

LOCAL LAW NO 9

Changes to Local Law No 7

- Clause 6(b) - deleted reference to section 88 Local Government Act 1989 as section has been repealed.
- Clause 7 – definition of Special Committee, deleted reference to section 88 Local Government Act 1989 as section has been repealed.
- Clause 8(2)(a) adds additional information re setting of Mayoral and Councillor allowances – only required to set allowances once during term of Council.
- Clause 10 altered the number of days required to be given to CEO for calling of a Special Meeting of Council from 3 to 7. Section 89 LGA requires 7 days public notice being given for the holding of Special Meetings of Council.
- Clause 11(1)(b) notice to Councillors of Special Meetings extended from 24 hours to 48 hours so that consistent with amount of notice required for Council Meetings.
- Clause 24(l) & (m) updated procedures for declaring conflict of interests for both Councillors and Council employees, in accordance with sections 78 & 79 LGA.
- Clause 26(1) addition of the heading Prayer to Order of Business for ordinary meetings of Council.
- Clause 26(1) addition of the heading Acknowledgement of Country to Order of Business for ordinary meetings of Council.
- Clause 26(2) Acknowledgement of Country to be incorporated into Order of Business for special meetings of Council.
- Clause 35(5) option to address Council employees at meetings either by name or title –conforms to current practice.
- Clause 41 is significantly altered to enhance debate by permitting any Councillor to speak on a matter irrespective of what views have previously been expressed by other Councillors. Currently, debate must follow a strict order of speakers for and against an item.
- Clause 43 altered in line with the intent of enabling debate.
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- Clause 63 altered to facilitate more than one extension of time for a speaker.
- Clause 81(1) altered to 72 hours for notice of a deputation to align with the arrangement of ensuring that the Agenda is complete and available on website by 12 noon on Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.
- Clause 82(3) altered by adding the ability to extend Question Time by an additional 10 minutes if required and complements the aim of having a more participative Question Time.
- Notation after the attestation sealing clause altered by adding that a copy of Local Law is also available on website.
- Appendix 1 changed format of question time form by providing for submitter of a question having the option to "read it out" at the Council meeting and the addition of note that Councillors and Directors if required will be available to further discuss issues after the Council meeting at supper.