ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA

DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

for

Functional records of the System Controller for the Tasmanian Electricity Distribution Network

Disposal Authorisation No. 2093

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Title: Disposal Schedule for functional records of the System Controller for the Tasmanian Electricity Distribution Network

Administering Agency: System Controller

Authorisation:
Under Section 20 (2) (b) of the Archives Act 1983, I hereby authorise the System Controller to manage the disposal of the records described in this Schedule in accordance with the procedures specified herein.

Ian Pearce
STATE ARCHIVIST

Date: 20 September 2001
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INTRODUCTION

Archives Act
The Archives Act 1983 stipulates that agencies must not dispose of records of any type or format (including electronic records, microfilm, sound recordings, films etc.) without the written approval of the State Archivist. Disposal of records involves their destruction, their removal from the custody of their creating Agency, or their transfer to TAHO. Any enquiries relating to these matters should be directed, in writing to TAHO 91 Murray Street, Hobart, E-mail - gisu@education.tas.gov.au or by phoning 03 6165 5581.

Disposal Schedule
In order to facilitate the prompt and efficient disposal of functional records of functional records of the System Controller this Disposal Schedule has been approved by the State Archivist under Section 20(2)(b) of the Archives Act 1983.

The Schedule identifies and describes the:

- **Disposal Classes** - groups of records which have the same function.
- **Status** - i.e. permanent or temporary retention.
- **Disposal Action** - date for transfer or destruction.

It should be noted that where possible Disposal Classes have been identified and described in functional terms irrespective of the format or medium in which the records were created.

Records Covered by Schedules
- This Schedule covers the functional records created by System Control.
- The *Disposal Schedule No 2157 for General Administrative Records* covers administrative records created by the agency which relate to functions which are common to most State Service agencies.
- Records not covered by the above or other authorised agency schedules should be disposed of according to the *Disposal of unscheduled records* (2012: Advice 10).

- The Schedule **does not cover pre-1960 records**. The disposal of these records should also be managed according to the procedures for unscheduled records.

Disposal Action
The disposal actions identified in this schedule specify minimum retention periods. The Agency may keep records longer if it so desires. However, records with PERMANENT status which have been in existence more than 25 years must be transferred to TAHO unless a written exemption has been obtained from the State Archivist (Archives Act 1983 Section 11).
Records with TEMPORARY status can be kept as long as the Agency wishes but the provisions of the *Archives Act* regarding their proper care and custody still apply.

Frequently the retention period descriptions will refer to "after action completed" which means after the date of the last addition or amendment to the record.

**Transfer of Records to the Tasmanian Archive & Heritage Office**

All records designated as PERMANENT should be transferred to TAHO unless it is specified in the Schedule that they be retained by the Agency. The transfer should be arranged as soon as possible after the specified time. However, in order to avoid frequent small transfers of records, the Agency should develop a regular program of transferring records to TAHO. For practical purposes it is often preferable to delay the transfer of records until a convenient volume of records has accumulated (eg. about one linear metre or more).

Under no circumstances should records more than 25 years old be kept by the Agency without written approval from the State Archivist.

Records with PERMANENT status may be transferred before the specified date if administrative reference has ceased or is infrequent.

**Please note that records will not be accepted by TAHO unless specific prior arrangements have been made for their receipt and they have been arranged and described in accordance with any instruction provided by TAHO.**

For further information regarding the procedures relating to records covered by this Schedule see Disposal of Scheduled records (2005: Advice 9).

**Destruction of Records**

Hard copy records which have been approved for destruction (either in the Disposal Schedule or by a specific Destruction Authority) should be shredded, pulped or incinerated after the specified period has elapsed. Electronic records should be deleted from the system.

The Agency may make arrangements for the collection and destruction of hard copy records with an appropriate contractor. **Please note** that it remains the responsibility of the Agency to ensure that records are destroyed, and that this process is confidential and secure. If the records are in the Schedule, the appropriate entry must be made in the *Register of Records Destroyed*.

