



A Place for People

PUBLIC QUESTION RESPONSE

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Questioner's Details
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Question Overview:

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.

City of Palmerston Response:

Reconciliation Australia describes an Acknowledgement of Country as an opportunity for anyone to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.

The Acknowledgement of Country is City of Palmerston's way of showing its respect and recognises the place of Indigenous people as the first custodians of this land, promotes awareness of the history and culture of Indigenous people and formally acknowledges Indigenous people's ongoing connection to the land. The acknowledgement was developed in partnership with representatives of the Larrakia people.

City of Palmerston through its many diverse programs and strategies identifies and celebrates the value and contribution made by all its community, however the Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome to Country are considered important aspect of the City of Palmerston showing its respect for the Traditional Owners of the land which we are on.

City of Palmerston has no plans to amend this practice or wording.