



City of **HOBART**

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

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **LYNDON DADSWELL - SCULPTURE**

**Meeting:** City Planning Committee

**Meeting date:** 18 January 2021

**Raised by:** Alderman Briscoe

#### **Question:**

Can the Director advise in relation to the removal of the Lyndon Dadswell bas-relief sculpture situated in the Commonwealth Bank building in Elizabeth Street. Why wasn't the sculpture heritage listed in the interests of Hobart being a heritage city and being one of Australia's most significant sculptures. Where is the sculpture now?

#### **Response:**

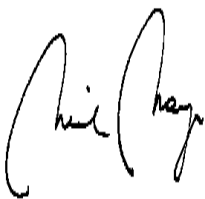
The Commonwealth Bank Building (built in 1954) is on the corner of Liverpool and Elizabeth Street. The ground floor space has been recently vacated and during that process, the Commonwealth Bank Head Office contracted Annette Larkin Fine Art in Sydney to provide advice on the art works by Lyndon Dadswell. MONA's professional art services (CAIR: Consultancy Artwork Installation and Realisation) were subsequently commissioned to remove the artworks which consists of four (4) Lyndon Dadswell statuary and one frieze of nine panels on behalf of the Commonwealth Bank. A qualified conservator inspected the artwork prior to removal and condition reports were prepared after the de-installation.

The artwork is currently in MONA's secure, temperature controlled storage space. The Lyndon Dadswell artwork remains in the ownership of the Commonwealth Bank and, to date, no decision has been made regarding their future.

The Commonwealth Bank building, and its contents, are not heritage listed in Table E13.1 of the Historic Heritage Code of the *Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015* therefore a permit would not be required to remove the art works.

The building has been identified for inclusion in the Scheme at a future date.

*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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