



City of **HOBART**

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

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **BUILDING PERMITS - TIMEFRAME**

**Meeting:** City Planning Committee

**Meeting date:** 30 November 2020

**Raised by:** Alderman Briscoe

**Question:**

Can the Director advise if we have any statistics on the range of time it takes to receive a building permit over the past 2 years?

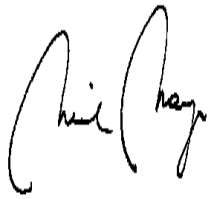
**Response:**

See attached chart showing the range of days to issue a building permit for the period 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020.

Under the *Building Act 2016*, the “clock” does not stop when Council requests further information. The attached chart includes the total period from when the application is received until the permit is issued. It does not differentiate between the days Council was assessing the application and the days the application was unable to be assessed and was on hold as the Council was waiting for further information from an applicant. That is, in many of the cases on the attached chart the permit cannot be issued as the Council is waiting for further information to assess the application and it is the period where the further information remained outstanding that explains the delay between lodgement of the application and issue of a permit.

Recent legislative change is expected to significantly reduce these timeframes as applicants are now required to satisfy planning conditions prior to lodging an application for a building permit. If the applicant fails to satisfy relevant planning conditions prior to lodging an application for a building permit Council is required to refuse the application rather than placing the application on hold and requesting further information.

*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 large, stylized initial 'N'.

Neil Noye

**DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING**

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Attachment A: Building Permits Assessment Days - Distribution - 1/10/2018 - 30/09/2020

Building Permit Assessment Days - Distribution - 01/10/2018-30/09/2020

