

Register of Complaints

Section 5.121 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

(Current as of 8 July 2026)

All complaints against the City of Stirling ('City') Elected Members that result in a finding by the former Local Government Standards Panel (under section 5.110(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*) that a minor breach has occurred must be recorded in a register of complaints and that register must be published on the City's website.

This Register list findings on complaints dealt with by the Local Government Standard Panel before 1 January 2026.

Standards Panel Reference	Elected Member	Complainant	Description of Minor Breach	Details of Action Taken under section 5.110(6)
2010-15	Councillor Elizabeth Re	Councillor Stephanie Proud	The Standards Panel found that Councillor Elizabeth Re committed a breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 on 5 February 2010. It was found that Councillor Elizabeth Re made improper use of her office of Council Member to cause detriment to Councillor Giovanni Italiano JP and Councillor Stephanie Proud respectively by publishing and circulating an article headed 'Martino service station - Ampol - Scarborough Beach Road Innaloo' in her 'WAG 3 Update 4 February' edition of her electronic newsletter known as 'WAG Update'.	At the Council meeting held 2 August 2011, Councillor Elizabeth Re made a public apology to Councillor Giovanni Italiano JP and Councillor Stephanie Proud in accordance with the Orders of the Local Government Standards Panel.

Standards Panel Reference	Elected Member	Complainant	Description of Minor Breach	Details of Action Taken under section 5.110(6)
2010-64	Councillor Elizabeth Re	Mayor David Boothman	The Standards Panel found that Councillor Elizabeth Re committed a breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 on 16 November 2010. It was found that Councillor Elizabeth Re made improper use of her office of Council Member to cause detriment to Mayor David Boothman - such detriment being damage or loss of Mayor Boothman's reputation by submitting a notice of motion of a vote of no confidence in the Mayor at the Council meeting held 16 November 2010.	At the Council meeting held 7 May 2013, Councillor Elizabeth Re made a public apology to Mayor David Boothman in accordance with the Orders of the Local Government Standards Panel.
20240048	Mayor Mark Irwin	Mr Simon Wheeler	The Standards Panel found that Mayor Mark Irwin committed a breach of regulation 18(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2021 and Regulation 34D of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 on 25 June 2024. It was found that Mayor Mark Irwin made improper use of his office of Council Member to cause detriment to Mr Wheeler, and also contravened the City's Meeting Procedures Local Law, when he responded to the Complainant's question during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 25 June 2024.	On 30 October 2025 Mayor Mark Irwin appealed to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of the Order. On 30 January 2026 the State Administrative Tribunal ordered the proceeding be withdrawn. At the Council meeting held 10 February 2026, Mayor Mark Irwin made a public apology to Mr Simon Wheeler in accordance with the Orders of the Local Government Standards Panel.

Standards Panel Reference	Elected Member	Complainant	Description of Minor Breach	Details of Action Taken under section 5.110(6)
20250649	Mayor Mark Irwin	Mr Roland Hadley	The Standards Panel found that Mayor Mark Irwin committed a breach of regulation 18(1)(b) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 on 24 March 2025. It was found that Mayor Mark Irwin made improper use of his office of Council Member to cause detriment to Mr Hadley, when at the Electors' General Meeting held on 24 March 2025, he prevented Mr Hadley from asking questions and treated him in a disrespectful manner.	At the Council meeting held 7 July 2026, Mayor Mark Irwin made a public apology to Mr Roland Hadley in accordance with the Orders of the Local Government Standards Panel.