

Pledge

I _____ make the following Pledge.

If elected as a Councillor I pledge the following

I will make all reasonable efforts to;

1. Comply with the expectations and role of a Councillor as defined in the Local Government Act 2020 these being
 - Participate in the decision making of the Council
 - Represent the interests of the municipal community in that decision making
 - Contribute to the strategic direction of the Council through the development and review of key strategic documents of the Council, including the Council Plan
 - Consider the diversity of interests and needs of the municipal community
 - Support the role of the Council
 - Acknowledge and support the role of the Mayor
 - Act lawfully and in accordance with the oath or affirmation of office
 - Act in accordance with the standards of conduct
 - Comply with Council procedures required for good governance
2. Comply with the Code of conduct for Councillors
3. Represent all residents and ratepayers of Baw Baw Shire equally
4. Work with the CEO to develop strategies to reduce the financial burden on residents including rates, fees and charges
5. Not become involved with politics on a state, federal or international level and focus only on issues which directly impact the Shire
6. Put the interests of the Shire before any external state, federal or international bodies demands which could be detrimental to the Shire as a whole
7. Ensure my expenses claims are kept to a minimum and only used where necessary to perform my core duties as a Councillor
8. Respond to all emails and phone calls made by residents and ratepayers or direct their enquiries to the CEO for allocation to the appropriate department within the Council Operations

Signed

Date