

POLICY OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the business of Council continues throughout an election period in a responsible and transparent manner, and in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Local Government Elections – Caretaker Period Policy, has been developed to ensure that elections for Edward River Council are conducted in a fair and equitable manner and are publicly perceived as such.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all Councillors, the Administrator and Council staff members.

This Policy applies during the Caretaker Period, being 12:01am Friday 11 August 2017 through until 6.00pm Saturday 9 September 2017.

DEFINITION

Caretaker Period – Means the Caretaker Period identified in Clause 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council will establish written procedures for managing the business of Council during the Caretaker Period
2. The Administrator, Councillors and employees must comply with the requirements of the Procedures

The Procedure will ensure that:

3. Council does not make major or policy decisions, unless there are extraordinary circumstances, during the Caretaker Period
4. Council does not make inappropriate decisions during the Caretaker Period
5. The Administrator or Councillors do not use Council Resources to assist a candidate's election campaign
6. During the Caretaker Period Council events will be kept to a minimum
7. During the Caretaker Period Council media releases and comment will be limited to providing statutory information and information relating to the election process only

ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Edward River Council Caretaker Period Procedure

POLICY HISTORY AND VERSION CONTROL

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