

CONFLICT OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Scenario

Gilgandra Shire Council (Council) is assessing a Development Application (DA2025/587) for a warehouse (tank storage) at 7 Enterprise Drive. Council is the land owner of 7 Enterprise Drive. The Development Application has been lodged as a condition of the sale process with the purchaser being A&E Walker Group Pty Ltd. Ashley Walker is noted as a Director of this company, who is also a Councillor with Gilgandra Shire Council. It is noted that Mr Walker is not identified on the DA as the applicant with Navigate Planning acting on his behalf.

Council conflict of interest management statement

Project name

Development Application (DA2025/587) for a warehouse (tank storage) at 7 Enterprise Drive

Potential conflict

- a) Gilgandra Shire Council is the land owner.
- b) DA approval is part of the land sale process

Management strategy

The Council is managing potential conflicts of interest in this matter as follows:

- The DA will be publicly exhibited for 28 days and neighbour notified.
- Council development assessment staff were not involved with preparing the application.
- Council development assessment staff were not involved in the assessment of the EOI for the sale of the land.
- Council development assessment staff will have no contact with Mr Walker. All correspondence shall be sent to Navigate Planning. Any contact with Mr Walker will be undertaken by Council's Director of Growth & Liveability or the General Manager.
- The development application is to be determined in a public Council meeting with Councillors. Mr Walker will be required to declare a conflict of interest form and remove himself from the meeting. The conflict is to be made clear to all elected Councillors as per the standard Council meeting declaration of interest procedures.
- Mr Walker is to be provided a copy of this statement to clearly understand the expectations in consideration of this DA process.

Anyone with concerns about Council fulfilling its obligations should report their concerns to the Council.

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