

Notice of Motion, Cr Stephen Mayne: Public disclosure of Council submissions

14 July 2015

Motion

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee requests management to:
 - 1.1 Create a dedicated submissions page on Council's website by 30 November 2015 which is to include at least 10 policy submission papers made by Council to external bodies since the commencement of the Lord Mayor's period in office in late 2008.
 - 1.2 Include on the list, Council's recent submission to the Royal Commission on family violence, the submission approved by the Committee on 7 July 2015 relating to apartment design quality and any other submission regarded by management as being of interest to the public and external stakeholders or on a topic which is important to Council.

Background

With an open by default policy on data and a commitment to being one of Australia's most transparent councils, this motion seeks to address a notable gap in City of Melbourne's website disclosure regime.

At the moment, we have no systematic disclosure for Council submissions contributed to third party policy reviews.

These are sometimes publicised by the body receiving the submissions and occasionally they are placed on the public record through a Committee or Council approval process, such as occurred with the recent submission to the State Government on apartment design guidelines.

However, this motion would create a central disclosure repository for our important submissions, somewhat like can be seen on the Australian Local Government Association website.

Moved: Cr Mayne