

Lane Cove Council

Major changes proposed for the public forum process at Council meetings

For many years Lane Cove residents have had the right to address Council in a public forum.

This has been a valued and important opportunity to address all Councillors in the one forum on issues of importance to community members.

If Council's proposed changes to its Meeting Code of Practice go ahead, the number of speakers will be limited. **The General Manager will have the ultimate right to select speakers** if more than 4 people wish to speak either for or against a proposal.

There is no legal requirement to make these changes to the public forum code.

Why change a process that has worked so well for the community and for our Councillors?

Please make your submission by 9 May.

We need our Councillors to get the clear message that we do not support this proposal.

We do not want the 20 May meeting of Council to be the last time that we can participate in the public forum as we know it.

Information available on

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CouncilConsultations/Pages/Model-Code-of-Meeting-Practice.aspx>