



City of **HOBART**

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

NATURE STRIP GARDENS

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

**Meeting date: 8 December
2021**

Raised by: Councillor Harvey

Question:

- 1) What is the process for seeking permission to create a nature strip garden?
- 2) Does the council have a brochure outlining the process and what council resources are available to assist?
- 3) How many or what percentage of nature strips is council currently caring for?

Response:

1. Residents can apply to Council to establish a nature strip garden on a case by case basis with a design and planting proposals. The criteria for the assessment of these proposals centres on the suitability of planting and the risk to public safety for users of the footpath and people exiting cars parked adjacent to the proposed garden.
2. A draft policy is in preparation and will be put to Council in the near future outlining the criteria, standards and arrangements for nature strip gardens. The policy will also define the public liability acceptance requirements in the establishment of approved gardens.
3. Council does not care for any nature strip gardens at this point but is preparing a holistic policy for the management for all nature strips across the City including maintenance and responsibility. Council currently mows/slashes only 16% of nature strips in the City with no logical reasoning for how these are selected and this must be addressed.

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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