It is followed by the scope note, which provides definitions of the function and a collective view of the business activities that make that function unique.

### Activity.

Activities are the processes or operations that make up the business function. They are set in bold and italics below the function statement. This is the second level of the business classification scheme. The scope of the activity encompasses all of the transactions that take place in relation to the activity. Activities can relate to many functions with the scope notes covering all of these relationships (e.g., the activity 'Policy' is linked to all of the functions). However, each function and activity set represents a unique unit.

### Entry No.

This is the disposal class number allocated based on the function and activity set and the class number of the record. The barcode is the same as the Entry No. and may be used in an automated recordkeeping system.

### **Description of Records.**

This is the description of the records documenting the business function, activity and transactions. The descriptions can relate to one record such as a register or a group of records documenting a particular set of transactions.

### **Disposal Action.**

This is the minimum period a record must be kept for and is the trigger event from which the disposal date can be calculated.

### FORMAT OF RECORD

This Records Disposal Schedule is applicable to any record that performs the function prescribed, irrespective of format. Records may include:

- cards;
- registers;
- files;
- microfilm;
- COM (computer output microfiche);
- electronic records, including various electronic media, and
- any other formats.

### Electronic records

Refers to records created, communicated and maintained by means of electronic equipment. Information could be maintained/stored in a number of ways - on the database (the main database, or a special archives database); on magnetic media; on optical disks; or on separate hardcopy (paper, COM).

Electronic records must be readily accessible for the length of the specified retention period. Routine treatment (such as wiping, updating, alterations or re-recording) does not constitute disposal.

### DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

When the approved disposal date for the destruction of records has been reached, appropriate arrangements for their destruction should be made. It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that its records are destroyed in a secure and appropriate manner as indicated in the agency Records Management Program.

### UPDATING THE RECORDS DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

Records Disposal Schedules are reviewed and updated from time to time. For suggested amendments or alterations to this schedule please contact the Director of Territory Records.

# ASSISTANCE IN USING THE RECORDS DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

Agencies requiring any assistance in the interpretation or implementation of any Records Disposal Schedule are encouraged to contact the Director of Territory Records.

### RELATED LEGISLATION

The following legislation is related to the records classes covered by this Records Disposal Schedule:

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act 1997

Canberra Institute of Technology Act 1987

Education Act 2004

Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cwlth)

Evidence Act 2011

Food Act 2001

Freedom of Information Act 1989

Mental Health (Treatment and Care) (Interstate Application of Mental Health Laws)

Agreement 2002

Public Health Risk (Centre for Opioid Detoxification using Opioid Antagonists) Declaration 2001

Schools Assistance (Learning Together - Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004 (Cwlth)

Territory Records Act 2002

Training and Tertiary Education Act 2003

University of Canberra Act 1989

### **DEFINITIONS**

### Agency

The Executive, an ACT Court, the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, an administrative unit, a Board of Inquiry, a Judicial or Royal Commission, any other prescribed authority, or an entity declared under the regulations of the *Territory Records Act 2002* to be an agency.

### **Appraisal**

The process of evaluating business activities to:

- determine which records need to be captured;
- determine how long the records need to be kept to meet business needs; and
- meet the requirements of organisational accountability and community expectations.

### **Business Classification Scheme**

A hierarchical scheme for identifying and defining the functions, activities and transactions an agency performs in the conduct of its business, and the relationships between them.

### Principal Officer

The Chief Executive of an administrative unit, or its equivalent in other types of agencies.

### Records

Information created, received, and maintained as evidence and information by an organisation or person, in pursuance of legal obligations or in the transition of business. This recorded information must be maintained or managed by the agency to provide evidence of their business activities. Records can be in written, electronic or any other form.

### Records of an Agency

Records, in writing, electronic or any other form, under the control of an agency or to which it is entitled to control, kept as a record of its activities, whether it was created or received by the agency.

### Records Disposal Schedule

A document approved by the Director of Territory Records, which sets out the types of

### Records Management Program

A document that complies with Section 16 of the *Territory Records Act* 2002 by setting out the means by which an agency will manage its records, and is approved by the agency's Principal Officer.

