



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

10<sup>th</sup> October 2006

<b>DCS6</b>	<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS – SECTION 449 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT FILE: 629 PJH</b>
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### SUMMARY:

To table the Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons.



### DESCRIPTION:

Section 449 of the Local Government Act requires that a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30<sup>th</sup> June must complete and lodge with the General Manager, within 3 months (by 30<sup>th</sup> September) a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

The returns have been completed by each Councillor and Designated Staff and are required to be tabled at the next Council meeting that is held after the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The Disclosure of Interest Returns will be tabled at this 10<sup>th</sup> October meeting.

### Department of Local Government to audit returns

Council is reminded that the Department of Local Government will this year audit a sample of returns from a cross section of Councils to examine the completeness of returns, particularly interests against Land Title Office records.

Should a Councillor or staff member need to update their form at any time during the year, a fresh return is to be completed. These can be obtained from the Manager Administration.

### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

*Nil*

- *Social*

*The requirement to lodge these returns gives confidence to the community that the Councillors and designated staff are being open in regard to their interests. The returns are to be made available for inspection on request.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*The returns are required under section 449 of the Local Government Act. Section 12 of the Act requires that they be available for public inspection. Council policy M14:3 lists those positions within the staff that are designated persons positions.*

- *Directors Review*

*As per report.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.**

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