

The 7 necessary questions to help identify a conflict of interest

Is there a connection between the matter and –

1. a likely direct altering to my circumstances (**direct interest**)?
2. a relative (**close association**)?
3. a financial gain or loss via another person (**indirect financial interest**)?
4. my work (**conflicting duty**)?
5. my being a member of a governing body (also a **conflicting duty**)?
6. my receipt of a gift (**receipt of an applicable gift**)?
7. my involvement in legal proceedings (**becoming an interest party**)?

If you have answered “no” to **all** of these questions, you **probably** do not have a conflict of interest.

If you have answered “yes” to at least one question, is the interest exempt because –

- it is remote or insignificant so as to not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing my vote; or
- it is in common and equal with other residents, ratepayers or voters?

Finally, do you have a personal interest in the matter that is in conflict with your public duty (**conflicting personal interest** aka Winky Pop)?