

Chair to exercise a casting vote

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Introduction

The intent of this policy is to ensure the Tiwi Islands Regional Council complies with the Local Government Act and establishes the use of a casting vote by the Chair of a Council Meeting.

Scope

This policy applies to the elected members of Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

Background

Section 61(6) of the Local Government Act states that:

Each member present at a meeting has and must exercise one vote on a question arising for decision at the meeting and, if the council has a policy allowing the Chair to exercise a casting vote, the Chair must exercise, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

Section 61(7) of the Local Government Act states that:

A policy to allow the Chair to exercise a casting vote:

- a) may only be established by resolution of the council passed at the first meeting of the council to be held after a general election; and
- b) cannot be altered or revoked during the term of the council; and
- c) lapses at the conclusion of the next general election.

Policy Statement

Should such occasion arise whereby there is an equal number of votes for and against a proposal that is before Council:

- 1. Council may decide, via a resolution, that the proposal that is before Council can be debated at another date and time and therefore, the decision will be deferred; or
- 2. Should Council not resolve to defer the decision, the Chair will exercise a second or casting vote.



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This policy cannot be altered or revoked for the term of the present council and lapses at the conclusion of the next election.

Related Documents				
Local Government Act				
Declaration:				
I have read and agree with the Chair to exercise a casting vote policy.				
Signature	Name			
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Date:				

Document History

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