

Making life easier at Campaspe - with the LG Solutions LTFP



Ailsa Box is Manager Strategic Assets at Campaspe Shire Council

Q - Can you tell us what system or tool you were using to prepare your Long-Term Financial Plan before implementing the LG Solutions LTFP?

Ailsa - It was a convoluted spreadsheet; I think it was something that had been built in-house.

Q- What was it about the previous LTFP that prompted you to look for a replacement?

Ailsa - The reason for changing was the complexity of a spreadsheet that was linked to several other spreadsheets for both inputs and outputs. The staff who understood it left the organisation and due to the complexity and lack of knowledge of current users, there was no confidence in the output.

Q – When you decided to make the change, were there a few non-negotiable features you were looking for?

Ailsa - We were looking for:

- *an easy-to-use solution designed for local government and used widely*
- *features such as Model Statement outputs, multiple drivers, scenario functionality, comprehensive checklist*
- *a supported application*
- *the functionality to include quarterly budget reviews*

Q – Has the LG Solutions LTFP made the preparation of the LTFP a better process?

Ailsa –Yes, it's less onerous, easier to maintain and we have more confidence in outputs with the in-built integrity checks

Q – Lastly, are you glad that Council made the move to implement the LG Solutions LTFP?

Ailsa – Yes, we are very happy with the product, it is value for money, the support is exceptional, and the product does all we need and more. Hope the cloud version is coming soon.

We can easily get:

- *Outputs by whole of Council, functional structures and organisational structures*
- *Graphical outputs of key financial ratios, KPI's, against targets*
- *Model Statements outputs*

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