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## 1 PURPOSE

This section provides information to members of Section 86 committees about the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and how it relates to their Section 86 committee.

## 2 SCOPE

All members of Section 86 committees should be aware of their responsibilities under the Act, and should ensure that their committee is complying with its requirements.

## 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

The Local Government Act 1989 is the principal piece of legislation for local government authorities (Councils).

Under the Act a Council may establish special committees made up of:

- a) Councillors
- b) Council staff
- c) other persons
- d) any combination of persons referred to in (a), (b), and (c).

Council has a number of Section 86 committees undertaking important roles such as the management of a range of facilities including: recreation reserves; sporting stadiums; public halls; open spaces and native reserves; and tourism, progress, and development committees. The committees are appointed to act 'for and on behalf of Council'.

In recognition of the work Section 86 committees do for the community, Council provides protection to committee members in the form of public liability insurance, whilst they operate within the Instrument of Delegation that governs their activities and the Act.

Members of section 86 committees should familiarise themselves with the following sections of the Local Government Act: sections 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 93A. These sections can be found at <http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au>.

Further information about the Instrument of Delegation can be found at LC04 Compliance with Instrument of Delegation.

## 5 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS OR ABBREVIATIONS USED

Term	Definition
Section 86 committee or special committee	(a) a committee established by a Council under section 86; (b) a committee that exercises a power, or performs a duty or function, of the Council that has been delegated to that committee under any Act;

## 6 REVIEW

The Director Corporate Services will review this procedure for any necessary amendments no later than 2 years after adoption of this current version.