

# Policy Name: 9.4 - Supplementary Election

## 1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles and procedures that the Council will follow in regard to the calling of a supplementary election as set out in Part 2, 6 of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

### 2. PRINCIPLES

The principles under pinning this policy are:

- To ensure and maintain a customer focus at all times
- That the efficient provision of resources and services are achieved

### 3. OBJECTIVES

The objective of Councils Supplementary Election Policy is to ensure the efficient allocation of Council resources in the event of a vacancy occurring.

#### 4. POLICY

It is a policy of Council that subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 it will not fill a casual vacancy until the next general election. A casual vacancy will also not be filled if;

A supplementary election will not be held to fill a casual vacancy if:

(a) the vacancy occurs within 12 months before polling day for

(i) a periodic election; or

(ii) a general election (other than a periodic election) if the date of that polling day is known at the time of the occurrence of the vacancy; or

(b) —

(i) the vacancy is for an office other than mayor; and

(ii) the area of the council is not divided into wards; and

(iii) —

(A) if the council has 9 or more offices (excluding the office of mayor)—there is no more than 1 other vacancy in the office of a member of the council; or

(B) in any other case—there is no other vacancy in the office of a member of the council; and

(iv) it is a policy of the council at the time the vacancy occurs that it will not fill such a casual vacancy or vacancies until the next general election; or

(c) the vacancy—

(i) is for an office of a member of the council, other than—

(A) mayor; or

(B) a member who was declared elected under section 25(1); and

(ii) occurs—

(A) within 12 months after the conclusion of a periodic election or a designated supplementary election; or

(B) after the close of nominations for a designated supplementary election and before the conclusion of that election,

(and can be filled in accordance with section 6A) (the subsequent vacancy).

In the event of a supplementary election being required, this will be held as soon as possible after the occasion for the election arises.

## 5. COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT

This Policy was adopted by resolution of the Council on 16 August 202.

## 6. **REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in August 2026.

### 7. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Councils website <u>www.cleve.sa.gov.au</u>. Hard copies of the policy can be obtained upon request and payment of the relevant fee as per Council's schedule of fees and charges.