

Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Public submissions to Council and Special Committee meetings

28 February 2017

Motion

That the Meeting Procedures Code be amended to give effect to changing the deadline for written public submissions to, and requests to be heard at, Special Committee and/or Council meetings, by replacing the word 'noon' with '10am' in clauses 3.15(f)(ii) and 3.15(f)(v).

Background

Councillors meet with Directors in 'Councillor Forum' at 11.30am on Tuesdays, prior to Ordinary Council and Special Committee meetings later in the evening, to discuss various matters. Opportunities are provided on those occasions to ask Directors questions in relation to items on that evening's Council or Committee meeting agenda.

Currently, written submissions from the public are due by noon on the day of the meeting in question. This sometimes means that matters raised in public submissions cannot adequately be addressed, or enquired about, prior to the Council or Committee meeting.

Changing the deadline for public written submissions from noon to 10am will increase the likelihood of Councillors understanding and addressing matters raised in those submissions.

Moved: Cr Leppert

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Arron Wood