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Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Port Hedland - Declaration of Vacancies and Appointment of Commissioners) Order 2025

Made by the deputy of the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation

This order is the *Local Government (Port Hedland - Declaration of Vacancies and Appointment of Commissioners) Order 2025*.

2. Commencement

This order comes into operation as follows —

- (a) clauses 1 and 2 — on the day on which this order is published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the order — on the day after that day.

3. Term used: council

In this order —

council means the council of the Town of Port Hedland.

4. Offices of members of council declared vacant

More than half of the offices of members of the council being vacant, all the remaining offices of members of the council are, under section 2.37(1) of the Act, declared to be vacant, with effect from the beginning of the day on which this clause comes into operation.

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5. Commissioners appointed

Under section 2.37(4) of the Act —

- (a) the following persons are appointed to be commissioners of the Town of Port Hedland until the offices of members of the council are filled again and the new council holds its first meeting —
 - (i) Jessica Jane Shaw;
 - (ii) Martin Aldridge;
 - (iii) Ronald Stanley Yuryevich;and
- (b) Jessica Jane Shaw is appointed to be the chairperson of the commissioners; and
- (c) Martin Aldridge is appointed to be the deputy chairperson of the commissioners.

6. Polling day fixed

Under section 2.37(5) of the Act, the day fixed for any poll needed for the election of members to fill the vacant offices is 28 March 2026.

7. Consequential directions

- (1) All offices that are vacant immediately before the coming into operation of this clause are to be filled under section 4.13 of the Act and clause 6, despite anything to the contrary in Part 4 of the Act.
- (2) The elections for mayor and councillors for the Town of Port Hedland, for which the period for nominations under section 4.49(a) of the Act ends on 4 September 2025, are cancelled.
- (3) Subclause (4) applies if a person who, or who was, nominated as a candidate for an election cancelled under subclause (2)

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paid, before the coming into operation of this clause, a deposit under section 4.49(d) of the Act in relation to their nomination.

- (4) The deposit is to be refunded and the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* regulation 28 applies in relation to the deposit.
- (5) For that purpose, regulation 28(1b) applies as if the reference to 28 days after notice is given of the result of the election were a reference to 28 days after the day on which this clause comes into operation.

K. COLLERAN, Clerk of the Executive Council.
