

COUNCIL POLICY LG530 BANK ACCOUNT



KEY FOCUS AREA **Leadership and Governance**

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Ensure the Town of Claremont (**the Town**) is compliant with the *Local Government Act 1995* by maintaining separate bank accounts for monies held in the Municipal Fund, Trust Fund and in the Reserve Fund.
2. Provide guidance on the opening of new and management of existing bank accounts.

Policy

With respect to the Municipal Fund (Municipal Account and Reserve Account) and Trust Fund (Trust Account) which are required to be maintained:

1. Two signatories are required for all payments, (cheques or electronic funds transfer). The signatories shall any combination of the following:
 - a. Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**),
 - b. Any member of the Executive team, including Director Governance and People (**DGP**), Director Infrastructure (**DI**) and Director Planning and Development (**DPD**)
 - c. Manager Finance and IT (**MF**); and/or
 - d. Other officers authorised in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. The following limits are established in respect of signatories:

Amount for a single vendor or a single invoice (whichever is higher)	Primary Signatory	Secondary Signatory
Up to \$150,000	CEO, DGP	DGP, DI, DPD, MF
Greater than \$150,000	CEO	DGP, DI, DPD, MF

3. Any officers nominated in writing by the Chief Executive Officer to act in the position of an authorised signatory are eligible to sign for payments in accordance with that position. This includes a Director acting as Chief Executive Officer.

A list of all payments made will be prepared and submitted to Council each month at an Ordinary Council Meeting showing for each account paid in that month, details such as the payee's name, amount of the payment, date of the payment, sufficient information to identify the transaction, and the account from which the payment is made.

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Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995 s 5.42 and 6.6 – 6.11</i>		
Organisational:	Accounts Payable Procedure Payment Listing and Report Procedure		
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