



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

LIGHT AIRCRAFT NOISE - HOBART

Meeting: City Planning Committee

Meeting date: 15 June 2021

Raised by: Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

Question:

In regard to the light aircraft flights over Hobart, could the Director please indicate the number and whether there is any exclusion (including floor and ceiling range) over the built up area of the city?

In regard to flights to the Royal Hobart Hospital helipad, could the Director please indicate:

How many flights there have been since the K Block was completed?

How many flights are for emergency and non-emergency transport?

Response:

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations normally require that pilots of light aircraft fly no lower than 1000 feet (305 metres) over built up areas or 500 feet over any other area. Records were not available of flight numbers over Hobart.

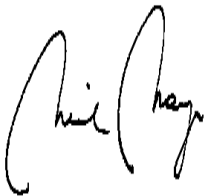
A written request for the information pertaining to flights to and from the helipad at the Royal Hobart Hospital was requested and Ambulance Tasmania advised:

‘that from May 2020 – End July 2021 there were 375 landings and aside from a small number of operational check flights (15 or so) all other flights are regarded as emergency flights.

In explanation, operational check flights predominately related to signing new pilots off to use the pad (only very occasionally needed now – only if a new pilot comes down to work with RotorLift)

Non-emergency cases (eg Search and Rescue evacuations of minimally/uninjured patients) are not taken to the RHH, instead we land at the airport.'

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Noye', written in a cursive style.

Neil Noye

DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

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