



Policy Measures

1. In accordance with s.2.8(d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire President be the authorised spokesperson of the Council.
2. In accordance with s.5.41(f) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer may also be the spokesperson of the Council if the President agrees.
3. If the President is not available or unable to be the spokesperson and the Chief Executive Officer is not available or unable to be the spokesperson, then the Deputy President may perform this function in accordance with s5.34 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
4. With the authority from the Shire President, individual Councillors may be authorised to make statements to the media on specific items relating to that Councillor's responsibility (e.g. Committee Chairperson) and the Chief Executive Officer may delegate authority to other officers to be the spokesperson in accordance with the s5.44(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
5. If a Councillor or staff member is approached by the media to answer questions or make a comment on Council business, that, unless specifically authorised by the President (if a Councillor), or the Chief Executive Officer (if an officer), that member of the media be referred to the authorised spokespersons of the Council for a response.
6. That this policy in no way diminishes the basic rights to freedom of speech, but a disclaimer must accompany any personal statements made by Councillors.

Administration

The administration of this policy is by the Office of the CEO.

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