Conditions of Entry to Council Chambers and Open Public Forums

For the safety, comfort and security of all persons in the Council Chambers and Open Public Forums the following conditions of entry apply to everybody entering:

* All persons without City of Darwin Council identification are to sign the Visitors Register. Photo identification will be required and sighted by a member of staff/ security officer.
* The following items are not permitted and cannot be used in Council Chambers and Open Public Forums:
  + Food and drink
  + Cameras
  + Banners and posters
  + Electronic audio/visual recording devices (unless authorised)
* Any person/s in the Council Chambers or Open Public Forum must leave the meeting when requested by the Chair of Council or a Council officer.
* Council reserves the right to refuse entry to the Council Chambers and Open Public Forum areas if the above conditions are not complied with.

**Specific Conditions for Entry to Council Chambers**. Visitors to Council Chambers must not interrupt the conduct of business, therefore strict silence must be maintained. No talking or interruptions by visitors is allowed. Visitors are to remain quiet and seated at all times. As per Councils By-Law 177, except when invited to do so by the members at a meeting, or in accordance with by-law 154, a member of the public shall not take, or attempt to take part, in the meeting. No expression of dissent or approval, conversation or interruptions to the proceedings shall take place.

**Specific Conditions for Entry to Open Public Forums**. Open Public Forums provide a relaxed and informal atmosphere for general discussion. However unacceptable behaviour (for example violent, threatening or demeaning language or behaviour) will not be tolerated. Visitors who display unacceptable behaviour must leave the Open Public Forum when requested by the Chair of Council or a Council officer.