

## **Bungendore Mirror - Pick the conflict of interest survey**

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### **Scenario 1**

A councillor's vote was crucial to the approval of a rural subdivision, which had been opposed by the community and Council's planning staff, shortly before a council election.

Should the councillor have accepted a donation from the developer towards his/her election campaign? [Yes] [No] [Undecided]

### **Scenario 2**

Council is considering a development application for a rural subdivision.

A councillor was the best friend of the applicant's deceased husband. He will receive no benefit from the development.

Should he/she disclose an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

### **Scenario 3**

A developer has made an application to rezone adjoining farmland to allow the expansion of an existing urban subdivision.

A councillor's business is retained by the developer to provide a service in the sale of the subdivision blocks. Expansion of the subdivision will provide a direct benefit to the councillor's business.

Should the councillor declare an interest in Council's consideration of any matters related to the rezoning? [Y] [N] [U]

### **Scenario 4**

Council is considering a development application for a rural subdivision which includes 'special' entitlements. The entitlements can be allowed by the Council, providing there is a demonstrated need and they can satisfy the planning scheme's objectives. Each time the Council considers an application involving the entitlements one councillor argues that the Council has no discretion in the matter and must grant the entitlements. Each application approved tends to reinforce the case for those that will follow.

The councillor has made an application for a subdivision including the 'special' entitlements which has not yet come before the Council.

Should he/she declare an interest and leave the room? [Y] [N] [U]

### **Scenario 5**

Each year the Council considers a budget which votes money for the Council's operations for the coming year. The councillors can, and do, challenge the priorities and details of the spending proposals which are listed as items, line by line.

A councillor's business provides a service to the Council which is funded by a budget line item.

Should he/ she ask that the item be considered separately and declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 6**

Council is considering a new planning scheme for the council area.

A councillor has made a submission during the public exhibition of the scheme. If the councillor's proposal is adopted, it will result in a substantial increase in the value of the councillor's property.

Should he/she declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 7**

A developer has a substantial interest in the Council area and has frequent dealings with the Council including development applications.

A councillor received a donation from the developer towards an election campaign.

Should he/she declare an interest when the developer's business is considered by the Council? [Y] [N] [U]

If your answer is [Y], will the need to declare an interest carry over to successive Council terms, even though no further donations have been made? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 8**

Council is considering a request for a financial contribution to assist in the publication of a book which is a collection of essays, poems and photographs celebrating a rainforest in the Council area. The book will help encourage tourism to the forest and surrounding area.

A councillor has contributed a poem to the book. He/ she will receive no benefit apart from the glory of having the poem published.

Should he/she declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 9**

Council is considering a development application.

A councillor is currently involved in negotiating a substantial contract with the applicant which is not related to the application before the Council.

Should he/she declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 10**

A councillor's business derives a significant amount of its income from a service provided for a developer with substantial interests in the Council area. There is no direct link between the service and any matter before the Council.

Should the councillor declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]

**Scenario 11**

Council is considering a new planning scheme for the Council area.

A councillor is an office bearer in an organisation that has made a submission during the public exhibition of the scheme. If the organisation's proposals are adopted, it will result in a substantial increase in the value of the rural properties including that of the councillor.

Should he/ she declare an interest? [Y] [N] [U]