### Recordkeeping Systems

Information systems that capture, maintain and provide access to records over time. While the term is often associated with computer software, Recordkeeping Systems also encompass policies, procedures, practices and resources that are applied within an agency to ensure that full and accurate records of business activity are made and kept.

### Scope Note

An explanation of terms used in describing the records and the context in which they were made and used.

### Sentencing

The process of applying appraisal decisions to individual records by determining the part of a Records Disposal Schedule that applies to the record and assigning a retention period consistent with that part.

### **Territory Archives**

Records preserved for the benefit of present and future generations.

# **BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION SCHEME**

### SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The function of managing the administration and structure of schools such as opening, naming, closure, amalgamation, registrations and operations of schools. Includes matters relating to school activities and school-based responsibilities.

### Advice

The activities associated with offering opinions as to an action or judgement. Includes the process of advising.

### Agreements

The processes associated with the establishment, maintenance, review and negotiation of agreements. Includes records associated with preparing agreements/contracts and settling those agreements/contracts. Includes contracts, memoranda of understanding (MOU), deeds, leases, licences and mortgages.

### Arrangements

The activities involved in arranging for a journey or trip or for the delivery of equipment or goods and the usage made of facilities, vehicles, equipment and space. Includes preparing travel itineraries, authorisations, entitlements, etc.

### Audit

The activities associated with officially checking financial, quality assurance and operational records to ensure they have been kept and maintained in accordance with agreed or legislated standards and correctly record the events, processes and business of an agency, company or other organisation in a specified period. Includes compliance audits, financial audits, operational audits, recordkeeping audits, skills audits, system audits and quality assurance audits.

### Authorisation

The process of delegating power to authorise an action and the seeking and granting permission to undertake a requested action.

### Canteen Operations

Records relating to the operation of school canteens.

### **Ceremonies**

The activities associated with arranging and managing a formal act performed for a special occasion.

### Class Development

The activity of developing classes, such as composite classes, closure of classes, class sizes etc. Includes arrangements for special needs classes. Also includes the process of sourcing teacher resources to teach the classes.

### **Committees**

The activities associated with the establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, reports, agendas, etc. of committees and task forces.

### **Compliance**

The activities associated with complying with mandatory or optional accountability, fiscal, legal, regulatory or quality standards or requirements. Includes compliance with legislation and with national and international standards, such as the ISO 9000 series.

### Curriculum Development

The process of developing and approving curricula.

### **Enquiries**

The activities associated with handling requests for information about the agency and its services, programs and activities.

### **Evaluation**

The process of determining the suitability of potential or existing programs, items of equipment, systems or services in relation to meeting the needs of the given situation. Includes systems analysis and ongoing monitoring.

### **Implementation**

The activities associated with carrying out or putting into action, plans, policies, procedures or instructions, all of which could be internally or externally driven. Includes manual or automated databases, applications or systems, but excludes installation of equipment. Also includes monitoring to ensure the implementation goes according to schedule and that standards are met.

### Intellectual property

The activities involved in managing the agency's intellectual property, both published and unpublished, and the use of material held by the agency in which another party owns the intellectual property. Includes management of copyright, design, patents and trademarks, royalties and matters of confidentiality, such as trade secrets, which are not available to the public under Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation.

### Joint ventures

The activities involved in managing joint operations between the agency and other agencies, or with the government, where there is a contract, joint contribution of funds and/or time. Includes private sector ventures with public sector organisations, and co-research or collaboration between inter-departmental units, departments or agencies.

### Liaison

The activities associated with maintaining regular general contact between the agency and professional associations, professionals in related fields, other private sector organisations and community groups. Includes sharing informal advice and discussions, membership of professional associations and collaborating on projects that are not joint ventures.

### Meetings

The activities associated with regular or ad hoc gatherings held to formulate, discuss, update or resolve issues and matters pertaining to the function. Includes staff meetings, arrangements, agenda, taking of minutes, etc. Excludes committee meetings.

### **Planning**

The process of formulating ways in which objectives can be achieved. Includes determination of services, needs and solutions to those needs.

