

Councillor Conduct Tribunal decision

16 August 2019

Key issue – Conflict of Interest

Meaning of ‘the public interest’

The Section 175D defines a conflict of interest as a conflict that is between -

- a councillor’s personal interests; and
- the public interest; and

might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest.

In conflict of interest decisions handed down by the Councillor Conduct Tribunal on 14 and 16 August 2019, the Tribunal considered what was ‘the public interest’ referred to in section 175D for the purposes of both matters and, in each case, conceived of the ‘public interest’ in broad terms;

...the councillor’s ‘public interest’ required him to contribute to council’s integrity based, objective decision making.

Read the [Councillor Conduct Tribunal decisions](#).

