

Memorandum: Lord Mayor Deputy Lord Mayor Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

## **BUILDING COMPLIANCE IN HOBART**

Meeting: City Planning Committee

Meeting date: 28 June 2021

Raised by: Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

## Question:

Given the recent revelations of uninhabitable homes in Glenorchy's McGill Rise subdivision, could the Director please provide information as to whether in the past 12 months there have been breaches in building compliance by building service providers in the Hobart municipality? Are there any builders or surveyors being investigated for any approved developments in the Hobart municipality?

## **Response:**

Building services providers are licensed under the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*. This legislation is administered by the State Government. Any complaints against building services providers are made to and investigated by Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS), an agency of the Department of Justice. Investigations are confidential and the Council are not notified by CBOS of the commencement of an investigation.

The Council has undertaken action against licensed builders and plumbers via prosecution and/or the issue of an infringement notice for undertaking work in contravention of the *Building Act 2016*. To date, this action has generally related to work undertaken without approval and not defective building or plumbing work.

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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