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The proposed new Chapter 5B in the Bill containing proposed amendments to the LGA, at proposed s 150EF(d)(i) will say the requirements to declare COI's where the matter to be decided relates solely to "....the remuneration or reimbursement of expenses of Cr's".

This however is not enough to eliminate the need for Ministerial approval where Cr's wish to bestow/provide themselves with D&O insurance as a separate provision, proposed s 150EF(d)(ii), will still read as "*...the provision of superannuation entitlements or public liability, professional indemnity or accident insurance for councillors.....*" which could lead some lawyer to arguing that

- as D&O insurance is not mentioned in the provision that specifically addresses insurances, and
- buying D&O is more than simply deciding about reimbursement of expenses

it was not the legislatures intention to allow for such to be procured for Councillors (*despite the LGMutual pushing it as part of the mutual inclusions*).

Could you consider this and possibly a minor amendment to be moved to either

- add D&O to proposed s 150EF(d)(ii) or
- add "*...reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities including for e.g. buying D&O insurance...*" in proposed s 150EF(d)(i).

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