



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Lord Mayor  
Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **POLICY ON MATERIAL FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF HERITAGE HOUSES**

**Meeting:** City Planning Committee

**Meeting date:** 28 October 2019

**Raised by:** Alderman Briscoe

**Question:**

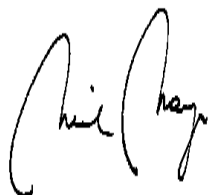
Could the Acting Director please advise if a policy position can be determined in relation to appropriate materials to be used in a slate roof replacement of a heritage house (galvanised v's colorbond) also considering the environmental footprint of the options?

**Response:**

There is no current policy position, however it is generally considered that the most appropriate authentic heritage outcome when a slate roof requires replacement is either new slate, or galvanised sheet roofing, complete with traditional detailing, e.g. stepped flashings around chimneys. Once timber shingles were abandoned because of fire risk, nineteenth century Hobart buildings were either roofed in slate or corrugated galvanised iron, with slate used on important commercial and public buildings, larger houses and significant groups of houses, often built by the same person. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, terra cotta tiles were often used.

A numerical standard that allows an easy comparison between the environmental footprint of galvanised and colorbond roofing material was not readily available to provide a definitive response to this part of the question.

*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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" and last name "Noye" clearly distinguishable.

Neil Noye  
**DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING**

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