

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Administration Advisor  
**REFERENCE:** C751 and C780  
**DATE:** 12 October 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Declarations by Elected Members

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## PURPOSE FOR REPORT

To provide elected members with background to their declaration.

## KEY POINTS

- This matter is prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 Part 1 Section 14(3).
- No person may act as Councillor until they have made an oral declaration, then signed, as per the attached prescribed format.
- The wording of the declaration has remained unchanged for many years but each word is important.
- Note the words “faithfully and impartially”, “according to my best skill and judgement” and “the best interests of Tasman District”.

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