9 March 2021

Have Your Say on Palmerston's Animal Management By-Laws

City of Palmerston has released an *Animal Management By-Laws Review Discussion Paper*, open for community feedback.

Council is undertaking a review of the *Animal Management By-laws* to better cater to the needs of our growing community and to reflect contemporary legislative standards.

Feedback from the community will be used to develop guiding principles for the drafting of new animal management by-laws. Topics to be considered include dog barking, dog attacks and menaces, dangerous dogs and nuisance animals.

This review is a separate activity from discussions surrounding proposed uniform animal management laws across the Territory which are supported by Council, concentrating specifically on the needs of the Palmerston community.

While the adoption of new animal management by-laws will take approximately 18 to 24 months, City of Palmerston is committed to working with the community to identify desired changes and the efficient adoption of new by-laws.

City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell recognises that new, modern and contemporary animal management by-laws are required for Palmerston.

"The current by-laws were enacted in 1999 and require updating to meet community expectations. Animal management is considered a key service provision by the Palmerston community. Council would like to know what is important to you in this area," she said.

Community consultation is open from 9 March and closes 8 May 2021.

The *Discussion Paper* includes a series of feedback prompts throughout which you can answer by taking the online survey. City of Palmerston staff will also be available to speak with the public at various locations throughout the community over the coming weeks.

To access the survey or for more information, visit palmerston.nt.gov.au. A hard copy survey can also be mailed out upon request by emailing palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au or calling 08 8935 9900.

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