

COUNCIL ELECTION PERIOD POLICY



CITY OF VINCENT

'Major Policy Decision' means any:

- a. Decisions relating to the employment, termination or remuneration of the CEO or any other designated senior officer, other than a decision to appoint an Acting CEO, or suspend the current CEO (in accordance with the terms of their contract), pending the election.
- b. Decisions relating to the City entering into a sponsorship arrangement with a total City contribution that would constitute substantial expenditure unless that sponsorship arrangement has previously been granted "in principle" support by the Council and sufficient funds have been included in the Council's annual budget to support the project.
- c. Decisions relating to the City entering into a commercial enterprise as defined by Section 3.59 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- d. Decisions that would commit the City to substantial expenditure or actions that, in the CEO's opinion, are significant, such as that which might be brought about through a Notice of Motion by an Elected Member.
- e. Decisions that, in the CEO's opinion, will have a significant impact on the City of Vincent or the community.
- f. Reports requested or initiated by an Elected Member, candidate or member of the public that, in the CEO's opinion could, be perceived within the general community as an electoral issue and has the potential to call into question whether decisions are soundly based and in the best interests of the community.

'Public Consultation' means a process which involves an invitation to individuals, groups or organisations or the community generally to comment on an issue, proposed action or proposed policy but does not include consultation required to be undertaken in order to comply with a written law.

'Substantial Expenditure' means expenditure that exceeds ~~0-1%~~ \$20,000 of the City's annual budgeted revenue (inclusive of GST) in the relevant financial year.

5.1.3 Scheduling Consideration of Major Policy Decisions

So far as is reasonably practicable, the CEO should avoid scheduling major policy decisions for consideration during an Election Period, and instead ensure that such decisions are either:

- a. considered by the Council prior to the Election Period; or
- b. scheduled for determination by the incoming Council.

Where extraordinary circumstances prevail, the CEO may submit a major policy decision to the Council (refer to Part 3).

5.1.4 Decisions Made Prior to an Election Period

This Policy only applies to decisions made during an Election Period, not the announcement of decisions made prior to the Election Period. Whilst announcements of earlier decisions may be made during an Election Period, as far as practicable any such announcements should be made before the Election Period begins or after it has concluded.