



PUBLIC QUESTION

Ordinary Council Meeting

Public Question Time

Members of the public can submit written questions to be considered at an Ordinary Meeting of Council that is open to the public.

Public Question Time allows for no more than 15 minutes or two questions per person.

How to submit a Public Question?

- Questions must relate to the business of the Council
- Questions must not take the form of a statement or a personal opinion
- You must provide your name and address
- Questions should be submitted by 12:00 (noon) the business day before the requested meeting date.

Your Details	
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Council Meeting Date Request	
Date:	20/02/2024

This Question Relates to
<p><i>If applicable identify the Council matter or agenda item, the question relates to.</i></p> <p>equality of respect</p>

Question

Please provide your question(s) here in a legible, clear, and concise manner.

Re: Addition to Welcome / Acknowledgement to Country ceremony

I am writing to request Council consider an addition to the Welcome / Acknowledgement to the Landowners.

Australia, and particularly the Northern Territory, is a multicultural country and all Australians, including myself, respect that. I request that all non-indigenous cultures also be acknowledged as this enhances and embraces all Australians. Non-indigenous cultures have brought with them their culture, language, food, religion, and customs etc and should not be forgotten or ignored when a Welcome / Acknowledgement to Landowners takes place.

As a non-indigenous Australian I would like to see all cultures be respected and acknowledged equally with the indigenous culture during the Welcome / Acknowledgement to Landowners. Otherwise, I fear that this country is/will be looked on as just indigenous land without the added culture and history of other nationalities enriching this land and the lives of all who call themselves Australian.

Respect is a two-way road and I request Council consider and approve an acknowledgement of all cultures in Australia in all Welcome to the Landowners.

Yours faithfully

Francis Bonfield

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In particular, City of Palmerston will comply with the Information Privacy Principles contained in the Act. The City of Palmerston [Privacy Policy](#) explains some of these Principles and how they may apply to you.

Questions can be submitted via:

Email: governance@palmerston.nt.gov.au
Post: City of Palmerston, PO Box 1, Palmerston NT 0831
Delivered to: City of Palmerston Customer Service Desk located: Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston NT 0830.