

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, 14 November 2024 commencing at 9.30am

The Council Chambers 91 - 93 Bloomfield Street CLEVELAND QLD

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

On establishing there is a quorum, the Mayor will declare the meeting open.

Recognition of the Traditional Owners

Council acknowledges the Quandamooka people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. Council also pays respect to their elders, past and present, and extend that respect to other indigenous Australians who are present.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion is required to approve leave of absence for any Councillor absent from today's meeting.

3 DECLARATION OF PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AND DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillors are reminded of their responsibilities in relation to a Councillor's Prescribed Conflict of Interest and Declarable Conflict of Interest at a meeting. For full details see Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

In summary:

Obligation of Councillor with Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Section 150EL of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Councillors to declare a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter as soon as they become aware of their interest in the matter, either:

- (1) at a local government meeting, or
- (2) as soon as practicable, by giving the Chief Executive Officer written notice of the prescribed conflict of interest.
- (3) The declaration must include the following particulars:
 - (a) For a gift, loan or contract the value of the gift, loan or contract;
 - (b) For an application for which a submission has been made the matters the subject of the application and submission;
 - (c) The name of any entity, other than the Councillor, that has an interest in the matter;
 - (d) The nature of the Councillor's relationship with the entity mentioned in (c) above;
 - (e) Details of the Councillor's, and any other entity's, interest in the matter.

Dealing with Prescribed Conflict of Interest at a Meeting

Pursuant to Section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, if a Councillor declares a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter, *the Councillor must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the place while the matter is discussed and voted on.*

Obligation of Councillor with Declarable Conflict of Interest

Section 150EQ of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Councillors to declare a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter as soon as they become aware of their interest in the matter, either:

- (1) at a local government meeting, or
- (2) as soon as practicable, by giving the Chief Executive Officer written notice of the declarable conflict of interest.
- (3) The declaration must include the following particulars:
 - (a) The nature of the declarable conflict of interest;
 - (b) If the declarable conflict of interest arises because of the councillor's relationship with a related party:
 - (i) The name of the related party; and
 - (ii) The nature of the relationship of the related party to the Councillor; and
 - (iii) The nature of the related party's interests in the matter;

- (c) If the Councillor's or related party's personal interests arise because of the receipt of a gift or loan from another person:
 - (i) The name of the other person; and
 - (ii) The nature of the relationship of the other person to the Councillor or related party; and
 - (iii) The nature of the other person's interests in the matter; and
 - (iv) The value of the gift or loan, and the date the gift was given or loan was made.

Procedure if Councillor has Declarable Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to Section 150ES of the Local Government Act 2009, eligible Councillors at the meeting must, by resolution, decide whether the Councillor who has declared the interest:

- (1) May participate in a decision about the matter at the meeting, including by voting on the matter; or
- (2) Must leave the place at which the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the place while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter.

Duty to report another Councillor's Prescribed Conflict of Interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest

Pursuant to section 150EW of the *Local Government Act 2009,* a Councillor who reasonably believes or reasonably suspects another Councillor has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest or a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter must:

- (1) Immediately inform the person who is presiding at the meeting about the belief or suspicion; or
- (2) As soon as practicable, inform the Chief Executive Officer of the belief of suspicion.

The Councillor must also inform the person presiding, or the Chief Executive Officer, of the facts and circumstances forming the basis of the belief or suspicion.

Record of Prescribed and Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Where a Councillor informs the meeting of a Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest, section 150FA of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires the following information to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting:

- (1) The name of the Councillor who may have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter;
- (2) The particulars of the prescribed or declarable conflict of interest;
- (3) If another Councillor informs the meeting of a belief of suspicion, about another Councillor's Conflict of Interest:
 - (a) The action the Councillor takes;
 - (b) Any decision by eligible Councillors; and
 - (c) The name of each eligible Councillor who voted in relation to whether the Councillor has a declarable conflict of Interest, and how each eligible Councillor voted.
- (4) Whether the Councillor participated in deciding the matter, or was present for deciding the matter;
- (5) For a matter to which the Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest relates:
 - (a) The name of the Councillor who has declared the conflict of interest;

- (b) The nature of the personal interest, as described by the Councillor;
- (c) The decision made;
- (d) Whether the Councillor participated in the meeting under an approval by the Minister;
- (e) If the Councillor voted on the matter, how they voted; and
- (f) How the majority of Councillors voted on the matter.
- (6) If the Councillor has a Declarable Conflict of Interest, in addition to the information above, the following information must be recorded in the minutes:
 - (a) The decision and reasons for the decision as to whether the Councillor with the Declarable Conflict of Interest may participate in the decision, or must not participate in the decision; and
 - (b) The name of each eligible Councillor who voted on the decision, and how the eligible Councillor voted.

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

COUNCIL MOTION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Process

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(a), (b) and (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the appointment, of the Chief Executive Officer, industrial matters affecting employees, and legal advice obtained by the local government for which a discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Overview

To provide an update on the recruitment process of the Chief Executive Officer.

5 MEETING CLOSURE