
Oath or affirmation of Office by Councillors

Responsible Officer: General Manager (Phillip Rudd)

Recommendation

That in accordance with section 233A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is noted that:

1. The General Manager has confirmed all councillors have undertaken the Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office prior to the first Ordinary meeting of the new Council held on 30 October 2024.
2. A signed statement acknowledging the taking of either an oath or affirmation by each Councillor will be included in the meeting minutes.

Background

Councillors are required to take an oath or make an affirmation of office at or before the first meeting of the new term of Council¹. This report is a record of the oath or the affirmations taken before the General Manager prior to the 30 October 2024 Council meeting.

Oath

I [name of councillor] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people within Rous County Council's operational footprint and the Rous County Council, and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Affirmation

I [name of councillor] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people within Rous County Council's operational footprint and the Rous County Council, and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Governance

This report has been prepared having regard to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Finance

Not applicable.

Legal

A councillor must take an oath or make an affirmation of office to attend a meeting as a councillor (other than the first meeting of the council after the councillor is elected to the office or a meeting at which the councillor takes the oath or makes the affirmation) until the councillor has taken the oath or made the affirmation.

A record is to be kept of the taking of an oath or the making of an affirmation (whether in the minutes of the council meeting or otherwise).

¹ [Section 233A](#) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*

Consultation

Not applicable

Conclusion

In accordance with section 233A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, all councillors are required to undertake the Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office prior to the first Ordinary meeting of the new Council. A signed statement acknowledging the taking of either an oath or affirmation by each Councillor will be witnessed by the General Manager and included in the meeting minutes.