

1. Introduction

This policy outlines the principles and procedures that the Council will follow in regard to the calling of a supplementary election as set out in Part 2, Section 6 (2) of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure fair and equitable Community representation on Council. Council is empowered to make this Policy pursuant to Section 6 (2) (b) (iv) of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

3. Principles

In the event of an Elected Member position becoming vacant during the term of the Council, a Supplementary Election will not be held and the position will remain vacant until the next General Election.

In the event that a second Elected Member position becomes vacant during the term of the Council, a supplementary election will be held for both positions, unless the vacancies occur after 1 January 2026.

4. Policy Detail

Council recognises that during the four year term of Council, single casual vacancies may occur.

Should a single casual vacancy occur in the office of Councillor, such office will not be filled unless a subsequent further vacancy occurs more than seven months before a general election, or before 1 January of a year in which a periodic election is due to be held and in such case all casual vacancies will be filled.

In the event of a supplementary election being required, this will be held as soon as possible after the occasion for the election arises, subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

5. References

Local Government Act (1999), sections 51-57, 86.

Local Government (Elections) Act (1999), section 6

6. Document administration and control

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Availability	<p>This Policy is available for inspection at the Council office and any person may obtain a copy of this Policy upon payment of the fee fixed by Council in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges adopted each financial year. It is also available on Council's website mtr.sa.gov.au.</p> <p>Any grievance in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council.</p>
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