Electronic records identified for destruction should be deleted from the system. Care must be taken when deleting these records to establish whether or not any of the ‘meta-data’ embedded with the record in the system needs to be kept longer than the record itself. For example it is often the case that registers of correspondence must be kept longer than the correspondence itself; some of the index and registration details may be ‘tags’
within the record, not information stored in a separate registration system as would have been the case in traditional registry procedure. Most record management packages are likely to address this problem but it is necessary to be sure this is the case before deletion.

**Register of Records Destroyed**
The Agency is obliged to maintain a register of all records destroyed under the Schedule. The register is to be made available to the State Archivist (or nominee) on request. The register should not be used to list unscheduled records as these will be covered by a specific Destruction Authority issued by the State Archivist. The Register must be clearly identified as the *Register of Records Destroyed (under Section 20(2)(b) of the Archives Act 1983)* and should include the name of the Agency. This identification should appear on each loose sheet or on the cover if the register is kept in book format. The register can be the same used for registering destructions under the *Disposal Schedule Nº2157 for General Administrative Records for State Government Agencies and Authorities*. A sample format is available on the GISU website.

**Samples and/or Examples of Records Destroyed**
Occasionally samples and/or examples of records being destroyed under the Schedule will be selected by TAHO for transfer. The State Archivist will initiate this procedure where appropriate.

**Review of the Schedule**
If the description in the Schedule no longer accurately reflects the nature and function of the records these procedures should not be used. The State Archivist should be informed of the need to revise the Schedule and, if necessary, the procedure for transferring unscheduled records can be used in the interim.
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<td>Records relating to internal and external advice on major issues of public interest, precedents, and matters that affect System Control’s policy and procedures.</td>
<td>PERMANENT&lt;br&gt;Transfer 10 years after action completed.</td>
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<td>Advice relating to minor matters, which do not affect System Control’s policy and procedures.</td>
<td>TEMPORARY&lt;br&gt;Destroy 10 years after action completed.</td>
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<td>Records relating to advice provided by System Control to code participants.</td>
<td>TEMPORARY&lt;br&gt;Destroy 10 years after action completed.</td>
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<td>TEMPORARY&lt;br&gt;Destroy 7 years after expiry of agreement or last action, whichever is later</td>
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<td>Deeds and agreements under seal and supporting documentation, including correspondence.</td>
<td>TEMPORARY&lt;br&gt;Destroy 12 years after expiry of agreement or last action, whichever is later</td>
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<td>TEMPORARY Destroy 7 years after action completed.</td>
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<td>Routine organisational matters relating to investigations, such as lists, summaries, and timetables.</td>
<td>TEMPORARY Destroy 7 years after action completed.</td>
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<td>01.07.00</td>
<td>Liaison The activities involved in seeking information from, or the opinions of, one or more others. This includes general contact between System Control and external groups or individuals including organisations within the private sector, professional associations and the broader community.</td>
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<td>01.07.01</td>
<td>Records supporting agency contact with professional associations and industry groups, electricity regulator groups, and private sector organisations. Includes exchanges of information, co-operative planning, and development of projects, etc.</td>
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<td>01.10.03</td>
<td>Records relating to the development of action or business plans, including routine administrative records, and drafts. Includes plans not proceeded with.</td>
<td>TEMPORARY Destroy 2 years after adoption of the final plan.</td>
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<td>Records relating to the formulation of policies concerning major programs and initiatives for the power system security &amp; dispatch. Includes master set of instructions related to power system security &amp; dispatch and master sets of Directions and Risk Notices.</td>
<td>PERMANENT Transfer 10 years after policy is superseded.</td>
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<td>TEMPORARY Destroy 7 years after the procedures are superseded.</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting</strong>&lt;br&gt;The provision of a formal response on any matter, on which definite information is required, made by some person or body instructed or required to do so.</td>
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<td>TEMPORARY Destroy 10 years after matter is resolved.</td>
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<td>Records relating to the migration of information and communications systems, and data, from one platform to another.</td>
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| 02.09.03  | Records relating to the administration of research projects and activities. | TEMPORARY Destroy 7 years after action completed. |
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The activities involved in measuring the reliability, availability, quality of supply, and security of the transmission system. |
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