



City of **HOBART**

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

BUILDING SURVEYORS - PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME

Meeting: City Planning Committee

Meeting date: 30 August 2021

Raised by: Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet

Question:

Can the Director advise what Council can expect from Building Surveyors under the newly approved Professional Standards Scheme for Building Surveyors, which commenced on 1 July 2021. It is understood this scheme will operate across all states and territories. It would be beneficial to understand how local government will be affected and how best we can support the changes?

Response:

The Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (**AIBS**) Professional Standards Scheme (**Scheme**) has been adopted by all states and territories for five (5) years.

All practicing members of AIBS are required to become Scheme Members unless they apply for and are granted an exemption from the Scheme. Most building surveyors in Tasmania are members of AIBS.

The Scheme is a legislative instrument which is designed to give the AIBS powers to monitor, enforce, and improve the professional standards of members under the Scheme.

In recognition, the Scheme limits the civil liability or damages that building surveyors under the Scheme may incur if a court upholds a claim against them.

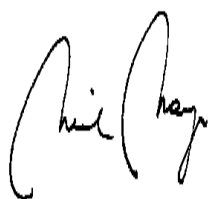
The Scheme is designed to uphold the professional standards of Scheme Members and ensure that clients of building surveyors have access to appropriately qualified and skilled building surveyor practitioners for representation and advice.

The Scheme is also designed to ensure that Members are insured appropriately, participate in continuing professional development, adopt appropriate risk management strategies and processes and are subject to a complaints and disciplinary structure.

The benefit to consumers of the Scheme, including local government, is an assurance that the professional standards of Scheme Members meet those required by AIBS, which include formal education and experience requirements. This ensures that consumers who engage building surveyors who are a member of the Scheme are served by appropriately qualified, experienced, ethical, and responsible building surveyors.

Local government can support the changes by ensuring that any building surveyor engaged by it to provide advice or building surveying services is a member of AIBS and the Scheme.

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', with a stylized, cursive script.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

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