

2024-2028 Councillor Conduct Register

Complaint Number	Date of Complaint	Name of Councillor*	Summary of Complaint	Type of Alleged Conduct	Date of Decision	Decision	Reasons for Decision
C/24/00831	16/10/2024	Amanda Hay	It was alleged that on 9 October 2024, the Councillor failed to declare a conflict of interest (COI)	Inappropriate conduct	20/12/2024	Pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the local government act - No further action taken	The conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of a conduct breach or misconduct within the meaning of the Act
C/25/00355	15/05/2025	Amanda Hay	It was alleged that on 15 May 2024 the Councillor made unsubstantiated, libellous and defamatory accusation against an unnamed community member	Inappropriate conduct	28/05/2025	Dismissed under section 150SD(2)(c)(iii) - The conduct the subject of the complaint relates solely to behaviour engaged in by the councillor in a personal capacity unless the conduct is suspected corrupt conduct.	There was no evidence to substantiate an assessment that the conduct reached the threshold of misconduct or conduct breach.
C/25/00179	12/03/2025	Stephen Moriarty	<p>It was alleged that Councillor Moriarty had used Council issued fuel cards to refuel a personal vehicle. On 12 March 2025, the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) received a notification that Councillor Moriarty had allegedly been using fuel cards to refuel a personal vehicle, in circumstances where there was no lawful authority.</p> <p>The particulars of this complaint were as follows:</p> <p>Councillor Moriarty was issued with a temporary fuel card for use with his private vehicle whilst awaiting a suitable Council vehicle.</p> <p>Councillor Moriarty was then issued a suitable Council vehicle, which came with the designated fuel cards for that vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was alleged that Councillor Moriarty did not return a temporary fuel card and 	Suspected misconduct or conduct breach	30/05/2025	Dismissed under 150X(a)(ii) - The conduct does not constitute a conduct breach or misconduct.	<p>Dismissed under section 150X(a)(ii) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> on the basis that the OIA was provided with inaccurate information. It became evident that the fuel cards that were subject to this investigation had been assigned to others and there had been an administrative error.</p> <p>The decision of the OIA to dismiss the allegation was made after an investigation because the information found, indicated that Councillor Moriarty did not engage in a conduct breach or misconduct. A detailed and rigorous review of the additional information provided by Council, revealed the original information supplied by Council was inaccurate.</p> <p>Upon closer examination, it became evident the fuel cards subject to this investigation had been assigned to others and there had been an administrative error within the local government. Considering this administrative error and noting that re-examination of the</p>

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			<p>continued refuelling his private vehicle, whilst using Council's fuel card.</p> <p>It was alleged that the total amount of fuel purchased for his private vehicle using the Council fuel card was \$6,014.33..</p>				data did not identify any irregularities concerning use of the fuel cards established to be in the possession of Councillor Moriarty, the matter has been dismissed.
C/25/00364	15/05/2025	Tom Sharp	It was alleged that on 9 April 2025, during a Council Strategy Workshop, the Councillor made inappropriate comments in relation to a compliance matter listed on the agenda. Specifically, it was alleged the Councillor stated that compliance officers are "not trained, uneducated and slightly arrogant."	Inappropriate conduct	22/05/2025	Dismissed under section 150D(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009 - Dealing with the complaint, notice or information would be an unjustifiable use of resources	The OIA is focused on serious misconduct matters and rarely refers complaints of this nature back to councils for further consideration. It is acknowledged that strategy workshops are forums for robust discussion. However, councillors are encouraged to reflect on the language used in such settings to reduce the likelihood of future complaints.
C/25/00618	02/09/2025	Amanda Hay	On 2 September 2025, Councillor Hay self-referred a matter to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA). The referral was made following a resident's social media post which suggested she had engaged in misconduct in relation to the awarding of \$14,500 in Council funding to a community organisation of which she was a patron. The post implied that the Councillor had benefited or acted improperly in connection with the funding decision	Suspected misconduct or conduct breach	11/09/2025	Dismissed under section 150SD(2)(c)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2009 – conduct does not constitute a conduct breach or misconduct.	The OIA determined that the conduct did not raise a reasonable suspicion of misconduct or a conduct breach under the Act. In reaching its decision, the OIA considered the Councillor's self-referral, the resident's social media post, relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 2009, and the Human Rights Act 2019. It was noted that the Councillor had declared a conflict of interest at the Council meeting where the funding matter was considered and had removed herself from the decision-making process. On this basis, the OIA concluded there was no evidence that the Councillor's conduct constituted a breach.
C/25/00717	10/10/2025	Amanda Hay	On 10 October 2025, Councillor Hay self-referred a matter to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA). The self-referral related to an allegation made by a resident on social media that Councillor Hay had engaged in "stalking on a private Facebook page." The page was administered by the resident	Suspected misconduct or conduct breach	27/10/2025	Dismissed under section 150SD(2)(c)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2009 – conduct does not constitute a conduct breach or misconduct.	The OIA determined that the conduct did not raise a reasonable suspicion of misconduct or a conduct breach under the Act. In reaching its decision, the OIA considered Councillor Hay's self-referral, the relevant provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)</i> , and the <i>Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)</i> . It was noted that the allegation was a bare claim made by a member of the public on social media and that there was no evidence known to or available to the OIA to corroborate any element of the alleged conduct. The OIA concluded that Councillor Hay's conduct clearly did not constitute a conduct breach or misconduct.

