



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Adelaide Plains Council exists to serve its community.

Your Council is committed to listening. It is essential to know and to hear your views.

As part of this commitment, Council provides the opportunity for anyone to be heard in open forum for a period of up to 30 minutes at the beginning of every Council meeting. Not all councils do this and there is no requirement to do it. We do it because we think it helps us to do our job for you.

As is required of elected members and Council staff, residents who speak at meetings must extend respect and courtesy no matter how passionate or concerned they might be about any particular matter.

Unfortunately, there were complaints about the conduct of individuals at a recent Council meeting. These complaints were investigated and considered by Council's Governance Advisory Panel, which comprises of three independent members, a legal advisor and two elected members of Council.

The Panel upheld the complaints. It determined that the individuals' behaviour failed the required standards. The Panel recommended that Council's Chief Executive Officer, James Miller, issue a public notice to make clear Council's requirements.

A council chamber obliges all who attend to extend respect and common courtesy to fellow residents, elected members and Council staff.

Council will not tolerate behaviour or language that reflects disrespect. It insists on a safe and respectful environment in which to present views and air concerns.

Council, therefore, reminds all who speak at Council to be respectful of our community and mindful of the values that we share.

JAMES MILLER

Chief Executive Officer