



COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS REGISTER

Date of Complaint	Councillor Name	Nature of Complaint	Action Taken
24 June 2024	Cr Cherie Schafer	It was alleged that a Councillor failed to declare a conflict of interest in a matter and that the nature of the Councillor's interest was personal. It was also alleged that during an open session of Council, the Councillor disclosed the details of a commercial in confidence opportunity that had been discussed in a closed session of Council.	The OIA made a statutory recommendation that the Councillor seek training from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works about the role and obligations of a councillor in identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with those interests, including when there is a matter before council involving a policy, matters for noting when a discussion could arise and Chapter 5B of the Act generally. The training should also include identifying and managing information that is confidential to the local government.
17 January 2025	Cr Jack Bawden	It was alleged that the Councillor failed to declare a conflict of interest in a number of matters and that the nature of the Councillor's interest was personal.	The OIA made a statutory recommendation that the Councillor undertake training with the Department, Local Government to improve the capacity of the mayor consistent with the objectives of the councillor conduct framework. The training is to address the role and obligations of a councillor in identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with and register those interests.