

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - COUNCILLOR FEES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

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### **Summary:**

This report sets out the Local Government Remuneration Tribunals range of fees for Councillors and Mayors within each category for 2020/2021. The rural category includes Walgett Shire Council.

### **Background:**

The Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with section 239 and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 each year makes its determination for the annual fees payable to Mayors and Councillors of Local Councils. Under sections 248 (4) and 249 (4) of the Act a Council that does not fix its fees must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

### **Current Position:**

The tribunal has not increased the fees for the forthcoming year they remain the same as 2019/2020.

The table below sets out the new fee structure applicable for 2020/2021 and Council must now formally adopt fees within the range as shown. The Mayoral fee is paid in addition to the Councillors fee.

<b>Category Fees</b>	<b>“Rural”</b>	<b>Category Minimum</b>	<b>Category Maximum</b>
Mayor		<b>9,780</b>	<b>26,530</b>
Councillor		<b>9,190</b>	<b>12,160</b>

Walgett Shire Council from 2011/2012 has set the Councillor fees at the maximum level as set by the Remuneration Tribunal, with 25% of the Mayoral fee being allocated to the Deputy Mayor.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government Tribunal Annual Report and Determination 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Governance issues:**

Council is obliged to adopt a Councillor and Mayoral fee for the forthcoming financial year in accordance with the provisions as set out in the Local Government Act 1993.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council

Walgett Shire Councillors

**Financial Implications:**

The 2020/2021 budget has made provision for the maximum Councillor's fees of \$12,160 and a Mayoral fee of \$26,530 pa. In 2019/2020 the Deputy Mayor received 25% of the Mayoral fee for officiating at functions when the Mayor is unable to attend.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council may adopt a lesser fee for 2020/2021.

**Conclusion:**

The report recommends that Council adopt the maximum fee for Councillors and Mayor for 2020/2021.

**Councillor Fees, Local Government Remuneration Tribunal****Recommendation**

That the Councillor fees be set at the maximum level set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for a Rural Category.

- a) The Councillor fee for 2020/2021 be \$12,160
- b) The Mayoral fee for 2020/2021 be set at \$26,530
- c) 25% of the Mayoral fee be allocated to the Councillor occupying the position of Deputy Mayor

**Moved:****Seconded:****Attachments:**

Nil