

TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL

REGISTER OF COUNCILLOR CONDUCT



Local Government Act 2009 (s.150DX)(s.150DY)(s.150DZ)

No.	Name of Councillor*	Date of Complaint	Summary/Category of Complaint (unsuitable meeting conduct, inappropriate conduct or misconduct)	Date of decision	Summary of Decision	Reason for Decision	Decision Maker
C/19/00506		09/05/2020	It is alleged that a Councillor did not correct misleading comments in an online article and breached the Council's media policy.	09/05/2019	Dismissed – No further action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to Section 150Y(b)(i) on the basis that the conduct did not constitute inappropriate conduct or misconduct. The alleged misleading comments were not direct quotes by the subject councillor. Further, the conduct of the subject councillor was not a breach of the Council's media policy.	Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA)
C/20/00460		10/06/2020	It is alleged a councillor holds other paid positions and is a member of other boards and committees	24/07/2020	Dismissed – No further action	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150Y (b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009 as the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. The OIA is of the view as long as the councillor is able to carry out their responsibilities under Section 12 of the Act there is no impediment to the councillor having one or more paid positions. It is expected in first nations communities that councillors will hold positions on advisory boards and other committees, some positions related to their role as councillors and others because the councillors have an interest in the organisation or other issues such as education, health and social justice.	Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA)

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C/19/00361		28/03/2019	That a councillor had engaged in misconduct by accepting meals paid by council on occasions between 2016 and 2020 where they had already received travel allowances covering this expense.	02/02/2021	Dismissed – No further action	OIA taking no further action pursuant to s 150 Y (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 on the basis that further action is unjustifiable. OIA made recommendations aimed at improving governance.	Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA)
C/19/00362		28/03/2019	Failing to declare a conflict of interest on the basis of a personal relationship with a council employee when considering the Council employee's employment contract during 2018.	02/02/2021	Dismissed – No further action	OIA taking no further action pursuant to s 150 Y (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 as no evidence was found of the existence of a relationship that could give rise to a real or perceived conflict of interest.	Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA)
C/19/00364		28/03/2019	Accepting business class air travel for council business when the travel expenditure policy in force did not allow for such.	02/02/2021	Dismissed – No further action	OIA taking no further action pursuant to s 150 Y (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 as no travel by councillors were in breach of the Travel Expenditure Policy in force at the time. OIA made recommendations around improvements in record keeping.	Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA)