

COUNCILLOR CONDUCT REGISTER



In accordance with section S150DX - S150DZ of the Local Government Act 2009, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council complies with maintaining and publishing an updated Council Conduct register.

The register must record matters relating to:

- (a) orders made about unsuitable meeting conduct
- (b) decisions about suspected inappropriate conduct referred to council
- (c) decisions of the Councillor Conduct Tribunal about whether or not councillors have engaged in misconduct or inappropriate conduct
- (d) complaints dismissed by the Independent Assessor
- (e) decisions of the Independent Assessor to take no further action

No	Councillor Name	Date of Complaint	Summary of Complaint	Date of Decision	Summary of Decision	Reason for Decision	Decision Maker
2021-03		23 June 2021	It was alleged a councillor had not properly dealt with complaints from a member of the public about decisions of a council staff member in accordance with Council policy.	21 July 2021	Dismissed - no further action	<p>The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act as I am satisfied that further dealing with the complaint would be unjustifiable use of resources.</p> <p>The substance of the complaint (disagreement with an administrative decision of a staff member) is more appropriately dealt with by the Queensland Ombudsman's Office</p>	Office of the Independent Assessor

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2020-02		24 December 2020	<p>It is alleged a council officer had created a bylaw that effectively banned non locals from accessing public infrastructure in the Lockhart River community.</p> <p>It is further alleged a council officer on 15 December 2020 left an abusive and insulting voice mail message to the complainant about non residents accessing and using public infrastructure in the community of Lockhart River</p>	05 January 2021	Dismissed - no further action	<p>The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) as conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct of a councillor</p> <p>The OIA has a statutory responsibility to assess, and if appropriate investigate and prosecute unacceptable conduct of councillors in Queensland.</p> <p>The OIA does not jurisdiction to investigate matters relating to council employees.</p>	Office of the Independent Assessor
2020-01		31 January 2020	It was alleged that a Councillor's register of interests did not contain particulars of an entity owned by Council that they had appointed a director of.	28 August 2020	Dismissed - no further action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2009 on the basis that taking further action would be unjustifiable use of resources as the register had been updated but not listed on Council's website.	Office of the Independent Assessor