



Supplementary Elections Policy

Policy Type	Governance		
Responsible Department	Office of the Chief Executive Officer		
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer		
Related legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1999 section 51-57, 86 Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, Section 6</i>		
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Next Review date	<p>This policy, in its entirety, will automatically lapse at the next general election of the Council, and be replaced by a policy as endorsed at the first meeting following the election.</p> <p>This Policy may also be reviewed and updated from time to time during the term of the Council.</p>		

1 Introduction

This Policy outlines the principles and procedures that the Council will follow in regard to the calling of a supplementary election as set out in Part 2, Section 6 (2) of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure fair and equitable community representation on Council. Council is empowered to make this Policy pursuant to Section 6 (2) (b) (iv) of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*.

3 Principles

In the event of an Elected Member position becoming vacant during the term of the Council, a supplementary election will not be held and the position will remain vacant until the next general election.

In the event that a second Elected Member position becomes vacant during the term of the Council, a supplementary election will be held for both positions, unless the vacancies occur after 1 January 2026.



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4 Policy Detail

Council recognises that during the four (4) year term of Council, single casual vacancies may occur.

Should a single casual vacancy occur in the office of Elected Member, such office will not be filled unless a subsequent further vacancy occurs more than seven (7) months before a general election, or before 1 January of a year in which a periodic election is due to be held and in such case all casual vacancies will be filled.

In the event of a supplementary election being required, this will be held as soon as possible after the occasion for the election arises, subject to the provisions of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*.

5 Availability of Policy

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council office, Beach Terrace, Elliston during ordinary business hours and available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website: www.elliston.sa.gov.au

Copies will be provided to interested parties upon request. Email council@elliston.sa.gov.au

Version Control

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2	21 August 2018			
3	18 April 2023	9.63.1/2 NGR234493	Adapted to Council policy template. Updated wording Changes highlighted in red	Executive Assistant