### **Policy**

The activities associated with developing and establishing decisions, directions and precedents which act as a reference for future decision making.

### **Procedures**

Standard methods of operating laid down by the agency according to formulated policy.

### Public Reaction

The process of handling public reaction to an agency's policies or services. Includes anonymous letters, letters of complaint and letters of congratulations or appreciation received from the public.

### Reporting

The processes associated with initiating or providing a formal response to a situation or request (either internal, external or as a requirement of corporate policies, regulation, or legislation, e.g. Annual Report). Includes statistics and returns.

Note: Reports resulting from a routine activity, e.g. inspection reports, form part of that activity, i.e. reports resulting from an inspection are part of the inspection and not the activity of Reporting. Reports of these types should be classified as part of the greater activity generating the report.

### Research

The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into a subject or area of interest in order to discover facts, principles, etc. Used to support development of projects, standards, guidelines, etc. and business activities in general. Includes following up enquiries relating to programs, projects, working papers, literature searches, etc.

### Reviewing

The activities involved in re-evaluating or re-examining products, processes, procedures, standards and systems. Includes recommendations and advice resulting from these activities.

### **Security**

The activities associated with measures taken to protect people, premises, equipment or information from accidental or intentional damage or from unauthorised access. Includes the security classification of personnel and criminal record checks.

### **Submissions**

The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. a business case, statistics, etc.) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, for the purpose of either gain or support.

### **Suggestions**

The process of using suggestions from personnel and the public to improve the services and processes of the agency.

### **Teacher Observations**

Observations or notes, made and documented by school staff on programs, methods, students etc.

### RECORDS DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

### SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The function of managing the administration and structure of schools such as opening, naming, closure, amalgamation, registrations and operations of schools. Includes matters relating to school activities and school-based responsibilities.

### Advice

The activities associated with offering opinions as to an action or judgement. Includes the process of advising.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.005.001	Receipt and provision of advice that resulted in major changes. Includes advice provided by consultants.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.005.002	Receipt and provision of all other advice. Includes advice provided by consultants.	Destroy 5 years after action completed
170.005.003	Working papers documenting the development of advice.	Destroy 2 years after action completed

### Agreements

The processes associated with the establishment, maintenance, review and negotiation of agreements. Includes records associated with preparing agreements/contracts and settling those agreements/contracts. Includes contracts, memoranda of understanding (MOU), deeds, leases, licences and mortgages.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.006.001	Agreements and supporting documents.	Destroy 7 years after
	Includes contracts and project scope	action completed
	documents.	

### Arrangements

The activities involved in arranging for a journey or trip or for the delivery of equipment or goods and the usage of facilities, vehicles, equipment and space. Includes preparing travel itineraries, authorisations, entitlements etc.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.011.001	Travel and accommodation arrangements.	Destroy 1 year after
	Includes arrangements for guest speakers.	action completed

### Audit

The activities associated with officially checking financial, quality assurance and operational records to ensure they have been kept and maintained in accordance with agreed or legislated standards and correctly record the events, processes and business of an agency, company or other organisation in a specified period. Includes compliance audits, financial audits, operational audits, recordkeeping audits, skills audits, system audits and quality assurance audits.

Entry No. 170.013.001	<ul> <li>Description of Records</li> <li>Final report of an internal or external audit (e.g. conducted by an external authority such as the ACT Auditor General's Office) where:</li> <li>the audit report is qualified by the auditor; or</li> <li>there are major or significant changes to practices.</li> </ul>	Disposal Action Retain as Territory Archives
170.013.002	Final report of an internal or external audit (e.g. conducted by an external authority such as the ACT Auditor General's Office) where:	Destroy 10 years after action completed
	<ul> <li>the audit report has been accepted by the auditor; or</li> <li>there are no changes, or only minor or routine changes to practices.</li> </ul> Includes recommendations and implementation plans.	
170.013.003	Planning and conduct of internal and external audits.	Destroy 7 years after action completed

### Authorisation

The process of delegating power to authorise an action and the seeking and granting permission to undertake a requested action.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.014.001	Delegations of power to agency staff to authorise administrative action.	Destroy 7 years after delegation expires
170.014.002	Authorisations for administrative action.	Destroy 7 years after action completed

### **Canteen Operations**

Records relating to the operation of school canteens.

