



Shire of **Ngaanyatjarraku**  
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# Council Policy

Policy 1.14 – Disturbance at Council Meetings – Compliant Procedure

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## Policy Objective

To provide guidance to the presiding member with respect to disturbances at Council or Committee meetings and to ensure the continuance of good and orderly government with appropriate opportunities for community participation.

## Policy Statement

The Shire recognises the need to maintain strong community consultation, but where circumstances prevail to the extent that disturbance at Committee, Ordinary or Special Council meetings continues to the detriment of good government and orderly processes, Council may undertake to issue a formal complaint in accordance with the relevant act

The Chief Executive Officer, Shire President or person presiding at the Committee, Ordinary or special council meeting has the authority to deal with disturbances which may lead to removal or enforced removal of the offending person.

At any Committee, Ordinary or Special Council meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, Shire President or presiding person having dealt with a disturbance and specifically where the offending person refuses to leave the building shall seek resolution of Council to adjourn the meeting to notify the appropriate law enforcement officers to attend the meeting premises.

Notwithstanding anything else contained in, this policy allows Council to treat the disturbance as urgent business to be considered as a first item of business following resumption of the Council meeting to determine an authorisation for the Shire President or person presiding to instigate a complaint in accordance with relevant body seeking the arrest and/or prosecution of the offending person.

Further guidance in relation to disturbances at meetings is to be followed in accordance with Local Government Operational Guidelines Number 06 Disruptive Behaviour by the Public at Council Meetings.

## Policy History

### Amendments to this Policy

Amendments to this policy require a simple majority decision of Council.

### History

Policy adopted: unknown

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## Previous Policy

N/A

