



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	
Name:	Stephen W Enciso
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Postal Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

Council Meeting Date Request	
Date:	Tuesday 21 November 2023

This Question Relates to
<p><i>If applicable identify the Council matter or agenda item, the question relates to.</i></p> <p>My question relates to the Palmerston City Council's duty under the Local Government Act 2019 (NT), which specifically states at ss 22(1)(e)-(f) that the functions of council include "to provide for the interests and well-being of individuals and groups within its area" and "to carry out measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards".</p>

Question

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

Contrary to what one might think, Councils are actually required by statute to be concerned about broader issues than simply the administration of local roads, public libraries and waste management.

The NT Government is proposing to build a petrochemical and gas processing facility at Middle Arm, a proposal which is currently the subject of a Federal Senate Inquiry.

Expert submissions to that Inquiry reveal that the development, were it to go ahead, would place the constituents of Palmerston at increased risk of health complications from air pollution, including asthma and leukemia, as well as posing other risks for the future viability of Palmerston as a city, due to flow-on effects from climate change.

My question is: How does Council intend to protect its constituents from the "natural and other hazards" that are predicted to stem from the proposed development at Middle Arm?

Privacy Statement

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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.