



WEST ARNHEM



REGIONAL COUNCIL



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SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021



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Notice is hereby given that a Special Finance Committee Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Council Chambers, Jabiru on Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 10:00 am.

Daniel Findley
Chief Executive Officer

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FOR THE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2021

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Northern Territory Electoral Commission Non-Voter Actions in West Arnhem
File Reference:	976301
Author:	Doreen Alusa, Governance and Risk Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Special Finance Committee's advice on whether the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) should undertake non-voter actions in West Arnhem.

BACKGROUND

NTEC has requested Council to provide advice on whether it should undertake non-voter follow up actions on Council's behalf. According to NTEC, 2531 eligible voters did not take part in the elections and may be required to pay a penalty of \$25 for failing to vote. Council has the following options with regards to this matter:

1. To advise NTEC not to undertake any non-voter follow up actions on Council's behalf.
2. To advise NTEC to undertake non-voter follow up actions on Council's behalf for the 2531 eligible voters who did not take part in the 2021 Local Government elections.
3. To advise NTEC to undertake non-voter follow up actions on Council's behalf after excluding eligible voters in the following categories:
 - a. Voters over 70 years of age;
 - b. First time voters; and
 - c. Voters with a non-deliverable residential address.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 142(3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will incur a cost of approximately \$11,554.48 (GST inclusive) if Council directs NTEC to undertake non-voter actions on Council's behalf.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee discusses this report, and provides advice on whether NTEC should undertake non-voter actions on Council's behalf.

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FOR THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

10 NOVEMBER 2021

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