



Addendum

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall
50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff

11.2 Mayoral and Councillor Allowances



Summary

Council is required to set Mayoral and Councillor allowances under Section 74B of the *Local Government Act 1989* and within the range prescribed by the Order in Council.

Current practice is to make payment of Mayoral and Councillor allowances quarterly in advance. Under the Order in Council, from 27 October 2012, payment of such allowances is not to exceed one month in advance. Indexation of allowances will be in line with advice received from the Department of Planning and Community Development.

In order to receive allowances in a consistent and regular manner, payments scheduled with the fortnightly payroll operation will provide a more efficient process.

Under section 223 of the Act, Council is required to advertise the proposed level of allowances inviting public submissions. At the end of the public submission period, which must be a minimum of 28 days, Council will meet to consider written submissions and hear any person who wishes to address Council on this matter. Council will then formally adopt its level of allowances for the next four years.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Sets the level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances to be paid, ensuring values remain within the range prescribed under Section 74B of the *Local Government Act 1989* and advised by the Department of Planning And Community Development.
2. Resolves to increase the allowances by a sum that is equivalent to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution in accordance with the Order in Council.
3. Resolves to change the payment terms, from quarterly in advance to fortnightly in arrears.
4. That Council give public notice pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of the level of allowances proposed to be paid and invite public submissions on the level of allowances proposed and that submissions be received up until 12noon on Thursday, 27 December 2012.
5. That Council at its Ordinary Meeting in January 2013, resolve to adopt Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the next four years, after consideration of any submissions received.