

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CEO AND ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS DETERMINATION VARIATION NO. 1 OF 2025

PREAMBLE

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has issued a determination variation to reflect the recent proclamation of sections of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* and the issuing of Local Government Audit Regulations with respect to Local Government Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees.

DETERMINATION VARIATION

The Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Council Members Determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal made on 4 April 2025 under sections 7A, 7B and 7BAA of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, as amended from time to time, is hereby varied as set out below, with effect on and from 1 January 2026.

In Part 1.4 Terms used, delete reference to Committee meeting and insert the following:

Committee meeting means a meeting of a committee of a council where the committee comprises:

- (a) council members only; or
- (b) council members and/or employees of the local government or regional local government and/or independent members.

After Part 6.4, insert the following:

6.4 A Meeting attendance fees for Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members – per meeting

- (1) In accordance with section 5.100(2)(b) of the LG Act, the fee payable by a local government or regional local government council to an Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Member (whether Presiding Member, Deputy Presiding Member, Deputy Member or Member) for attendance at an ARIC meeting must be set within the range provided in table 8A. The fees provided in table 8A are exclusive of superannuation. Local government bodies should seek their own professional advice in regard to whether or not independent committee members are to be paid superannuation.
- (2) The range in table 8A is provided to enable local governments to appropriately compensate independent ARIC members depending on the skills and expertise required to undertake the roles. The local government must resolve that the fee

represents value for money. The State Government's Audit and Financial Advisory Services Common Use Agreement ([CUAAFA2024](#)) may be used as guide.

Table 8A: per meeting fees for independent ARIC members – local government and regional local governments

Independent ARIC per meeting fees		
Bands	Independent ARIC Member	
	Min	Max
1 – 4	\$105	\$1,215

- (3) In accordance with sections 5.100(4), (5) and (6) of the LG Act, an independent ARIC member can be reimbursed for attending ARIC meetings.
- (4) The extent to which an independent committee member can be reimbursed for expenses attending ARIC meetings is the actual travel and associated costs incurred by the independent member demonstrated to the satisfaction of the local government.

Signed on 19 December 2025



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