

## MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY STATEMENT

The operational, financial, social and reputational impact of fraud and corruption on Moreton Bay Regional Council (**Council**) and its local community can be significant.

Fraud and corruption can:

- Disrupt business continuity
- Waste resources, including management time
- Reduce the quality and effectiveness of critical services
- Threaten the financial stability of Council, and
- Damage Council's public image and reputation.

Council is committed to maintaining a culture of honesty and integrity, and fostering an ethical environment and culture.

Council has effective internal control mechanisms in place, which mitigate the impacts of fraudulent and corrupt conduct by reducing the incidence, improving the detection and reducing losses and damages which may occur to Council.

Council adopts a zero tolerance approach towards fraud and corruption in all activities. This is consistent with Council's values and the Employee Code of Conduct.

Everyone in Council has a role to play in identifying areas of risk, including fraud, corruption and initiating responses that manage the risk exposure to acceptable levels, ensuring that internal controls are working properly and policies are being followed.

Council's Fraud and Corruption Control Policy is part of Council's overarching Fraud and Corruption Control Framework (**Framework**) for preventing, detecting and responding to fraud and corruption.

Council expects everyone in the organisation to assist in preventing fraud and corruption by:

- Understanding the responsibilities of their position
- Familiarising themselves with, and adhering to, Council's policies, procedures and directives
- Understanding what behaviour constitutes fraudulent and/or corrupt conduct
- Maintaining an awareness of Council strategies implemented to minimise fraud and corruption
- Being continuously vigilant to the potential for fraud or corruption to occur, and
- Reporting suspected or actual occurrences of fraud or corruption in accordance with the Framework.



Chief Executive Officer

23,06,2017

Date