

Flinders Council Policy Manual

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME- COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

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1. Requirements

Under the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 councils may provide a minimum of 15 minutes 'Public Question Time' at Ordinary Council Meetings.

It is the policy of the Flinders Council to:

- extend this minimum legislative requirement to provide 30 minutes at each meeting during which time members of the public may ask questions of the Council relating to matters of Flinders Council; and that
- Questions being asked by Councillors on behalf of a community member are not considered a Public Question and will be dealt with under Councillors' Questions Without Notice.

2. Objectives

The objective of the policy is to further encourage community involvement by allowing an effective and transparent form of communication.

3. Procedure

The Public Question Time – Council Meetings Procedure provides the guidelines by which members of the public can ask questions of Council at Council Meetings.

4. Related Legislation, Regulations and Policies

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

5. Responsibilities

The responsibility of this policy rests with the Chair of the Council Meeting and the General Manager.