

Council Meetings - Local Law (Repealing) Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2019

Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2013 and Subordinate Local Law 2.1 (Council Meetings) 2013

This document relates to Council's current *Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2013* and *Subordinate Local Law 2.1 (Council Meetings) 2013* whose objective is to provide a framework for the orderly and proper conduct of meetings of the Council and its Committees.

Have your say

Council has reviewed the existing laws and is seeking your feedback on the proposed amendments.

The consultation period will be from 6.00 am on Wednesday 17 July to 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August.

To have your say a written submission must be received supporting or objecting to the proposed local laws on or before the last day of the consultation period stating:

- your personal details
- The grounds for your submission (if you support/object to the proposed amendments)
- The facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds (the reasons why you support/object the proposed amendments)

The submission can be made by visiting ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview and

- electronically using the 'Have Your Say' link which will be available from 6.00 am on Wednesday 17 July to 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August
- or completing the form provided and
 - delivering to council's Administration Building at 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich during office hours
 - send to council at PO Box 191, Ipswich QLD 4305

All submissions must be formally received at Council no later than 6.00 am on Wednesday 7 August.

To review a copy of *Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2013* and *Subordinate Local Law 2.1 (Council Meetings) 2013* and the amending laws please visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/locallawreview or collect a copy from council's Administration Building at 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich during office hours.

Note: you will need to read the amending laws in conjunction with the existing laws.

Local law review

The local law review has resulted in the preparation of *Local Law (Repealing) Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2019*. The one repealing local law contains provisions to repeal both *Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings) 2013* and the *Subordinate Local Law No.2.1 (Council Meetings) 2013*. It is noted that there have been no anti-competitive provisions identified in the amended law.

A repeal is recommended as the Model Meeting Procedures prepared by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (the "Department") now sets out certain procedures to ensure the local government principles are reflected in the conduct of Committee and Council meetings. These procedures do not deal with all aspects of meeting conduct but those required to strengthen public confidence in the conduct of Councillors in meetings and the purpose of those meetings. It is proposed that Council will use the Model Meeting Procedure and best practice standing orders prepared by the Department as the basis for its new Meeting Procedures. It is also proposed that Council will include certain aspects from its existing local law and standing orders, that are not currently included in the model to ensure a robust set of rules exist.

The *Local Government Act 2009* provides that a local government must either:

- a. adopt the Model Meeting Procedures, or
- b. prepare and adopt other procedures that are consistent with the Model Meeting Procedures for the conduct of its meetings.

Council will develop option (b) above and present these to Council for consideration and adoption prior to the repealing law taking effect so a seamless transition to the new meeting procedures occurs.

The new meeting procedures, when adopted, will be made available on Council's website to enable transparency and understanding. This will all occur before the repealing of *Local Law No. 2 (Council Meetings)* and *Local Law No. 2.1 (Council Meetings) 2013*.