

ANNUAL RETURN OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS: DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

In accordance with Clause 4.21 of Liverpool City Council's Code of Conduct Policy and as prescribed by the office of Local Government in Schedule 1 of The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW 2020.

<<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/governance/model-code-of-conduct/model-code-of-conduct-and-procedures-2020/>>

All Councillors and Designated persons must complete this form, either to declare their pecuniary interests or to declare they have NIL pecuniary interests.

These are to be lodged with the CEO within 3 months of: (a) The 30th of June each year, (b) becoming a councillor or designated person, the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been previously disclosed under (a) or (b).

Pecuniary Interest as defined in clause 4.1 of the Model Code of Conduct 2020: is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person closely associated to you (refer to clause 4.3 for more definition on these persons).

If this is the first return you have been required to lodge with the CEO after becoming a councillor or designated person, do not complete Parts C, D and I of the return. All other parts of the return should be completed with appropriate information based on your circumstances at the return date, that is, the date on which you became a councillor or designated person.

If you have previously lodged a return with the CEO and are submitting a new return for the new financial year, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the 12-month period commencing on 30 June of the previous year (2024) to 30 June this year (2025).

If you have previously lodged a return with the CEO and you are completing this return for the purposes of disclosing a new interest that was not disclosed in the last return you lodged with the CEO, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the period from 30 June of the previous financial year or the date on which you became a councillor or designated person, (whichever is the later date), to the return date which is the date you became aware of the new interest to be disclosed in your updated return.

If there are no pecuniary interests or other matters of the kind required to be disclosed under a heading in this form, the word "NIL" is to be placed in an appropriate space under that heading.

The form will take approximately 9 minutes to complete, if you have any questions regarding this form please email:

annualdisclosures@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

Important Information:

This information is being collected for the purpose of complying with clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct.

You must not lodge a return that you know or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular (see clause 4.23 of the Model Code of Conduct). <<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/governance/model-code-of-conduct/model-code-of-conduct-and-procedures-2020/>>

Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local Government and may result in disciplinary action by the council, the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The information collected on this form will be kept by the CEO in a register of returns. The CEO is required to table all returns at a council meeting.

Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 4.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

Please read and refer to Section J of this form regarding Protection of Privacy and the legislative references and terms for redacting certain personal information.

You have an obligation to keep the information contained in this return up to date. If you become aware of a new interest that must be disclosed in this return, or an interest that you have previously failed to disclose, you must submit an updated return within three months of becoming aware of the previously undisclosed interest

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by councillor or designated person.

1. Councillor's or Designated person's Full name and position of office held:

This disclosure form is executed in accordance with section 9 of the Electronic Transactions Act 2000 (NSW) with the consent of Liverpool City Council. Typing your name below is intended to authenticate this disclosure form and to have the same legal force and effect as if it was a handwritten signature. You represent and warrant that the content of this disclosure form is true and correct, and you agree and acknowledge that you cannot otherwise challenge the validity of this disclosure form only of the fact that it does not have a manually executed signature, and you are stopped from asserting otherwise.

John Alexander Cole

2. Date Submitted

24/09/2025

Section A – Real property

3. Street address of each parcel of Real property in which I had any Nature of interest at the return date/at any time since 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025.



Section B – Sources of Income

4. List all: Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June period (2025) and/ or: Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 1st July 2024.

Information to Include: Description of occupation, Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable), and Name under which partnership conducted (if Applicable).

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

Principal Solicitor/Director of Messenger Cole Solicitors, 123 Macquarie St Sydney NSW 2000 (Partnership under Messenger Cole Pty Ltd)

Alternate Chair of City of Ryde Council, 1 Pope Street Ryde

Alternate Chair of Liverpool City Council, 52 Scott Street Liverpool

5. Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June (2025). and or: Sources of income I received from a trust since 1 July 2024.

Information to Include: Name & address of settlor and Name & address of trustee. If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

Settlor: Gail Howard, 7 Milton Avenue Woollahra

Trust: Dowling Tayler Pty Limited as Trustee for Jamberoo Trust

6. Sources of OTHER income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June (2025). and or: received at any time since 1 July 2024.

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Nil

Section C – Gifts

7. Description of each gift I received at any time since 1st July 2024 - 30 June 2025.

Nil

Section D – Contribution to travel

8. Any person that has made financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025:

Information to Include: Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution, Dates on which travel was undertaken and Name of State/Territory with Australia or overseas countries in which Travel was undertaken.

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

NIL

Section E – Interests and positions in corporations

9. Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/ at any time since 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024, Nature of interest (if any), Description of position (if any), Description of principal objects (if any) or corporation (except in case of listed company).

If there are no pecuniary interests or other matters of the kind required to be disclosed under this heading, the word "NIL" is to be placed here.

Dowling Tayler Pty Limited as trustee for Cole Superfund - Shareholder - Director - Superfund trustee and trustee of family trust.

Key Worker Housing Pty Ltd (ex-bear trustee for Superfund property) - Shareholder - Director - To borrow in superfund asset (bear trust) now transferred asset back to Superfund trust.

Section F – Property Developer

10. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on this return date? Please answer Yes or No.

If your answer is Yes, please provide further details.

No

11. Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 1 July 2024

Please note membership alone does not need to be declared, only Declare a formal position of office held and provide a description of that position.

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

NIL

Section H – Debts

12. Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt at the return date/at any time since 1 July 2024.

Please Note: You are not required to list debts you hold with a bank or other regulated deposit taking institution that lends money (e.g. a mortgage or car loan with a Bank).

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

NIL

Section I -Dispositions of property

13. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 1 July 2024 as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time.

For more definitions on Dispositions of Property please refer to The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW: Office of Local Government 2020 (see link in the form introduction).

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

NIL

14. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 1 July 2024, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.

For more definitions on Dispositions of Property please refer to The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW: Office of Local Government 2020 (see link in the form introduction).

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered. .

NIL

15. Discretionary disclosures. You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have/had at any time since 1 July 2024.

If there are no pecuniary interests to be disclosed under this heading, write the word "NIL" as your declared answered.

NIL

Section J - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 "Protection of Privacy" (s739)

Discretionary disclosures. You may voluntarily disclose any other interests, benefits, advantages or liabilities you may have/had at any time since 1 July 2023.

Section 58 1) A person about whom personal information is contained (or proposed to be contained) in a public register may request the public sector agency responsible for keeping the register to have the information: (a) removed from, or not placed on, the register as publicly available, and (b) not disclosed to the public.

(2) If the public sector agency is satisfied that the safety or well-being of any person would be affected by not suppressing the personal information as requested, the agency must suppress the information in accordance with the request unless the agency is of the opinion that the public interest in maintaining public access to the information outweighs any individual interest in suppressing the information.

(3) Any information that is removed from, or not placed on, a public register under this section may be kept on the register for other purposes.

16. Councils must make all returns of interests publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information. (Public Access) Act 2009.

As such this Pecuniary Interest Declaration must be completed in full and published for public inspection by law.

However, it may be amended to remove any matter that would disclose a place of living, as disclosing that place of living would place your personal safety and/or family members at risk.

Please indicate in the options below if you wish for your residential/ declared property address/es to be redacted from the Pecuniary Interest Declaration that is published on the public register.

YES- Redact my personal address information as it presents a concern of risk to my personal safety.