

Local Government Elected Member Conflicts of Interest

Tuesday, 24 February 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to table correspondence received by the Lord Mayor from the Ombudsman SA regarding local government elected member conflicts of interest.

The correspondence relates to a trend the Ombudsman has observed in contraventions of the conflict of interest provisions in the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).

The Ombudsman has requested that the letter is shared with elected members and tabled at a public meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes the correspondence from the Ombudsman SA regarding local government elected member conflicts of interest as contained in Attachment A to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the Council meeting held on 24 February 2026.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Effective Leadership and Governance
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence (**Attachment A**) has been received by the Lord Mayor from the Ombudsman SA (Ombudsman) regarding local government elected member conflicts of interest.
 2. The correspondence relates to a trend that the Ombudsman has observed regarding contraventions of the conflict of interest provisions within the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
 3. Within the correspondence the Ombudsman has requested that the letter is shared with elected members and tabled at a public meeting of Council.
 4. Advice regarding conflict of interest provisions was provided to all Council Members as part of their mandatory training program.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Correspondence from the Ombudsman SA – Local Government Elected Member Conflicts of Interest

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