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BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1995, Council is required to determine the method of conducting its elections. Similarly, it is required to occasionally review its method of elected representation.

PURPOSE:

To standardise timeframes and mechanisms by which Council will undertake its electoral processes and review its elected member representation.

POLICY:

The City of Cockburn will conduct its elections by postal ballot and declare the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of these elections pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act, 1995. Approval of the Commissioner will be sought in August prior to each biennial electoral cycle and the matter will be presented to Council for adoption upon the Commissioner's response.

Furthermore, Council will conduct a review of its Ward boundaries and Councillor representation each eight(8) years, pursuant to Section 2.2(3) and Schedule 2.2(6) of the Local Government Act, 1995.

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