ITEM 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(a) Section 451 of the Local Government Act 1993

Pursuant to the provisions of section 451 of the Local Government Act 1993, Councillors are required to disclose pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of Council.

Councillors are also required to disclose any non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of Council in accordance with the relevant clauses of the Code of Conduct – February 2016.

This will include receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

Written disclosures of interest received by the Chief Executive Officer in relation to items for consideration at this meeting will be laid on the table.

(b) Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008

The *Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008* ("the Act") requires the disclosure of relevant political donations or gifts when planning or development applications are made to minimise any perception of undue influence. The amendments to the Act require disclosure to the Electoral Funding Authority of:

- a **reportable political donation** as defined in the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* (a donation of $1000 or more made to or for the benefit of the party, elected member, group or candidate or made by a major political donor to or for the benefit of a party, elected member, group or candidate, or made to the major political donor), or

- a **gift** (as defined in the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981*) to any local councillor or council employee (and includes a disposition of property or a gift of money or the provision of other valuable or service for no consideration or for inadequate consideration) when a relevant planning application is made to a council.

A donation of less than $1000 can be a reportable political donation if the aggregated total of such donations was made by an entity or person to the same party, elected member, group or candidate or person.