

**30 Question Time**

- (1) This clause 30 only applies to an Ordinary meeting
- (2) A public question time shall be held at each Ordinary meeting. The question time will enable members of the public to submit written questions to Council in accordance with clause 30(3).
- (3) No question shall be read unless:
  - (i) it was received by post, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission, or was received electronically, before noon on the Friday immediately preceding the Ordinary meeting; and
  - (ii) the questioner is present in the public gallery when the question is about to be read.
- (4) A Chairperson may disallow a question without causing it to be read to the meeting if it:
  - (i) is in the nature of a statement or is so prefaced as to have its emphasis on a statement rather than a genuine enquiry;
  - (ii) relates to a matter in respect of which Council has no power to act;
  - (iii) is defamatory, abusive or objectionable in language or nature;
  - (iv) is repetitive of a question already asked at the meeting; or
  - (v) is asked to embarrass a Councillor or member of Council staff.
- (5) Subject to this clause 30, public question time will be conducted in accordance with any policy adopted by the Council from time to time.