

Model Meeting Code Amendments - Online Submission Form : Entry # 12369

1. Your Details

I would like my name and personal details to be treated as confidential:

I consent to my details being shared

Name:

Leah Anderson

Name of Organisation (If applicable):

Port Stephens Council

Role/Position:

Mayor

Postal Address:

[REDACTED]

Telephone:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Which of the following best describes you?

Council Regional

2. Targeted Questions

2.1. Will the proposed amendments made in the consultation draft of the Model Meeting Code achieve the policy outcomes identified in the paper?

I agree with majority, but I do not agree with banning briefing sessions.

2.2. Are there any other amendments you would suggest that will achieve these policy outcomes?

Remove banning briefing sessions.

2.3. Will the proposed amendments have any unintended consequences?

Yes. Banning briefing sessions means that Councillors will not be able to get all of the information that they need, and limit their ability to ask questions. Expecting briefings to be made public will seriously impact the level of information that can be shared, and also may cause councillors to not ask questions for fear of looking foolish, or, for fear of it being used against them. This can be used politically against councillors come election time.

I am all for honesty and transparency, but a line needs to be drawn in the sand with this one.

It would be the same as asking the State and Federal Government to hold all meetings and cabinet meetings in a public arena.

I am strongly opposed to this change, and so is every one of my councillors.

2.4. Are there any other amendments the Government should consider?

No.

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3. General feedback

3.1. Please provide any other feedback on the proposed amendments.

The rest of the changes I feel are good, especially Councillor behaviour and restoring dignity in the Chamber.

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