

Policy



STRATEGIC

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL

Head of Power

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022

- 5.4 Commit to open and accountable governance to ensure community confidence and trust in council and our democratic values.

Definitions

- Fraud** is defined in the Australian Standard AS8001-2008: Fraud and Corruption Control, as: Dishonest activity causing actual or potential financial loss to any person or entity including theft of moneys or other property by employees or persons external to the entity and where deception is used at the time, immediately before or immediately following the activity. This also includes the deliberate falsification, concealment, destruction or use of falsified documentation used or intended for use for a normal business purpose or the improper use of information or position.
- Corruption** is defined in Australian Standard AS8001-2008: Fraud and Corruption Control, as: Dishonest activity in which a director, executive, manager, employee or contractor of an entity acts contrary to the interests of the entity and abuses his/her position of trust to achieve some personal gain or advantage for him or herself or for another person or entity.
- Corrupt Conduct** Corrupt conduct is conduct by anyone that adversely affects a public agency or public official so that the performance of their functions or the exercise of their powers:
- Is not honest or impartial; or
 - Knowingly or recklessly breaches public trust; or
 - Involves the misuse of agency-related information or material.

Corrupt conduct is engaged in for the purpose of providing a benefit to the person or another person, or causing a detriment to another person. In addition, the conduct must be serious enough that, if proved, would constitute a criminal offence or a disciplinary breach providing grounds for dismissal.

Corrupt Conduct includes an attempt or a conspiracy to engage in the conduct, as well as neglect, failure or inaction that adversely affects a public agency or official in the ways described above.

Council Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Policy Objective

To articulate Lockyer Valley Regional Council's expectations and actions in relation to the management of fraud and corruption within the organisation.

Policy Statement

Lockyer Valley Regional Council has zero tolerance for corruption and fraud and is committed to acting in the best interest of the community and upholding the principles of honesty, integrity and transparency. It is totally unacceptable for any councillor, employee or affiliate to engage in, or participate in corruption or fraud.

Council is committed to:

- taking a risk management approach to the prevention, identification and management of fraud and corruption
- reducing or removing the potential for fraudulent or corrupt conduct on the part of its employees, contractors, clients and suppliers
- detecting fraudulent or corrupt conduct through the systematic processes articulated in Fraud & Corruption Control Plan (the Plan)
- investigating or otherwise formally enquiring into all instances of suspected fraudulent or corrupt conduct exposed as a result of our detection processes, or as a result of receiving an allegation of fraudulent or corrupt activities
- managing, disciplining or facilitating the prosecution of those responsible for incidents of fraud and corruption as appropriate
- minimising the risk of fraud and corruption; and
- ensuring the continuing organisational integrity and transparency of its operations.

Council officers have a responsibility and an obligation to report suspected or known incidents of fraud or corruption.

Council will take action against anyone who takes reprisal action against a Council officer who reports suspected or known incidents, consistent with Council's Public Interest Disclosure Policy and Procedure.

Council recognises that fraud and corruption prevention and control are integral components of good governance and risk management.

Related Documents

Fraud and Corruption Control Plan
Councillor Code of Conduct
Employee Code of Conduct
Risk Management Policy
Public Interest Disclosure Policy
Public Interest Disclosure Procedure