

# COUNCIL POLICY NO 1.9 COUNCILLORS REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

#### **STATEMENT**

The Resource Recovery Group Regional Council is committed to ensuring that Council Members are adequately recompensed for their involvement with RRG, in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### **SCOPE**

This Policy applies to all Councillors of the RRG and the employees charged with administering payments to Councillors.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To reimburse Regional Council Members for Regional Council business incurred expenses in accordance with section 5.98(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and clauses 31 & 32 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that Councillors are appropriately paid in accordance with relevant legislation and that due processes are followed to do so.

#### CONTENT

#### 1) Reimbursements without prior Regional Council approval

Actual expenses up to the prescribed amount in relation to Child Care incurred by the Regional Council Member whilst attending a regional council or committee meeting.

Actual expenses up to the prescribed amount in relation to Travel Costs incurred by the Regional Council Member because of attending a Regional Council or Committee Meeting.

Councillors should claim these reimbursements through their respective local governments as an appointed representative on the regional council.

#### 2) Reimbursement requiring Regional Council approval:

By resolution of the Regional Council, the Regional Council Member may be reimbursed for the following:

- An expense incurred by a Regional Council Member in performing a function under the express authority of the Regional Council; or
- An expense incurred by a Regional Council Member to whom only one other person accompanied that Regional Council Member whilst performing a function under the express authority of the regional council; or
- An expense incurred by a Regional Council Member in performing a function in his or her capacity as a Regional Council Member.

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The extent to which an expense referred to in (1) and (2) above can be reimbursed is the actual amount, verified by accompanying documentation.

## **REFERENCES & REVIEW**

Statutory Compliance	<ul> <li>Local Government Act 1995 s5.98(2) &amp; (3)</li> <li>Local Government (Administration) amendment Regulations 31&amp; 32</li> </ul>		
Organisational Compliance	<ul> <li>Annual Budget</li> </ul>		
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