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1 Purpose

This policy establishes the use of a casting vote by the Mayor or Chairperson of Council Meetings.

2 Principles

Litchfield Council is committed to transparency, efficiency and good governance.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Casting vote	Where there is an equal number of votes for and against a motion, the Chair is required to cast a second "casting vote" to break the tie.
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4 Policy Statement

- 4.1 Pursuant to Section 61(5) of the Local Government Act, the Chair of a Council Meeting must exercise a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.
- 4.2 Pursuant to Section 61(6) of the Local Government Act, this policy cannot be altered or revoked for the term of the present Council.

5 Associated Documents

Nil

6 References and Related Legislation

Local Government Act, Section 61