Entry	No.

# 170.368.001

### **Description of Records**

Records relating to the day-to-day management of canteens. Includes recruitment and terms of appointment of the canteen management and staff.

[For stock purchases, use FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – Acquisition.

For stocktaking, use FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – Inventory.]

### Disposal Action

Destroy 2 years after action completed

### Class Development

The activity of developing classes, such as composite classes, closure of classes, class sizes etc. Includes arrangements for special needs classes. Also includes the process of sourcing teacher resources to teach the classes.

### Entry No.

## 170.370.001

### **Description of Records**

Records relating to the formulation and development of different types of classes such as composite and evening classes. Includes records about these classes including:

- attendance levels;
- applications to teach evening classes;
- class sizes.

### Disposal Action

Destroy 5 years after action completed

### **Committees**

The activities associated with the establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, reports, agendas, etc. of committees and task forces.

### Entry No. Description of Records 170.020.001 Records of high-level external and internal committees formed to manage or advise on major decisions including school boards. Includes: final versions of documents establishing the committee; constitutions; terms of reference; appointment of members; minutes; • reports; recommendations; supporting documents such as briefing and discussion papers. 170.020.002 Records documenting declarations of members' private interests.

170.020.003

Records relating to external or internal committees formed to consider specific

matters, including school boards. Includes:

- final versions of documents establishing the committee;
- constitution;
- terms of reference;
- appointment of members;
- minutes;
- reports;
- recommendations;
- supporting documents such as briefing and discussion papers.

### Disposal Action

Retain as Territory Archives

Destroy 7 years after termination of appointment

Destroy 5 years after action completed

### Committees (Continued)

The activities associated with the establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, reports, agendas, etc. of committees and task forces.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.020.004	Records of working papers and administration of committees. Includes:	Destroy 6 months after action completed
	<ul><li>agendas;</li><li>notices of meetings;</li><li>draft minutes;</li><li>room bookings.</li></ul>	

### **Compliance**

The activities associated with complying with mandatory or optional accountability, fiscal, legal, regulatory or quality standards or requirements. Includes compliance with legislation and with national and international standards, such as the ISO 9000 series.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.021.001	Compliance with mandatory or optional	Destroy 7 years after
	standards with statutory requirements.	action completed

### Curriculum Development

The process of developing and approving curricula.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.365.001	Final versions of approved school based curricula.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.365.002	Final versions of unapproved school based curricula.	Destroy 1 year after action completed
170.365.003	Working papers associated with the development of school based curricula.	Destroy 1 year after action completed

### **Enquiries**

The activities associated with handling requests for information about the agency and its services, programs and activities.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.040.001	Records handling public enquiries.	Destroy 2 years after
		action completed

### **Evaluation**

The process of determining the suitability of potential or existing programs, items of equipment, systems or services in relation to meeting the needs of the given situation. Includes systems analysis and ongoing monitoring.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.042.001	External and internal reports evaluating potential or existing services and systems.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.042.002	Records documenting the evaluation and ongoing monitoring of the school management function.	Destroy 3 years after action completed
170.042.003	Working papers supporting external or internal reports evaluating the school management function.	Destroy 6 months after action completed

### **Implementation**

The activities associated with carrying out or putting into action, plans, policies, procedures or instructions, all of which could be internally or externally driven. Includes manual or automated databases, applications or systems, but excludes installation of equipment. Also includes monitoring to ensure the implementation goes according to schedule and that standards are met.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.053.001	Records documenting the implementation	Destroy 3 years after
	of plans, policies and procedures developed	action completed
	to support the school management	
	function.	

