

POLICY

TITLE:	CASTING VOTE POLICY		
DIVISON:	COUNCIL		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
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LEGISLATIVE REF:	Section 95(6) Local Government Act 2019		

PURPOSE:

To provide the minimum internal controls required for the printing, safe custody, approval, use, accounting for and disposal of accountable forms.

1. DEFINITIONS

Chairperson - The chairperson of a meeting of a council is:

- (a) if the mayor is present – the mayor; or
- (b) if the mayor is not present but the deputy mayor is present – the deputy mayor; or
- (c) if neither the mayor nor the deputy mayor is present but an acting principal member is present – the acting principal member; or
- (d) if neither the mayor nor the deputy mayor is present and there is no acting mayor or the acting mayor is not present – a member chosen, by resolution, by the members present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

2. APPLICATION

2.1 Chairperson has a casting vote

If there is an equality of votes on a question arising for decision at a council meeting, the chairperson has a casting vote.

2.2 Use of casting vote

A casting vote is to be exercised by the chairperson when there are equal votes on a question arising for decision at a council meeting. During such an occurrence, the casting vote will determine the vote. The chairperson must exercise the casting vote either in favour or against the motion.

If there are unequal votes, the chairperson cannot exercise a casting vote.

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS

Barkly Regional Council Meeting Practice Policy

Local Government Act 2019

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy can only be adopted at the first meeting after a local government general election.