



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL

RECORD OF WRITTEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT COUNCILLOR CONDUCT OR PERFORMANCE 2017 – 2022

Section 181A of the Local Government Act 2009 states with regard to conduct performance of councillors that the Chief Executive Officer must keep a record of all complaints received and the outcome of each complaint, including any disciplinary action or other action taken in relation to the complaint. Subsection (2) requires that the public may inspect the part of the record that relates to outcomes of the complaints at the local government’s public office or on the local government’s website.

Name of Councillor	Details of Complaint	Category (inappropriate Conduct, Misconduct)	Referral	Date Notice Given	Outcome
	<p>20 May 2020</p> <p>It was alleged that a Councillor directed a council employee in writing to bring “stock route” decision-making to council and that they had a personal interest in matters relating to stock routes.</p>				<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Following an investigation, the OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X (C)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) as not being in the public interest to investigate further. Under the Act, councillors also have a responsibility to deliver good governance and service pursuant to sections 4(2)(b)&(d) and it could be argued that on this occasion they were balancing considerations consistent with the Local Government Principles, which required them to act in the circumstances.</p>

	<p>22 April 2020</p> <p>It is alleged that a Councillor entered into a deed with the former CEO without a council resolution.</p>	<p>Unjustifiable Use of Resources</p>			<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Following an investigation the OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X (C)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009 as an unjustifiable use of resources. Whilst the appropriate course would have been to discuss the matter with and formally obtain approval from Council before signing any deed, it is noted that the settlement under the deed was not released until after a unanimous council resolution.</p>
	<p>It was alleged that a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland when he approached and made comments to a contractor who was working on a council building.</p>	<p>Inappropriate Conduct</p>		<p>10 September 2019</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>The OIA resolved to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009 after obtaining a version of the events from the contractor involved. The conduct did not amount to inappropriate conduct.</p>