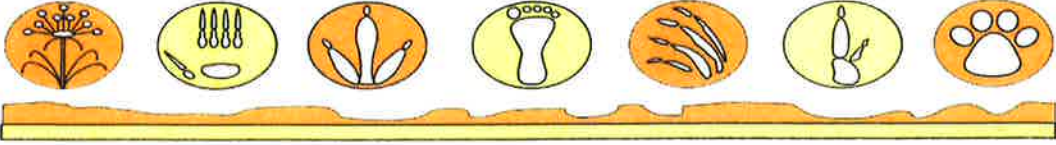


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



Local Authorities and Visitor Presentations

TO: Community Stakeholders and Visitors
FROM: A/Director of Communities, Barkly Regional Council (BRC)
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What are Local Authorities?

Local Authorities are established under Local Government Ministerial Guidelines, (*Guideline 8 Regional Councils and Local Authorities*) with compliance functions related to their work. Membership is usually small, no more than 14 members. Although open to the public, members of the public do not have speaking rights.

What is their purpose?

To advise and recommend issues to Barkly Regional Council that relate to the work of Local Government in their community. The content of each Local Authority meeting agenda is governed by Ministerial Guideline 8.9.

For this reason, while Stakeholder organisations are welcome they cannot be listed as “standing items” on the Local Authority agenda.

Why?

Local Authority meetings are not Community Meetings. They are structured in a way to give voice to local communities on Local Government issues.

If an organisation does need to present (briefly) at a Local Authority on an issue related to Local Authority work, how can we do this?

By completing a *Request Form to make a Presentation to a Local Authority at least 7 working days before the meeting; email to the BRC Service Centre.*

Thank you for your interest in the work of Local Authorities.

Need to know more? Go to <http://barkly.nt.gov.au/about-the-council/local-board-meetings/>