### Intellectual Property

The activities involved in managing the agency's intellectual property, both published and unpublished, and the use of material held by the agency in which another party owns the intellectual property. Includes management of copyright, design, patents and trademarks, royalties and matters of confidentiality, such as trade secrets, which are not available to the public under Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.060.001	Records documenting unsuccessful or abandoned attempts to establish intellectual property rights.	Destroy 7 years after action completed
170.060.002	Records documenting the establishment and general management of an agency's intellectual property. Includes:  • patents; • trademarks; • designs; • plant breeder's rights; • circuit layouts; • trade secrets; • all forms of copyright.	Destroy 3 years after intellectual property rights lapse

### Joint Ventures

The activities involved in managing joint operations between the agency and other agencies, or with the government, where there is a contract, joint contribution of funds and/or time. Also includes private sector ventures with public sector organisations, and co-research or collaboration between inter-departmental units, departments or agencies.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.062.001	Working papers relating to the establishment and negotiation and management of joint venture agreements of major significance.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.062.002	Signed joint venture contracts under seal and supporting records.	Destroy 12 years after completion or other termination of agreement or contract

### Joint Ventures (Continued)

The activities involved in managing joint operations between the agency and other agencies, or with the government, where there is a contract, joint contribution of funds and/or time. Also includes private sector ventures with public sector organisations, and co-research or collaboration between inter-departmental units, departments or agencies.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.062.003	Records documenting the management of publishing joint ventures. Includes records relating to the establishment, maintenance and review of joint venture agreements and contracts.	Destroy 7 years after action completed
170.062.004	Signed simple joint venture contracts and agreements and supporting records.	Destroy 7 years after completion or other termination of agreement or contract

### Liaison

The activities associated with maintaining regular general contact between the agency and professional associations, professionals in related fields, other agencies, private sector organisations and community groups. Includes sharing informal advice and discussions, membership of professional associations and collaborating on projects that are not joint ventures.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.067.001	Liaison activities undertaken with	Destroy 3 years after
	professional associations, private sector	action completed
	organisations and community groups.	
	Includes collaboration on projects and	
	exchanges of information.	

### Meetings

The activities associated with regular or ad hoc gatherings held to formulate, discuss, update or resolve issues and matters pertaining to the function. Includes staff meetings, arrangements, agenda, taking of minutes etc. Excludes committee meetings.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.072.001	Final version of minutes and supporting documents tabled at meetings. Includes meetings with external agencies.	Destroy 3 years after action completed
170.072.002	Working papers documenting the conduct and administration of meetings. Includes:  • agendas;	Destroy 6 months after action completed
	<ul><li>notices of meetings;</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>draft minutes.</li> </ul>	

### **Planning**

The process of formulating ways in which objectives can be achieved. Includes determination of services, needs and solutions to those needs.

Entry No. 170.079.001	Description of Records  Final version of plans for major projects.  Includes teacher programs.	Disposal Action Retain as Territory Archives
170.079.002	Final version of plans for other projects.	Destroy 5 years after plan is superseded
170.079.003	Working papers used to develop plans for projects. Includes:  • draft plans;  • reports analysing issues;  • comments on draft plans.	Destroy 1 year after adoption of the final plan

### **Policy**

The activities associated with developing and establishing decisions, directions and precedents which act as a reference for future decision making.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.080.001	Final version of policies.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.080.002	Development and establishment of agency's policies. Includes:  • policy proposals;  • research papers;  • results of consultations;  • supporting reports;  • major drafts.	Destroy 5 years after policy expires or is superseded
170.080.003	Comments made on the development of policies.	Destroy 3 years after promulgation of new policy
170.080.004	Policy documents and supporting papers.	Destroy 6 months after action completed

### **Procedures**

Standard methods of operating laid down by the agency according to formulated policy.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.082.001	Master set of agency manuals, handbooks, and directives etc. detailing procedures.	Destroy 7 years after procedures are superseded
170.082.002	Records documenting the development of agency procedures.	Destroy 2 years after procedures are superseded

### **Public Reaction**

The process of handling public reaction to an agency's policies or services. Includes anonymous letters, letters of complaint and letters of congratulations or appreciation received from the public.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.084.001	Records documenting public reaction and agency responses.	Destroy 6 years after action completed
	[For suggestions received from the public use SCHOOL MANAGEMENT – Suggestions.]	

