



City of **HOBART**

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

MOWING OF NATURE STRIPS

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

**Meeting date: 8 December
2021**

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

Can the Director advise if Hobart City Council is the only city in Tasmania that mows all its nature strips?

Response:

Local government authorities in Tasmania have different but largely similar policies on the treatment of nature strips. Council is preparing a standard policy that aligns with other major Councils like Kingborough, Launceston, Clarence and Glenorchy Councils.

Common principles that apply are:

- An expectation of residents they accept a level of community obligation to maintain common areas in front of their property.
- Provision by Council of support to do so for vulnerable people who are demonstrably unable to do so themselves due to age, infirmity or lack of family support.

The financial burden of slashing and mowing areas outside of the areas that adjoin Council land is significant. The City currently spends \$100,000 per cut for each of four cuts per annum totalling \$400,000. The current program is not well defined and services only 16% of residents and a clear policy is required.

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.



John Fisher
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY AMENITY

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