



## Supplementary Elections Policy

<b>Classification:</b>	Council Policy
<b>Review Frequency:</b>	Once in the Term of Council
<b>Last Reviewed:</b>	December 2018
<b>Review Due:</b>	November 2022
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager Corporate &amp; Community Services</li> <li>• Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>
<b>Applicable Legislation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 6 of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999</li> </ul>
<b>Related Policies/Procedures:</b>	

### 1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To establish Kingston District Council's position in dealing with a casual vacancy in the office of an elected member (not being the Mayor) in accordance with section 6(2)(b) of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.
- 1.2 To ensure council continues to provide fair and equitable community representation and efficient allocation of council resources in the event of a casual vacancy.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to elected members (excluding the office of Mayor).

**3. DEFINITIONS:**

<b><i>Casual vacancy</i></b>	When the office of a council member becomes vacant in accordance with the circumstances detailed in section 4 of the Local Government Act 1999.
<b><i>General Election</i></b>	A general election of members of the council, whether a Periodic Election held under Section 5 of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 or pursuant to a proclamation or notice under the Local Government Act 1999.
<b><i>Supplementary Election</i></b>	An election that is held when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A general or periodic election wholly or partially fails to fill the offices or is declared void; or</li> <li>• A casual vacancy occurs in the office of an elected member.</li> </ul>

**4. POLICY STATEMENT:**

- 4.1 Council recognises that during the four (4) year term of council, single casual vacancies may occur.
- 4.2 Should a single casual vacancy occur in the membership of council prior to the next general election, a supplementary election will not be held. Any such vacancy will be filled at the next general election.
- 4.3 In the event that a second casual vacancy occurs during the term of office, Council will proceed to a supplementary election to fill both vacancies.
- 4.3 In the event of a supplementary election being required, this will be held as soon as possible, subject to the provision of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

**5. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY:**

This policy will be available for inspection at the council's principle office, 29 Holland Street Kingston SE, during ordinary business hours and on council's website: [www.kingstondc.sa.gov.au](http://www.kingstondc.sa.gov.au). Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon such payment of the fee set by council.