

| Serial        | Name of council member who the complaint is made | Name of the person who makes the complaint | Description of the minor breach that the standards panel finds has occurred  | Details of the action taken under s5.110(6)(b) or (c).   |
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| 20250587      | Councillor Craig McKinley                        | Dr Trudy Stewart                           | A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel in which it was alleged that Councillor McKinley contravened a provision of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 when he provided a local business owner with his councillor business card when contacting her over a private dispute. The Panel found that Councillor McKinley had committed a Minor Breach under the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and Division 4 and Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 when he approached a local business and left is Councillor Business Card. Councillor McKinley acknowledges the breach and that his conduct was inappropriate.   | The Panel orders pursuant to section 5.110(6)(b)(ii) of the Act that, in relation to the Minor Breach of regulation 18 of the Regulations, Councillor McKinley make a public apology in terms prescribed in the Order. Councillor McKinley made a public apology in the prescribed format at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 February 2026. |
| SP 62 OF 2016 | Councillor Janelle Price                         | Councillor Sandra Smith                    | <p>(i) A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that Cr Price contravened a provision of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 on 3 December 2016 when she sent an email to Mr Andrew Sharpe, the City's Chief Executive Officer, including the words, <b>[REDACTED]</b>.</p> <p>(ii) On 3 December 2016 Cr Price sent Councillor Smith a copy of that email.</p> <p>(iii) The Panel found that the Words were abusive and offensive towards Councillor Smith and, as Cr Price also sent them to Mr Sharpe, likely to embarrass Councillor Smith.</p> <p>(iv) The Panel also found that the Words were likely to offend Mr Sharpe because Cr Price asked him to pass on an offensive message.</p> <p>(v) The Panel found that by including the Words in the email Cr Price made improper use of her office as a Councillor and intended to damage Councillor Smith, thereby committing a breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.</p> <p>(vi) It is unknown if Cr Price accepts that she should not have sent the email to Mr Sharpe and Councillor Smith and if she has apologised to Councillor Smith, Mr Sharpe and all her fellow Councillors for having done so.</p> | <p>The Panel ordered that Cr Price make a public apology to Cr Smith, Cr Smith's fellow councillors and the Chief Executive Officer, however this is not enforceable as Cr Price is no longer a councillor.</p> <p>Notice of the finding was distributed to Mayor and Councillors with the offensive wording removed.</p>                        |

Note: Minor breaches of the Local Government Act 1995 are dealt with by the Local Government Standards Panel. Adverse findings will be published in the table below once the relevant appeal period to the State Administrative Tribunal has expired. Link to finding:

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/localgovernment/Pages/LG-MinorBreaches.aspx#InptviewHash916f1f9f-c12d-43c4-9387-89d39403ed49=FilterField1%3DLocal%255F0020%255FGovernment-FilterValue1%3DAlbany%2520City>