



# 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 Governance & Compliance Manager.

Further information: Governance & Compliance Manager.