### Reporting

The processes associated with initiating or providing a formal response to a situation or request (either internal, external or as a requirement of corporate policies, regulation, or legislation, e.g. Annual Report). Includes statistics and returns.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.088.001	Final version of formal reports and reports made to external agencies.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.088.002	Final versions of periodic reports used to monitor and document recurring activities. Includes the collection and reporting of statistical information.	Destroy 3 years after action completed
170.088.003	Responses to surveys.	Destroy 3 years after action completed
170.088.004	Working papers documenting the development of all reports. Includes drafts and comments received.	Destroy 6 months after action completed

### Research

The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into a subject or area of interest in order to discover facts, principles, etc. Used to support development of projects, standards, guidelines, etc. and business activities in general. Includes following up enquiries relating to programs, projects, working papers, literature searches, etc.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.091.001	Records documenting detailed research carried out to support the school management function.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.091.002	Records documenting routine research carried out to support the school management function.	Destroy 7 years after action completed

### Reviewing

The activities involved in re-evaluating or re-examining products, processes, procedures, standards and systems. Includes recommendations and advice resulting from these activities.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.093.001	Final reports and action plans.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.093.002	Records documenting a review of agency programs and operations. Includes documents establishing the review.	Destroy 5 years after action completed
170.093.003	Working papers documenting a review of agency programs and operations.	Destroy 2 years after action completed

### **Security**

The activities associated with measures taken to protect people, premises, equipment or information from accidental or intentional damage or from unauthorised access. Includes the security classification of personnel and criminal record checks.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.097.001	Records documenting arrangements made	Destroy 5 years after
	for security of students, dignitaries and the	action completed
	general public.	

### **Submissions**

The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. business case, statistics, etc) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, for the purpose of either gain or support.

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Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.102.001	Submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) made to the Chief Minister, Minister, and government bodies on issues directly relating to the agency's functions, concerning controversial issues with far reaching social, economic and international implications relating to the functional responsibilities of the agency.	Retain as Territory Archives
	[For Cabinet submissions regarding controversial issues, use GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	
170.102.002	Working papers documenting the development of submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) relating to significant issues.	Retain as Territory Archives
	[For working papers developing Cabinet submissions relating to significant issues, use GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	

### Submissions (Continued)

The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. business case, statistics, etc) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, for the purpose of either gain or support.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.102.003	Development of submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) made to other non-government organisations, bodies, groups, etc. relating to issues of significance to the Territory.	Retain as Territory Archives
170.102.004	Final successful agency submissions made to community organisations.	Destroy 7 years after action completed
170.102.005	Final unsuccessful agency submissions made to community organisation.	Destroy 7 years after action completed
170.102.006	Submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) made to the Chief Minister, Minister, and government bodies on issues directly relating to the agency's functions, concerning other matters of lesser importance with <b>no</b> far reaching impact on the social, economic and international standing of the Territory or country. Includes submissions concerning administrative matters.  [For Cabinet submissions concerning matters of lesser importance, use	Destroy 2 years after action completed
	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	
170.102.007	Working papers documenting the development of submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) relating to other matters of lesser importance.	Destroy 6 months after action completed
	[For working papers developing Cabinet submissions relating to matters of lesser importance, use GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	

### Suggestions

The process of using suggestions from personnel and the public to improve the services and processes of the agency.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.103.001	Suggestions received from the public relating to the school management function.	Destroy 3 years after action completed
	[For feedback received from the public, use SCHOOL MANAGEMENT – Public Reaction.]	

### **Teacher Observations**

Observations or notes made and documented by school staff on programs, methods, students etc.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.369.001	Records noting observations made and documented by school staff on programs, methods, students etc. to provide information in managing the particular programs or students (e.g. notes provided by teacher to relief teacher).	Destroy 5 years after action completed

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### SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The function of managing the administration and structure of schools such as opening, naming, closure, amalgamation, registrations and operations of schools. Includes matters relating to school activities and school-based responsibilities.

