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|  | <h1>District Council of Coober Pedy</h1> | <p>Issued: 21/04/2015</p> <p>Next Review: Dec 2018</p> |
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Policy Name: **Supplementary Election Policy**

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles and procedures that the Council will follow in regards to the calling of a supplementary election as set out in part 2,6 (2) of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

2. PRINCIPLES

The principles underpinning this policy are:

- To ensure and maintain a customer focus at all times
- That the efficient provision of resources and services are achieved

3. OBJECTIVES

The objective of Councils Supplementary Election Policy is to ensure the efficient allocation of Council resources in the event of a vacancy occurring.

4. POLICY

It is a policy of Council that subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 it will not fill a casual vacancy until the next general election. A casual vacancy will also not be held if;

- a) The vacancy occurs-
 - (i) on or after 1 January of a year in which a periodic election is due to be held and before the date on which nominations for that election are invited under section 18 of the Local Government Elections Act 1999; or
 - (ii) within 7 months before polling day for a general election (other than a periodic election) (the date of that polling day being known at the time of the occurrence of the vacancy); or
- b)
 - (i) the vacancy is for an office other than mayor; and
 - (ii) the area of the council is not divided into wards; and
 - (iii) there is no other vacancy in the office of a member of the council (disregarding the office of mayor)

However;

If a vacancy has not been filled due to the operation of subsection (4) (b); and another vacancy occurs in the office of a member (other than mayor); and the other vacancy has not occurred-

- c) On or after 1 January of a year in which a periodic election is due to be held and before the date on which nominations for that election are invited under section 18 of the Local Government Elections Act 1999; or
- d) Within 7 months before polling day for a general election (other than a periodic election) (the date of that polling day being known at the time of the occurrence of the vacancy),

Then a supplementary election must be held to fill the vacant officers.

If a casual vacancy has occurred; and a supplementary election is not to be held by virtue of the operation of (4)(b) above, any subsequent revocation or alteration of a policy of the council in force for the purpose of Part 2, 6, (2) (b) of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 cannot have effect so as to require the casual vacancy to be filled before the next general election.

In the event of a supplementary election being required, this will be held as soon as possible after the occasion for the election arises.

5. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of the Policy will be reviewed and evaluated after each general election.

6. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY

This policy will be available for inspection on Councils website at www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au and at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours.

Copies will be provided to interested parties upon request at no cost.