

ITEM 7

ANNUAL TABLING OF RETURNS OF DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS 2022-2023

The *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code)* requires the General Manager to table all Annual Returns of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters (the return) lodged by the prescribed due date of 30 September 2023 at the first Council meeting after that date.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the tabling of Annual Returns of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters as required by Clause 4.26 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

Council Officers forwarded the Office of Local Government guidelines and designated forms for the completion of returns to all relevant Councillors, staff and designated persons outlining their responsibilities to complete the return for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 in order to comply with the provisions of the *Model Code of Conduct*.

All designated persons must lodge their return with the General Manager by 30 September each year. Council has identified 110 designated persons and an electronic register of these returns will be tabled at the meeting in accordance with the Model Code of Conduct. As at the date of this report four (4) returns remains outstanding including a local planning panel member and 2 staff which are currently on leave. These returns will be tabled at a future Council meeting when they are received.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 goal "We are a connected and engaged community".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Customer Service Plan 2023-24.