



New Code of Conduct for local councils

Overview

An updated model Code of Conduct and associated procedures were prescribed by the Office of Local Government at the end of last year.

This Code sets the ethical standards expected of council officials including councillors and staff.

The most recent updates are intended to reflect new and emerging issues and shifting community standards and expectations.

This 2.5 hour interactive and collaborative workshop is designed for local councillors and staff working in regional NSW.

Key learning outcomes

Either before or after adopting the new Code, councils should provide councillors and staff with a training session about the new requirements.

In this workshop, the key learning outcomes include:

- / Overview of the new structure of the Code
- / Detailed discussion on key changes to the Code and associated Procedures
- / Personal responsibility under the new Code
- / Consequences of failure to comply with the new Code
- / Practical application of the Code to topical scenarios

Who should attend

The workshop is suitable for:

- / New and experienced councillors
- / Senior staff (such as the General Manager, Directors and relevant Managers)
- / Team leaders and frontline staff

Maximum attendees: 20-25 people per session

What you will receive

All attendees will receive a handy reference guide which outlines the new provisions of the Code and whether this is a new clause, a change to an existing clause or the same as an existing clause.

We also provide a unique follow up service to ensure that the skills and knowledge gained in the workshop “stick” in the longer term.

Location and price

We come to you to deliver our workshop – taking the cost and headache out of travel for your councillors and staff.

We do this for a fixed price inclusive of all travel costs. We ask that you book a suitable venue and provide light refreshments for attendees.

Make a booking

To book a workshop for your Council, contact Emma Broomfield on:

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Our approach

We provide training and development workshops to councillors and staff because we believe this investment in the skills and knowledge of your elected members and staff improves the overall effectiveness of your council and therefore, the outcomes for your communities.

Our mission is to bring a fresh and exciting approach to training in the local government space by building the capability of your elected body and your council staff.

With this in mind, our approach is:

- / **strength based** – so that councillors and staff learn what to do, not just not what to avoid.
- / **collaborative and interactive** – so that councillors and staff can learn together and from each other as well as us.
- / **tailored** – so that councillors and staff can learn from content which is relevant to their communities needs and the situations they encounter.
- / **practical** – so that councillors and staff can learn from real life examples and not just the theory.

Our facilitators

Our facilitators are regional local government experts who have a unique combination of skills and training with qualifications in law, mediation, governance, planning and community engagement.

This means your councillors will gain insights from highly qualified experts who understand the regional context of local government.



Emma Broomfield
Director – Governance & Mediation

Emma is a nationally accredited mediator and trained lawyer with almost 20 years experience in the local government industry. She is a nominated Code of Conduct reviewer for multiple councils across northern NSW and regularly conducts reviews and investigations under the Code.

Her passion is helping others solve problems and work together for the benefit of their community. Emma is known for her empathic approach, practical focus and industry knowledge.



Cinnamon Dunsford
Principal Planner

Cinnamon is a Principal Planner and experienced community engagement practitioner with over 15 years' experience in the local government sector. She has a range of strategic, coastal, rural, environmental and economic planning experience.

Cinnamon holds the leading qualifications in community engagement from IAP2 and is known for her fantastic facilitation and communication skills.