



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM:**    **LORD MAYOR**  
                          **DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**  
                          **ELECTED MEMBERS**

## **MARINE WASTE AT MCROBIES**

**Meeting:** City Infrastructure Committee

**Meeting date:** 2 February  
**2022**

**Raised by:** Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

### **Question:**

Could the Director please advise as to what volume or tonnage of fish farm plastic waste is going into landfill at McRobies Gully?

### **Response:**

There have been 137 tonnes of fish farm netting/rope waste delivered to the McRobies Gully landfill for disposal.

The nets are at the end of their useful life and not suitable for re-use, and were previously utilised by Tassal. Nets are being disposed of in a specific cell. This is necessary as the specific handling requirements as they arrive in large loads, and also due to the differential compaction rate compared to other general waste.

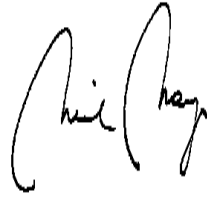
The disposal process commenced on 1 September 2021, and there have been 29 loads of nets delivered between then and now.

The EPA is aware of, and supportive of this disposal process. The EPA and Tassal have sought assurances from the transporter (Spectran) and the City that this netting material is being appropriately disposed of, and not at risk of being re-circulated without proper process in Tasmania.

*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.*



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