

# Canterbury Regional Council

## Councillor declaration of interest register

The guiding principle for Councillors' declarations in the interests register is set out in the Members' Code of Conduct, which states:

*"Honesty and Integrity – Members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, should not behave improperly and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour"*

In addition, the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 is concerned with members' financial and non-financial interests. The Office of the Auditor General notes a conflict of interest can arise when: *"A member's or official's duties or responsibilities to a public entity could be affected by some other interest or duty that the member or official may have."*<sup>1</sup>

Keeping a Councillors' declaration of interest register (both financial and non-financial) allows the Council to identify and manage a conflict of interest when it arises. The register should also include any such interest(s) held by a Councillor's partner or spouse.

Guidance on conflicts of interest is included in Councillors' Code of Conduct, which provides that the register should be reviewed annually, and in the Office of the Auditor-General's Good Practice Guide.

If a Councillor is in any doubt as to whether or not a particular course of action (including a decision to take no action) raises a conflict of interest, then the Member should seek guidance from the Chief Executive *immediately*.

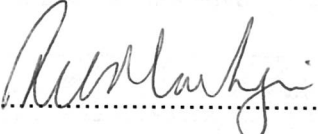
The information in the completed declarations will be publicly available on Council's website.

Type of interest	Description
Employment, trade or profession carried on by the Councillor or the Councillor's spouse for profit or gain	Regional Councillor Farmer
Company, trust, partnership etc for which the Councillor or their spouse is a director, partner or trustee	Director and Shareholder Akaunui Farms Ltd Director and Shareholder Willowby Engineering Ltd Shareholder Fonterra, Ravensdown Fertiliser Cooperative, Silver Fern Farms Trustee R.I.C. & D.M. Mackenzie Family Trust Trustee Hinds Hekeao Water Enhancement Trust (as Ecan Councillor) Chair Ashburton Community Water Trust Trustee Mid Canterbury Farmers Charitable Trust Member- Eiffelton Community Group Irrigation Scheme

<sup>1</sup> Office of the Auditor General Good Practice Guide – Managing Conflicts of Interest: Guidance for public entities

	Ashburton Hinds drainage district liaison committee (as Ecan Councillor) Irrigation NZ - through scheme membership Member — Federated Farmers
Address of any land in which the Councillor has a beneficial interest and which is in the area of Environment Canterbury	902 Longbeach Road, Eiffelton 109 and 616 Surveyors Road. Hinds 1079 Longbeach Road, Eiffelton 64 Winslow Westerfield Road, Tinwald
The address of any land where the landlord is Environment Canterbury and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Councillor or their spouse is a tenant; or</li> <li>• the land is tenanted by a firm in which the Councillor or spouse is a partner, a company of which the Councillor or spouse is a director, or a Trust of which the Councillor or spouse is a Trustee.</li> </ul>	
Any other matters which the public might reasonably regard as likely to influence the Councillor's actions during the course of their duties as a Councillor	Effluent and Ground Water Consents Surface Water Take

The information contained in this statement is to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate as at the below date. I confirm that I have included in this statement details of any interests held by me or my partner/spouse through trusts or companies.

Signed .....  ..... Date 10/18/22

Councillor Ian Mackenzie

**NB: Gifts register:** Where a gift to the value of \$50 or more is offered to Councillors in their capacity as a Councillor, the Councillor must immediately disclose this to the Chief Executive in writing for inclusion in the gifts register provided by management for this purpose.