



# Councillor Conduct Register

1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

In accordance with section 150DX of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act), the Rockhampton Regional Council must maintain and publish a Councillor Conduct Register. Following the legislative amendment to the *Local Government Act 2009* on 22 November 2023, section 150DX was updated to remove the requirement for Local Governments to record in the Councillor Conduct Register any matters dismissed by the Assessor. This register is current and includes all complaints received prior to this date and any complaints received after this date bar matters that have been dismissed by Office of the Independent Assessor.

Reference	Date of Complaint	Name of Councillor <sup>1</sup>	Summary of Complaint	Date of Decision	Decision	Reason for dismissal (Section 150DZ)	Reason for decision (Section 150DY)	Decision Maker
C/23/0056	27/9/23		It is alleged that on two recent occasions, a Councillor attended meetings with private stakeholders in his capacity as a councillor of the Rockhampton Regional Council and during these meetings, raised that he operated a nursery business that undertakes revegetation and/or horticulture consultancy services for industrial construction and renewable energy projects.	29/2/24	No further action	After investigating the notification, OIA decided to not deal with the conduct and have instead recommended that the Councillor refamiliarise himself with the local government principles provided by section 4 of the Act and the responsibilities of councillors provided by section 12 of the Act; and when attending any meetings or functions in his capacity as a councillor, he refrains from discussing personal business interests and services with stakeholders who may be potential clients.		OIA
C/23/00603	13/10/23		It is alleged a councillor voted on matter where they had a declarable conflict of interest.	25/10/23	No further action	<p>The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section <i>150Y(b)(iii)</i> of the Local Government Act 2009 [the Act] on the basis that taking further action would be an unjustifiable use of resources.</p> <p>In correspondence with council, it was acknowledged that this incident arose due to a lack of concentration rather than any intentional conduct on the councillor's part. The evidence suggested that the councillor's involvement was inadvertent. The councillor demonstrated appreciation and awareness of the existence of a potential conflict of interest as well as a commitment to rectifying the situation by addressing the incident at the earliest opportunity.</p>		OIA

<sup>1</sup> Only to be included if the local government or conduct tribunal decided that the Councillor engaged in inappropriate conduct or misconduct, or where the Councillor agrees to their name being included in the register (section 150DY(3) *Local Government Act 2009*)