### Advice

The activities associated with offering opinions as to an action or judgement. Includes the process of advising.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.005.001	Receipt and provision of advice that	Retain as Territory
	resulted in major changes. Includes advice	Archives
	provided by consultants.	

### Audit

The activities associated with officially checking financial, quality assurance and operational records to ensure they have been kept and maintained in accordance with agreed or legislated standards and correctly record the events, processes and business of an agency, company or other organisation in a specified period. Includes compliance audits, financial audits, operational audits, recordkeeping audits, skills audits, system audits and quality assurance audits.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.013.001	Final report of an internal or external audit (e.g. conducted by an external authority such as the ACT Auditor General's Office) where:	Retain as Territory Archives
	<ul><li>the audit report is qualified by the auditor; or</li><li>there are major or significant</li></ul>	

changes to practices.

### **Committees**

The activities associated with the establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, reports, agendas, etc. of committees and task forces.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.020.001	Records of high-level external and internal	Retain as Territory
	committees formed to manage or advise on	Archives
	major decisions including school boards.	

- final versions of documents establishing the committee;
- constitutions;
- terms of reference;
- appointment of members;
- minutes;

Includes:

- reports;
- recommendations;
- supporting documents such as briefing and discussion papers.

### Curriculum Development

The process of developing and approving curricula.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.365.001	Final versions of approved school based	Retain as Territory
	curricula.	Archives

### **Evaluation**

The process of determining the suitability of potential or existing programs, items of equipment, systems or services in relation to meeting the needs of the given situation. Includes systems analysis and ongoing monitoring.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.042.001	External and internal reports evaluating	Retain as Territory
	potential or existing services and systems.	Archives

### Joint Ventures

The activities involved in managing joint operations between the agency and other agencies, or with the government, where there is a contract, joint contribution of funds and/or time. Also includes private sector ventures with public sector organisations, and co-research or collaboration between inter-departmental units, departments or agencies.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.062.001	Working papers relating to the	Retain as Territory
	establishment and negotiation and	Archives
	management of joint venture agreements of	f
	major significance.	

### **Planning**

The process of formulating ways in which objectives can be achieved. Includes determination of services, needs and solutions to those needs.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.079.001	Final version of plans for major projects.	Retain as Territory
	Includes teacher programs.	Archives

### **Policy**

The activities associated with developing and establishing decisions, directions and precedents which act as a reference for future decision making.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.080.001	Final version of policies.	Retain as Territory
		Archives

### Reporting

The processes associated with initiating or providing a formal response to a situation or request (either internal, external or as a requirement of corporate policies, regulation, or legislation, e.g. Annual Report). Includes statistics and returns.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.088.001	Final version of formal reports and reports	Retain as Territory
	made to external agencies.	Archives

### Research

The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into a subject or area of interest in order to discover facts, principles, etc. Used to support development of projects, standards, guidelines, etc. and business activities in general. Includes following up enquiries relating to programs, projects, working papers, literature searches, etc.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.091.001	Records documenting detailed research	Retain as Territory
	carried out to support the school	Archives
	management function.	

### Reviewing

The activities involved in re-evaluating or re-examining products, processes, procedures, standards and systems. Includes recommendations and advice resulting from these activities.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.093.001	Final reports and action plans.	Retain as Territory
		Archives

### **Submissions**

The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. business case, statistics, etc) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, for the purpose of either gain or support.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.102.001	Submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) made to the Chief Minister, Minister, and government bodies on issues directly relating to the agency's functions, concerning controversial issues with far reaching social, economic and international implications relating to the functional responsibilities of the agency.	Retain as Territory Archives
	[For Cabinet submissions regarding controversial issues, use GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	

### Submissions (Continued)

The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. business case, statistics, etc) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, for the purpose of either gain or support.

Entry No.	Description of Records	Disposal Action
170.102.002	Working papers documenting the development of submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) relating to significant issues.	Retain as Territory Archives
	[For working papers developing Cabinet submissions relating to significant issues, use GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – Submissions.]	
170.102.003	Development of submissions (other than Cabinet submissions) made to other non-government organisations, bodies, groups, etc. relating to issues of significance to the Territory.	Retain as Territory Archives