

**Central Goldfields Shire Council**  
**Governance Local Law 2005**

**1. Local Law**

This Local Law is made under Section 111 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of this Local Law are to –

- (a) provide for the peace order and good government of the municipal district;
- (b) provide for the administration of **Council** powers and functions;
- (c) regulate proceedings at **Council Meetings, Committee Meetings** and other meetings conducted by or on behalf of **Council** where **Council** has resolved that the provisions of the Local Law are to apply;
- (d) regulate proceedings for the election of the **Mayor**;
- (e) regulate the use of the **Common Seal**; and
- (f) prohibit unauthorised use of the **Common Seal** or any device resembling the **Common Seal**.

**3. Commencement Date**

This Local Law comes into operation on the date it is made.

**4. Revocation of Local Laws**

On the commencement of this Local Law Council's Governance Local Law 2000 is revoked.

**5. Application of the Local Law**

This Local Law applies at all times throughout the **municipal district**.

**6. Definitions**

In this Local Law –

“**Chief Executive Officer**” means the person who is the Chief Executive Officer of the **Council** or any person acting in that position;

“**Council**” means the Central Goldfields Shire Council;

**7. Code of Meetings Procedure**

The Code of Meetings Procedure was adopted by Council to govern the conduct of meetings of Council and special committees and is incorporated into this Local Law.

**8. Code of Good Governance**

Council has adopted and will adhere to the Code of Good Governance incorporated into and forming part of this Local Law.

**9. Common Seal**

9.1 The Council’s common seal and words to be used accompanying it on any document to which it is affixed are as follows –

The COMMON SEAL of CENTRAL )  
GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL )  
was affixed in the presence of: )

.....  
Chief Executive Officer

9.2 The Chief Executive Officer must keep the Common Seal in safe custody and must ensure that access to it is restricted.

9.3 Every document to which the Common Seal is affixed must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer or his or her delegate.

**10. Offences**

It is an offence –

(a) for a person to use the Common Seal without the authority of Council;  
and

- (b) under the Code of Meetings Procedure –
- (i) for a **Councillor** to not withdraw a remark which is considered by the **Chairperson** to be defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, disorderly or objectionable in language, substance or nature, and to not satisfactorily apologise when called upon twice by the **Chairperson** to do so;
  - (ii) for any person, not being a **Councillor**, who has been called to order for any improper or disorderly conduct to not leave the **meeting** when requested by the **Chairperson** to do so; and
  - (iii) for any person to fail to obey a direction of the **Chairperson** relating to the conduct of the **meeting** or the maintenance of order.

Penalty: 20 penalty units (\$2,000)



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