

POLICY

TITLE:	Code of Conduct Policy – Members/ Councillors		
DIVISON:	Corporate Services - Governance		
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
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AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All Elected Members, Audit Committee Members, Council Committee Members and Local Authority Members of the Barkly Regional council

SUMMARY

The aim of all policy is to establish behavioural and ethical standards for all elected members, audit committee members, council committee members and local authority members of the Barkly Regional council, whilst adhering to Council's legislative requirements under part 7.4 of the Local Government Act 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Outline the minimal behavioural and ethical standards for all elected members, audit committee members, council committee members and local authority members of the Barkly Regional council
- Ensure Council is compliant with its legislative requirements under part 7.4 of the Local Government Act 2019

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

1 Honesty and integrity:

A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.

2 Care and diligence:

A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.

3 Courtesy:

A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

4 Prohibition on bullying:

A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.

5 Conduct towards council staff:

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.

6 Respect for cultural diversity and culture:

6.1 A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.

6.2 A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

7 Conflict of interest:

7.1 A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.

7.2 If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.

8 Respect for confidences:

8.1 A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.

8.2 A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.

9 Gifts:

9.1 A member must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

9.2 A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

10 Accountability:

A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.

11 Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount:

11.1 A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

11.2 In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

12 Training:

A member must undertake relevant training in good faith

LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by Council under Part 7.4 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and is enforceable under that legislation.

IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

This code of conduct applies to all Elected Members, Audit Committee Members, Council Committee Members and Local Authority Members of the Barkly Regional council.

This policy is delegated to the CEO for implementation.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

As the policy is prescribed as a requirement of Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*, the policy will be reviewed as a result of any repeals or amendments to the current act.

Acknowledgement

I, _____ (*Print full name*) have read and understood the Barkly Regional Council Code of Conduct and I agree to abide by this code which is outlined above.

Members' signature: _____

Date signed: _____