



Tiwi Islands Regional Council

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SUMMARY

Section 39 of the *Local Government Act (the Act)* stipulates that Council shall have a policy on the filling of a casual vacancy that occurs within 18 months of the next general election.

DEFINITIONS

“**Casual Vacancy**” is defined as per section 39(1) of the *Local Government Act*.

POLICY

1. If a casual vacancy occurs within six months of the next general election Council shall not co-opt a person, provided the casual vacancy has not reduced membership of Council below four members.
2. If a casual vacancy occurs within more than six months and less than eighteen months until the next general election, Council will co-opt a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election.
3. To co-opt a person Council shall:
 - (a). Ask the relevant Local Authority to submit a list of potential persons, without preference, to the Council within four weeks of the request being made;
 - (b). Council shall consider the list of persons, plus any further names added by Council, and select one person.



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In selecting a person Council shall give due consideration to:

1. The eligibility for membership as per Section 36 of the *Act*;
2. The length of residence in the Ward
3. Demonstrated interest in community affairs.

Council may at its discretion ask potential persons to make a short presentation to Council as part of the selection process.

This policy is applicable to all elected members.

REFERENCES

Local Government Act

Local Government Electoral Regulations

REVIEW

This policy shall be subject to annual review by the Chief Executive Officer.

Further information: Chief Executive Officer.