



Shire of **Ngaanyatjarraku**
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Council Policy

Policy 1.22 – Fraud Control

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Policy Objective

This policy is designed to protect public funds and assets, protect the integrity, security and reputation of the Shire and maintain a high level of services to the community.

The Shire is committed to the elimination of fraud against the Shire, timely detection of suspected or actual fraud incident and records of fraud related losses.

Fraud is not restricted to monetary benefits. For the purpose of this policy, fraud against the Shire is described as the dishonest misuse of Shire resources or using one's position and power for personal gain.

Fraud prevention is the protection of Shire's assets from fraudulent exploitation.

Policy Statement

The Shire is committed to fostering an environment that discourages fraud and encourages fraud prevention. Fraud prevention is concerned ultimately with the effective internal control, utilisation of resources and the minimization of waste, mismanagement and fraud. The Shire is committed to preventing fraud at its origin. Fraud flourishes in an environment where there are insufficient controls to prevent waste, abuse and mismanagement. The Shire believes that an emphasis on fraud prevention rather than fraud investigation will lead to a reduction of these opportunities for waste, abuse and mismanagement.

To this end, the Shire is committed to the following strategy:

- a) visible, evidenced and accountable decision making by the Shire and staff,
- b) the promotion of its fraud prevention principles in the Shire and community to ensure that there is awareness that Shire will not tolerate fraudulent acts against the Shire by staff, volunteers, contractors, suppliers or members of the public,
- c) the Chief Executive Officer developing and implementing fraud management strategies to cultivate a culture of fraud prevention among staff within the Shire,
- d) encouraging the reporting of instances of fraud and corruption within the Shire, by internal and external parties;
- e) maintaining policies that promote ethical conduct by Councillors, staff and those who deal with the Shire; and
- f) maintaining an effective internal control framework that prevents, detects and responds to suspected or actual fraud incidents.

Policy History

Amendments to this Policy

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

History

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Previous Policy

Policy 2.18

