

Casting vote policy

No. 1057.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to allow the chairperson of a council meeting to cast a second vote (casting vote) on a motion/question arising for decision at a council meeting in the event of an equality of votes.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all Council members presiding as chairperson at a Council meeting.

3 Policy statement

Chairperson has a casting vote

If there is an equality of votes on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting, the chairperson has a casting vote.

Use of casting vote

A casting vote is to be exercised by the chairperson when there are equal votes on a motion/question arising for decision at a Council meeting. During such an occurrence, the casting vote will determine the vote. The chairperson must exercise the casting vote either in favour or against the motion.

If there are unequal votes, the chairperson cannot exercise a casting vote.

4 Definitions

Council meeting refers to Ordinary, Special and Committee meetings of Council.

Council member means elected members and Council committee members.

Elected Member means for the purpose of this policy are the Lord Mayor and Councillors who are elected by the community.

5 Legislative references

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

6 Procedure and related documents

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7 Responsibility / application

The CEO is responsible for ensuring that elected members presiding as chairperson at council meetings implements this policy.

This policy is to be reviewed at the first meeting after a local government general election.

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