Councillor Conduct Register 2026-2027

This register is kept in accordance with Section 150DX of the Local Government Act 2009, Cairns Regional Council must maintain and publish a Councillor Conduct Register. The register must record matters about [150DX (1)(a)] orders made about the unsuitable meeting conduct of councillors, including the chairperson, at its local government meetings [150DX(1)(b)]: decisions not to start, or to discontinue, investigations of suspected conduct breaches of councillors under section 150AEA: [150DX (1)(c)] : decisions about the suspected conduct breaches of councillors referred to the local government under part 3, division 5: [150DX (1)(d)] :decisions about whether or not councillors engaged in misconduct or a conduct breach made by the conduct tribunal under part 3, division 6. This register is required to be published on the Cairns Regional Council Website and will be available for inspection and/or purchase by the public.

Decision maker	Date of decision	Name of Councillor (if required)	Summary of complaint	Decision	Summary of the decision and reasons for the decision *(only includes names where substantiated)*	Date of Complaint
Councillor Conduct Tribunal File No. F26/490	7/07/2026	Cr Amy Eden	**Agreed Facts** At an ordinary meeting of council on 25 October 2023 ('the meeting') the agenda included an item regarding the establishment of a register of pre-qualified suppliers ('ROPS') for the provision of events, marketing, advertising and media services to council ('the agenda item'). The agenda item included consideration of a report that recommended the appointment of forty-six suppliers to the ROPS for a period of three years, with two options for an extension of up to two years at council's discretion. STC was one of the suppliers recommended for inclusion on the ROPS. At the commencement of the meeting there was a routine call for declarations of conflicts of interest, which resulted in the following exchange between Cr Eden and another councillor: *Councillor: Councillor Eden the … I'm not quite sure which clause it is, it's the one with the ROPS, there's a um company there called STC … is that KBN? Respondent: That is KBN. Councillor: You're not declaring an interest on that one as a personal friend? Respondent: Ah, no. She's not a registered party on my conflict register Councillor: Ok, thank you.* Following consideration of the agenda item by council, a motion was moved in terms of the recommendation contained in the report; following a brief discussion, the motion was put to a vote and was carried unanimously. The Cr Eden did not declare a conflict of interest in the matter and participated in the decision by voting to accept the report's recommendations. The Cr Eden now acknowledges that KBN was a related party by virtue of their close personal relationship. It is not alleged that Cr Eden intentionally sought to conceal the relationship with KBN; rather, the Cr Eden quite properly accepts that she should reasonably have been aware that her close personal relationship with KBN ought to have been declared. Cr Eden also accepts that when questioned about her relationship with KBN during the meeting, Cr Eden ought to have realised that whether KBN was listed in the respondent's ROI was not determinative of the question of whether Cr Eden had a close personal relationship with KBN.	Finding of misconduct	The Tribunal makes the following orders: 1. Pursuant to ss 150L(1)(b)(i) of the Act, Cr Eden has behaved in a way that constitutes misconduct. 2. Pursuant to s 150AR(1)(b)(i) of the Act, Cr Eden make a public admission to the conduct at a general meeting of Council open to the public within 60 days of the publication of this decision. 3. Pursuant to s 150AR(1)(b)(iii) of the Act, Cr Eden attend training to address Cr Eden's conduct.	13/11/2023
Cairns Regional Council	15/07/2026	Cr Amy Eden	It was alleged that Cr Eden engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct during discussion of Item 5.	That the Councillor has engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct.	At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 July 2026, In accordance with section 150I of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 3.6 of the Model Meeting Procedures the Council resolved that Cr Eden had engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct during discussion of Item 5.	15/07/2026