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Reimbursement of Councillors Legal Expenses Policy

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1. Pursuant to Schedule 5 of the Local Government Act 1993, a Councillor will be reimbursed all reasonable legal expenses arising from defending or responding to any claim, action or suit taken against a Councillor by external parties or bodies arising out of a Councillor “carrying out the duties of office” pursuant to Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2. A claim for reimbursement will be considered upon the Councillor making a written submission to Council.

3. In determining whether or not to reimburse the Councillor’s legal expenses, the following criteria are to be satisfied:
 - (a) The circumstances giving rise to the claim, action or suit against the Councillor arise from the Councillor’s bona fide discharge of a duty or function of their office;

 - (b) The Council is of the opinion that the legal expenses are reasonable.

4. The Council may direct the General Manager to seek legal advice on behalf of Council, if in Council’s opinion, further advice is needed in determining whether the claim adequately satisfies the criteria in Clause 3 (a) and/or Clause 3 (b).

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