



NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE

The Local Government Standards Panel has found that Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith, a Councillor of the City of Cockburn, twice breached regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)* when on 24 August when at the Special Meeting of Council held 22 August 2018 she:

- a. falsely stated that Councillor Chontelle Sands was the subject of two minor breach complaints and an investigation by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; and
- b. stated that Councillor Chontelle Sands had lied about an having an impartiality interest in respect to a matter previously considered by the Council.

In engaging in this conduct, Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith made improper use of her office as a council member with the intent to cause detriment to Councillor Sands. The Panel censures Councillor Smith for the two breaches of regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2008 (WA)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL