

Kelley Jones Twilight Training

Proposed Conflict of Interest Changes: Be prepared

For the attention of all CEO's, governance managers/team leaders with responsibility for advising and assisting Council Members relevant to their conflict of interest obligations.

The *Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Bill 2015* was introduced on 1 July 2015. It is expected that the Bill will be debated during the spring session of Parliament.

The Bill proposes significant amendments to the conflict of interest provisions that introduces new terminology and different types of conflicts that do not currently exist under the *Local Government Act 1999*. The proposed changes include introduction of:

- a 'material conflict' of interest;
- an 'actual conflict' of interest; and
- 'perceived conflict' of interest.

In addition, there are proposed changes to disclosure requirements and the way in which such interests should be managed.

Should the amendments take effect, it will not be long before governance staff, senior members of administration, the CEO and elected members will start to question the application of the provisions to real life situations.

We are holding a limited number of interactive twilight training sessions.

You are invited to join us at one of our sessions, which will focus on the important changes the Bill proposes for Council Members. We will also provide examples of what each of the types of conflicts mean and how they will be applied in a practical setting.

For Council Officers:

Date: We are holding 3 sessions: Thursday 27 August, Wednesday 2 September and Wednesday 9 September (please advise us as to which seminar you would prefer to attend).

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Kelley Jones Boardroom, Level 6, 19 Gilles Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Cost: Free

For Council Members:

Date: Immediately prior the next available Council meeting

Time: A 30 minute session

Location: The Council Offices or via webinar for regional councils

Cost: Free

Please contact Wendy Wyskamp on 8113 7101 or wwyskamp@kelledyjones.com.au to book either session.

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