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	17/07/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 1: Cr Moriarty emailed the mayor and deputy mayor advising that you had a DCOI in the matter of 'unconstructed roads'	Allegations 1 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.
	31/07/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 2: Cr Moriarty emailed the CEO and mayor requesting that the matter of 'unconstructed roads' be added as an item to the next council strategy meeting on 7 August 2024.	Allegations 2 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.

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	14/08/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 3: Cr Moriarty participated in a Briefing Session which included a discussion on Item 6.3, pertaining to material change of use application MCU23/180.	Allegations 3 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to Sarabah Camping	04/02/2026	Recommendation: Cr Moriarty seek one-on-one training from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the Department) in relation to the role and obligations of a councillor when identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with those interests.	The purpose of this recommendation is to identify and prevent further issues that may, if not addressed, lead to avoidable complaints. In making a recommendation, it is acknowledged that the allegations have not been the subject of proper determination, and as such, no adverse assertion is made about Cr
	28/08/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 4: On 28 August, at the Ordinary Council Meeting, Cr Moriarty participated and voted on Agenda Item 11.5 relating to MCU23/180	Allegation 4 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EPA, by participating in a decision where you had a DCOI relating to Sarabah Camping.	04/02/2026	Recommendation: Cr Moriarty seek one-on-one training from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the Department) in relation to the role and obligations of a councillor when identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with those interests	The purpose of this recommendation is to identify and prevent further issues that may, if not addressed, lead to avoidable complaints. In making a recommendation, it is acknowledged that the allegations have not been the subject of proper determination, and as such, no adverse assertion is made about Cr Moriarty's conduct.
	10/09/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 5: Cr Moriarty emailed the CEO advising that you had a DCOI in Agenda Item 6.2 'Compliance and Enforcement Policy' for the next day's Briefing Session. The following day you attended the Briefing Session, declared a DCOI, and actively participated in Agenda Items 6.2 and 6.6 'Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Draft Amendment 8'.	Allegations 5 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to Sarabah Camping	04/02/2026	Recommendation: Cr Moriarty seek one-on-one training from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the Department) in relation to the role and obligations of a councillor when identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with those interests.	The purpose of this recommendation is to identify and prevent further issues that may, if not addressed, lead to avoidable complaints. In making a recommendation, it is acknowledged that the allegations have not been the subject of proper determination, and as such, no adverse assertion is made about Cr Moriarty's conduct.
	14/10/2024	Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 6: Cr Moriarty emailed all councillors about 'unconstructed roads'. At a Briefing Session on 16 October 2024, he then did not declare a DCOI in Agenda Item 7.1 'Unconstructed Roads' and proceeded to speak at length on the topic.	Allegations 6 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr

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	03/11/2024	Cr Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 7: On 3 November 2024, you emailed all councillors about 'unconstructed roads' and advocated for a particular strategy to be adopted by council.	Allegations 7 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.
	06/11/2024	Cr Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 8: Cr Moriarty declared a DCOI in Agenda Item 6.3 'Regulation of campgrounds in Scenic Rim' during a Strategy Workshop. You then remained for the item and spoke at length on the regulation of campgrounds and aspects of the discussion were directly relevant to Sarah Camping.	Allegations 8 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI	04/02/2026	Recommendation: Cr Moriarty seek one-on-one training from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the Department) in relation to the role and obligations of a councillor when identifying conflicts of interest and how to deal with those interests.	The purpose of this recommendations is to identify and prevent further issues that may, if not addressed, lead to avoidable complaints. In making a recommendation, it is acknowledged that the allegations have not been the subject of proper determination, and as such, no adverse assertion is made about Cr Moriarty's conduct.

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	12/11/2024	Cr Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 9: On 12 November 2024, Cr Moriarty emailed all councillors regarding 'unconstructed roads' and advocated for your approach to council changes on the topic.	Allegations 9 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.
	13/11/2024	Cr Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 10: Cr Moriarty did not declare a DCOI and spoke at length about Agenda Item '7.2 Road Network Extension - Grahams Dip Road, Bid-daddaba', which involved 'unconstructed roads'.	Allegations 10 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.

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	Unknown		Allegation 11: It was alleged Cr Moriarty's register of interests (ROI) did not contain the required particulars relating to income derived from your cattle grazing operation and Sarabah Camping.	Allegation 11 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 201C, by failing to update your ROI in the prescribed manner.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	There was no evidence that Cr Moriarty deliberately departed from his obligations or intentionally concealed his interests in the relevant matters. He demonstrated a commitment to comply with all relevant requirements by promptly correcting his ROI.
	10/12/2025	Cr Stephen Moriarty	Allegation 12: on 10 December 2025 during an Ordinary Council Meeting, Cr Moriarty did not declare a DCOI and participated in the Council's decision by way of putting forward a motion in relation to Agenda Item '11.8 Road Network Extension - Grahams Dip Road, Biddadaba', which involved 'unconstructed roads'.	Allegations 12 was alleged to constitute misconduct pursuant to section 150L(1)(c)(iii) of the Act as a contravention of section 150EZ(2), as influencing decision makers in matters where you had a DCOI relating to unconstructed roads. The definition of influencing includes "discussing" the matter with decision makers.	04/02/2026	Dismissed	Allegations relating to unconstructed roads in general and the existence of a DCOI were dismissed on the basis that there was insufficient direct connection between the matter under consideration and Cr Moriarty's personal interest, and as such further action was not in the public interest.