

Local Government Act 1995
s.121 Register of Certain Complaints about Minor Breaches

Register of Complaints - Minor Breaches



Date	Name of Elected Member of Whom the Complaint is Made	Name of Person Making Complaint	Description of Minor Breach	Details of Action taken under Section 5.110(6)(b) or (c)
2/10/2018	Cr Dale Piercey JP	Cr V Brown, Shire President, Cr N Bowman, Deputy Shire President and former Cr Mr K Hall	Breached Regulation 7(1)(b) Local Government (Rules & Conduct) Regulations 2007 by Publishing False Information	The Panel orders under s.5.11(6)(b)(ii) of the Act that Cr Dale Piercey make a public apology in term of the attached Order
31/03/2025	Cr Gemma Johnston	Cr J Obourne, Deputy Shire President	Committed a minor breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) and Regulation 19 of Division 4 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, when she engaged an external planning consultant in respect to a matter on the Agenda of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 March 2024	The Panel pursuant to s.5.110(6)(b)(iii) of the Act that, in relation to the Minor Breach of Regulation 19 of the Regulations, Cr Johnston undertake training in terms of the attached Order
31/03/2025	Cr Gemma Johnston	Ms L-A Shibish	Breached Regulation 18 of Division 4 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 when she made a Facebook post which disparaged the character of another elected member of the Shire	The Panel orders pursuant to s.5.110(6)(b)(ii) of the Act that, in relation to the one breach of Regulation 18 of the Regulations, Cr Johnston make a public apology in terms of the attached Order

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4/05/2026	Shire President Ron Chambers	Cr G Johnston	Committed one breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) Regulation 18(1)(b) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations when he made statements in an article titled "Opposition costing millions" published in the Esperance Weekender Newspaper on 12 September 2025.	The Panel pursuant to s.5.110(6)(b)(ii) of the Act that, in relation to one breach of Regulation 18 of the Regulations, Shire President Ron Chambers make a public apology in terms of the attached Order
4/05/2026	Shire President Ron Chambers	Ms M. Shepherd	Committed one breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) Regulation 18(1)(b) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations when he made statements in an article titled "Opposition costing millions" published in the Esperance Weekender Newspaper on 12 September 2025.	The Panel pursuant to s.5.110(6) of the Act that, no sanction is to be imposed pursuant to subsection (a).

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13/05/2026	Cr Sam Starcevich	Cr G Johnston	Committed one minor breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) and Regulation 18 (1)(b) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 and one breach of Regulation 34D of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 when, at the Council Meeting held 28 October 2025, she made disparaging remarks in relation to the Complainant.	The Panel pursuant to s5.110(6) of the Act, orders Cr Starcevich to make a public apology pursuant to subsection (b)(ii); and undertake training pursuant to subsection (b)(iii).
3/06/2026	Cr Gemma Johnston	Ms C. Smith	Committed a minor breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) and Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 when she approached a Shire contractor without authorisation of the Shire's administration.	The Panel orders pursuant to s5.110(6)(b)(i), s5.110(6)(b)(ii) and s.110(6)(c) of the Act, in relation to the Minor Breach of regulation 18 of the Regulations, Cr Johnston be publicly censured in terms of the attached Orders and publicly apologise as specified in the attached Orders.

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3/06/2026	Cr Leonie de Haas	Cr G Johnston	Committed a minor breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), Division 4 and Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 when she failed to disclose an impartiality interest in an item at the Council Meeting of October 2025.	The Panel orders pursuant to s5.110(6)(b)(i), s5.110(6)(b)(ii) and s.110(6)(c) of the Act, in relation to the Minor Breach of regulation 22 of the Regulations, Cr de Haas be publicly censured in terms of the attached Orders and publicly apologise as specified in the attached Orders.