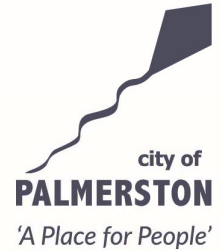


PUBLIC QUESTION RESPONSE



Tuesday, 20 October 2026

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

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QUESTION OVERVIEW:

Question 1:

Palmerston City Council needs to ensure that a comprehensive and independent environmental assessment is undertaken for the proposed Farrar subdivision, including referral to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA), to address community and stakeholder concerns and ensure the protection of the remaining native bushland, wildlife corridors, significant trees and biodiversity in Palmerston. The Palmerston 2017–18 consultation report for the Planning for a Vibrant Future Discussion Paper identified broad community support for environmental protection in residential development, including the preservation of native flora and fauna, significant trees, bushland and wildlife corridors. Given these stated community values, and the environmental consultants commissioned by Larrakia Development Corporation concluding that the proposed subdivision, particularly the destruction of the natural waterways, is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact, what steps will Council take to ensure that this conclusion is independently scrutinised and that the community's environmental concerns are fully considered before any development proceeds?

QUESTION OVERVIEW:

Response 1:

The development application for the Farrar West development is currently on public exhibition, and residents are encouraged to submit any concerns about the proposal directly to the consent authority, who is the decision maker on these matters. The public exhibition period will end on 6 November 2026, and further information about making a submission can be found on the NT Governments Development Applications Online (DAO) website. The City of Palmerston will make be making a submission through this process, noting that Council is not the responsible authority for environmental assessment or referrals.

As advised in response to your question on 6 October 2026, the basis of City of Palmerston's submission will be relating to existing and proposed public assets and infrastructure, with consideration of alignment to the Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Area Plan and the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines.

QUESTION OVERVIEW:

Question 2:

Given that the proposed Farrar West Development is planned for an FD-zoned area of retained natural bushland in Farrar, and that the original plans are more than 10 years old, how will Palmerston City Council ensure that all relevant planning policies, procedures and assessments are reviewed and updated to reflect the significant changes in Palmerston's population, infrastructure, road networks and surrounding developments since the plans were first prepared, and how will Council ensure that the concerns of Farrar residents are adequately considered before the development proceeds?

Response 2:

The Northern Territory Planning Commission is responsible for the strategic planning framework, and the Development Consent Authority is responsible for interpreting and applying the strategic planning framework and statutory controls that guide development.