

TITLE:	Aged Care Services Policy		
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THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: All Employees of the Barkly Regional Council

SUMMARY

This Policy outlines the Barkly Regional Council's aim of maintaining good governance and sound management of all aged care services operations within the Barkly region. This Policy has been drafted to comply with the *Aged Care Act*.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy is intended to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Aged Care Act*, the Aged Care Standards and the Charter of Aged Care Rights.

BACKGROUND

As an Approved Provider, Council is responsible for the responsible delivery of care and financial management of aged care services under its control and for the administration of the service recipient's fees and payments.

POLICY

As 1 July 2019, Approved Providers of aged care services must assure the Government that the care and services they provide are suitable and meet the requirements under the *Aged Care Act*.

In order to ensure compliance, Council must:

- a) Ensure all key personnel, including the Council Director overseeing aged care, all persons within Council who make executive decisions on behalf of Council and all persons with significant influence over aged care under Council's aged care services:
 - a. have not been convicted of an indictable offence;
 - b. is not insolvent or bankrupt; and
 - c. is not of unsound mind.
- b) Ensure all criminal and police checks are monitored at least every three (3) years for all key personnel within Council;
- c) Have clearly defined and communicated systems of managing the aged communities within the Barkly region;

- d) Ensure all key decision makers concerned with the administration of aged care within the Barkly region are given regular opportunities to undertake training in financial and good governance; and
- e) Monitor the findings and key results which may impact on the delivery of adequate care and services to the aged care community within the Barkly region.

LEGISLATION & STANDARDS

Good Governance Policy
Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)
Local Government Act (NT)
Work Health and Safety Act (NT)

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

The Chief Executive Officer of Council has responsibility for the enforcement of this policy with delegation granted to the Director of Community Services.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years, or when required due to legislative or organisational change.