



City of **HOBART**

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

HOTEL ROOMS - SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

Meeting: City Planning Committee

**Meeting date: 7 February
2022**

Raised by: Councillor Coats

Question:

Can the Director advise how many hotel rooms have been currently taken off the market to accommodate covid quarantining purposes?

Response:

The four hotels within the Hobart Municipality that are currently being utilised for quarantining purposes are, Travelodge Hobart, 131 rooms, the Hotel Ibis, 296 rooms, the Best Western, 140 rooms and the Rydges Hotel, 63 rooms; providing a total of 630 rooms.

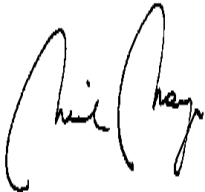
An extract from the Premier of Tasmania's Press Release of 18 February 2022 has advised that:

Given now that we have opened our borders, with the majority of cases that we're seeing, flattening as they are, but with the majority of cases that we're seeing with people now recovering at home and not needing to use our hotels, it means that we no longer have a need for the number of quarantine hotels that we have in place.

So, over coming weeks, the Department of Communities will discontinue the use of the Travel Lodge in Hobart City, the Travel Lodge at Hobart Airport, that'll take effect in March, as well as Rydges, the Best Western in Hobart, along with the Edgewater Hotel in Devonport, and they'll be discontinued at the end of the coming month of March.

This will leave three remaining hotels, the Ibis in Hobart, Pepper's Seaport in Launceston and the Sunrise Hotel in Devonport which will continue to be used for people who are unable to isolate at home or don't have a suitable premise to isolate.

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', written in a cursive style.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

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