



Name	EM04 Casting Vote
Policy Type	Council
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Approval Date	23/09/2025
Review Date	22/09/2029

1. Purpose

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

2. Scope

This policy applies to the Mayor or Chairperson of Council Meetings

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 95(5) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and this policy, the Chair of a Council Meeting must exercise a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.
- 4.2. Pursuant to Section 95(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 Legislation

Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019

7. Review History

Date Reviewed	Description of changes (Inc Decision No. if applicable)
14/12/2015	Policy adopted by new Council
13/09/2017	Policy updated to reflect Local Government Act subsections
15/09/2021	Sections amended as per Local Government Act and Policy adopted by new Council
23/09/2025	Minor amendments, policy adopted by new Council