

Councillor Conduct Register 2023-2024



Decision maker	Date of decision	Summary of complaint	Decision	Summary of the decision and reasons for the decision (only includes names where substantiated)	Date of Complaint
Office of the Independent Assessor C/21/00340	14/12/2023	That a councillor, having a conflict of interest in relation to a matter involving Cairns Airport and the Jack Barnes Bicentennial Mangrove Boardwalk, contravened section 150EZ of the Local Government Act 2009.	Withdrawn	On 14 December 2023, the OIA gave notice of the withdrawal to the CCT after the commencement of section 350 of the Act on 22 November 2023.	16/12/2022
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00469	01/09/2023	It is alleged a councillor conspired with lawyers to obstruct an injury claim against council.	Dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) as being an unjustifiable use of resources on the basis that enquiries found no evidence that the councillor acted improperly.	17/08/2023
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00530	04/10/2023	It is alleged that a councillor provided confidential, false and/or misleading details about another councillor to a journalist.	No further action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009. On the basis that details obtained by the OIA during assessment found that the information was not confidential, and the comments would not reach the threshold of amounting to inappropriate conduct or misconduct.	13/09/2023
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00486	04/09/2023	It is alleged a councillor failed to declare a conflict of interest when voting in relation to a motion.	Dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 on the basis the Matter under consideration by council was not sufficiently connected to the councillor's personal interests to an extent that would raise a conflict of interest. The councillor's conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct within the meaning of the Act.	28/08/2023
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00582	13/10/2023	It is alleged a councillor breached a meeting policy of council in a Council meeting.	No further action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009 [the Act] on the basis that the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. The OIA viewed the recorded meeting and did not consider that the councillor's comments reached the threshold to require action on a disciplinary basis.	06/10/2023
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00538	23/02/2024	That a councillor or councillors engaged in misconduct as defined by section 150L(1)(c)(iv) of the Act on the basis that the alleged conduct involved the release of information that the councillor knows, or should reasonably know, is information that is confidential to the local government.	No further action	The OIA decided to take no further action in respect of this matter because there was insufficient information to properly form an opinion about whether the conduct was, or may be, inappropriate conduct or misconduct.	15/09/2023
Office of the Independent Assessor C/23/00485 C/23/00532 C/23/00533	05/03/2024	It was alleged that councillors released information that was confidential to the local government to a journalist and the information they provided appeared in a local newspaper.	No further action	The OIA decided to take no further action because, 1. The evidence gathered during the investigation supported the view that it would not be in the public interest to further deal with the matter. 2. The evidence gathered with respect to the alleged conduct did not support the allegation that the councillors had engaged in a conduct breach or misconduct.	26/08/2023 and 14/09/2023