

Submission to Local Government

Public Expectations of Staff

Section 73

Should certain offences or other criteria exclude a person from being employed in a local government. If so what?

Disagree with COS response No.

A person who in the past has been charged with a serious crime, violent assault, paedophile, fraud etc., been proven guilty and incarcerated.

To serve in a local government the new employee should be honest of good character, law abiding after all they are there to serve the people of Western Australia in this scenario.

Remedial Intervention.

Section 75

Should the appointed person be a department employee, a local government officer or an external party?

Why?

Disagree with COS response:- . If this is required it can be requested and assisted on a voluntary basis

Legislating this approach is not required

Appointing a department employee not desirable they are too close conflict of interest. Similarly a local government officer may or not know the party concerned. Appointing an **external party** is more likely to be objective in making judgements.

Section 76

Should the appointed person be able to direct the local government or would their role be restricted to advice and support?

Please explain

COS answered Yes

but did not explain

7. Gifts

A new framework for disclosing gifts

Sections **85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90**

COS answered in all sections

Supports the Committee's recommendation and should be implemented in full immediately.

As a member of the public could this be explained.

Excluding gifts received in a personal capacity

Section 91

Should gifts received in a personal capacity be exempt from disclosure?

Disagree with COS answer Yes.

Too open to interpretation

All gifts should be disclosed regardless.

Section 92

If yes, how could 'personal capacity' be defined?

Disagree with COS answer

This is a matter for interpretation and incapable of being adequately defined. Will be interpreted on a case by case basis.

Who is responsible for interpreting the cases.

In order to eliminate any problems all gifts should be disclosed.

Section 95

Do you have any other suggestions or comments on this topic?

WALGA response

1. There be one section for declaring gifts,
Delete declarations for Travel.
2. No requirements to declare,

What does this mean?

Delete declarations for Travel if Virgin offered free National or International tickets it wouldn't be necessary to declare? and a Government employee took advantage of this gift? What do you think the repercussions of this action would be?

Section 106

Information being made available

Performance reviews of CEO and Senior Employees

Disagree. This information should be available because the salaries the people that hold these positions receive is considerable compared to the regular employee.

If they fulfil the duties expected of them honestly they shouldn't be afraid to own up to the amount of money they receive and by doing so announce that they deserve it.

Section 108

Expanding the information to the public

Yes when it comes to the spending of the taxpayers money I think we all have the right to know what it is being spent on.

Regarding the Toodyay Rd Safety Improvements. Money is being poured into this project.

Is it for the benefit of the residents who live along this route in the name of providing a safer road for them?

OR

Is it being made to carry very heavy trucks hauling the almost 1 million tonnes of gravel from the Bauxite Mining Business? Now run by a Chinese Company. Where do the profits from this venture go? Will the International owners be charged Taxation on their venture?

What happened to the railway they were going to use to save our roads to carry on their business?

Also regarding the possible mining of bauxite in the Shire region. Can they reassure us that all safety precautions will be carried out to prevent pollution of our pristine air in this region and so that we won't be exposed to acid rain and the control of the red muddy sludge so that it doesn't contaminate our aquifers.

Is it possible to be informed about the Health Checks that have been carried out on Bauxite Mining around the World what danger is there to Western Australia?.

The drain on electricity and water that will be needed, hope they will have to pay for the Water and Electricity.

Can it be guaranteed that in the future the result of breathing the fine particles that will be in our atmosphere, are harmless?

May be a disaster worse than asbestos.

Think of the Health cost to this State.

The denuding of the land is irreparable there will only be a desert and a dust bowl. Climate change comes with the removal of trees and vegetation.

One has only to witness the effect of the almost treeless Easter Island man made for the purpose of what?

Disclosure of what impact this is going to have on the residents of the Swan Shire could answer many questions unanswered.

Is money more important than the lives of our people?

Local Government review

Section 126

Submission not sure if this what you wanted but here goes.

People are living in the Eastern Hills areas because they have chosen a Rural lifestyle. To maintain acres results in a healthy body there are leaves to be removed constantly I have proven that my bone density has increased 3%.

We are very aware of the danger of fire and we are required to maintain cleared area of 20metres circle around our house and other buildings.

We have a good Volunteer Fire Brigade that keeps us informed about preparing for the Bushfire Season etc.,

We have fresh air hopefully that will remain.

Quiet roads although many cars in the area.

We don't have street lights.

We can't rely on Public Transport as it is non existent.

I don't know of anyone who has a taxi in the area.

We do have 3 community businesses that supply petrol.

Many rely on the water that drops from the sky and most use water at least twice.

You won't find any hoses used indiscriminately and water running down the road.

We pay the City of Swan rather high Waste and Recycling Services charge and don't have any roadside collection of unwanted goods such as fridges, washing machines. or greenwaste not even once a year.

In my area we don't have a Doctor as yet, nor major shops.

Closest Police are approximately 20kms away.

Some of us drive 120kms or more to work and back daily.

We put up with not having access to a Mobile Phone service, not even Telstra for me.

It is important to retain a Home Phone Landline as when the power goes out which has been quite frequent over the years and that means one should always have a tankful of petrol in the car. No phone, no computer, no lights, no water to the house because rely on electric pump to send it to the house. That also means no showers or toilet flushing.

It isn't primitive, living rural is challenging and hard work tending to the fences, pipes and animals, and the never ending raking picking and packing into chaff bags for the social interaction with the people at the Red Hill Site where I take all my greenwaste. This is a far cry from living in the houses on the flats of the North, South and West suburbs.

Cannot compare. So far haven't got anything to complain about and making the change to the country from centre of the city living, don't want to ever go back there to live.

In considering the question of UV or GRV take into account all of the above things that we don't have .

It has been called Special Area for several years

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