



City of **HOBART**

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

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **PRESERVATION OF SLATE ROOFING**

**Meeting:** City Planning Committee

**Meeting date:** 28 October 2019

**Raised by:** Acting Lord Mayor Burnet

#### **Question:**

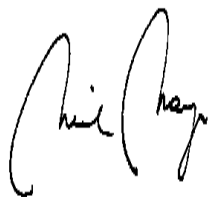
With a limited number of slate roofing on heritage housing still in good order within the City of Hobart, could the Acting Director please advise if there are any options available to report deterioration and to preserve and protect this style of roofing before it becomes non-existent?

#### **Response:**

Slate roofing will eventually deteriorate over time. The primary cause of deterioration is the failure of fixings and delamination. Once part of a roof exhibits decay, it is difficult to effect minor repairs without damaging the whole roof. For this reason, roof replacement is preferable to patching.

As a guiding principle, both the Tasmanian Heritage Council and local government agencies have encouraged the use of slate when re-roofing highly significant major buildings, e.g. St Mary's Cathedral, in preference to alternative roofing materials. On smaller domestic structures, there is certainly a preference for the use of slate (where that was the original material), but the planning scheme allows discretion to consider alternative approaches.

*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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