



**COUNCIL POLICY**  
Elected Members

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>1.1.2 ELECTED MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS</b>
<b>Adopted:</b>	21 March 2018
<b>Reviewed:</b>	6 December 2023 (amended)
<b>Associated Legislation:</b>	State Records Act 2000 Freedom of Information Act 2000 Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021
<b>Associated Documents:</b>	Shire of Mingenew Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members & Candidates Shire of Mingenew Freedom of Information Statement Shire of Mingenew Recordkeeping Plan Shire of Mingenew Records Management Policy
<b>Review Responsibility:</b>	Governance & Community Manager
<b>Delegation:</b>	

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Previous Policy Number/s 2003, 2014.

**Objective:**

To provide a policy position in respect to the expectation of Elected Members when engaging in communications, whether verbal, written, electronic or via social media, as an Elected Member of the Shire of Mingenew and, in some circumstances, a personal capacity.

**Policy Statement:**

The Shire of Mingenew supports and implements good governance practices and applies these principals to the appropriate use of, and access to communication systems and information managed and retained by the Shire.

As such, it is the Shire's position that communications made on behalf of the Shire or Council, should be appropriately coordinated to ensure quality and consistency of information is disseminated, and to provide the community and Shire stakeholders with opportunities to be informed, participate, engage and contribute to the decisions made by Council on issues that affect them. In addition, communication should be carried out with regard to the Shire's Code of Conduct, the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

Any breach of this Policy may also be considered a breach of the Shire of Mingenew Code of Conduct.