

# **South Gippsland Shire Council**

**Instrument of Delegation**  
**to**  
**The Chief Executive Officer**

### Instrument of Delegation

In exercise of the power conferred by s 11(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)* and all other powers enabling it, South Gippsland Shire Council (**Council**) delegates to the member of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the position of Chief Executive Officer, the powers, duties and functions set out in the Schedule to this Instrument of Delegation,

AND declares that

- 1. this Instrument of Delegation is authorised by a Resolution of Council passed on 24 June 2020;
- 2. the delegation
  - 2.1 comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to this Instrument of Delegation;
  - 2.2 is subject to any conditions and limitations set out in the Schedule;
  - 2.3 must be exercised in accordance with any guidelines or policies which Council from time to time adopts; and
  - 2.4 remains in force until Council resolves to vary or revoke it.

The Common Seal of the South Gippsland Shire Council was affixed in the presence of Kerryn Ellis, Chief Executive Officer.

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Date: 24 June 2020

**Delegation Sources**

- Local Government Act 2020

**Titles**

- CEO: Chief Executive Officer

**SCHEDULE**

The power to

1. determine any issue;
2. take any action; or
3. do any act or thing

arising out of or connected with any duty imposed, or function or power conferred on Council by or under any Act.

**Conditions and Limitations**

- A. Only if there is a state of emergency declared under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* or state of disaster under the *Emergency Management Act 1986* and the delegate forms the opinion that any meeting of Council which would otherwise determine the issue, take the action or do the act or thing will lapse for want of a quorum may the delegate (following consultation with any available Administrators and subject to any decision made by the delegate being reported to the next available Council Meeting):
1. award a contract equal to or exceeding the value of \$250,000 (inclusive of GST) to a maximum value of \$3,000,000 (inclusive of GST) with the exception of:
    - annual WorkCover and Council insurance premiums; and
    - any other contract which complies with Council's procurement policy and is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to award by a resolution of Council;
  2. appoint Councillor or community delegates or representatives to external organisations; or
  3. return the general valuation and any supplementary valuations; and
  4. determine an issue, take action or do an act or thing which would or would be likely to involve a decision which is inconsistent with a:
    - 4.1. policy; or
    - 4.2. strategy
 adopted by Council.
- B. The delegate must not otherwise determine the issue, take the action or do the act or thing:
1. if the issue, action, act or thing is an issue, action, act or thing which involves:
    - 1.1. entering into a contract exceeding the value of \$250,000 (inclusive of GST);
    - 1.2. making any expenditure that exceeds \$250,000 (inclusive of GST) (unless it is expenditure made under a contract already entered into or is expenditure which Council is, by or under legislation, required to make);
    - 1.3. appointing an Acting Chief Executive Officer for a period exceeding 28 days;

- 1.4. election of a Mayor or Deputy Mayor;
  - 1.5. granting of a reasonable request for leave under section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;
  - 1.6. making any decision in relation to the employment, dismissal or removal of the Chief Executive Officer;
  - 1.7. adoption or amendment of any policy that Council is required to adopt under the Act;
  - 1.8. adoption or amendment of the Governance Rules;
  - 1.9. borrowing money;
  - 1.10. subject to section 181H(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declaring general rates, municipal charges, service rates and charges and specified rates and charges; or
2. if the issue, action, act or thing is an issue, action, act or thing which is required by law to be done by Council resolution;
  3. if the issue, action, act or thing is an issue, action or thing which Council has previously designated as an issue, action, act or thing which must be the subject of a Resolution of Council; or
  4. if the determining of the issue, the taking of the action or the doing of the act or thing cannot be the subject of a lawful delegation, whether on account of s 11(2)(a)-(n) (inclusive) of the *Local Government Act 2020* or otherwise; or
  5. the determining of the issue, the taking of the action or the doing of the act or thing is already the subject of an exclusive delegation to another member of Council staff.
- C. For the avoidance of any doubt, the delegate may perform the following functions:
1. endorse the appointment of members to fill casual vacancies in Advisory Committees, subject to those appointments being advised to Council;
  2. appointment of the chair or the members to a delegated committee;
  3. declare that a contract must be entered into because of an emergency under s 186(5)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, subject to that contract being within the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation and the declaration being reported to the next Council meeting;
  4. use the Common Seal of Council, subject to that use being reported to Council; and
  5. pay annual WorkCover and Council Insurance premiums, subject to payments being reported to the next Council meeting immediately after payment is made.