

# MINUTES

of a public meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 6:03pm at the City Hall, Hobart, in response to a petition submitted to the City of Hobart by Hobart Not Highrise Inc.

## 1. City of Hobart Welcome and Context Setting

The Lord Mayor Councillor Anna Reynolds opened the meeting, welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the attendance of the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Helen Burnet, Aldermen Jeff Briscoe and Tanya Denison, Councillors Bill Harvey and Mike Dutta, City of Hobart Acting General Manager – Ms Heather Salisbury and the City of Hobart's Executive Leadership Team.

The Lord Mayor introduced the Chairperson for the meeting Mr Alex Johnston.

## 2. Introduction from the Chairperson

The Chairperson, Mr Alex Johnston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance and provided a brief overview on how the meeting was to be conducted and of the public meeting rules.

## 3. Background on the Building Heights Issue

Mr Neil Noye, Director City Planning addressed the meeting on behalf of the City of Hobart and provided the background around the building heights issue.

## 4. Noting of Summary of Submissions Received on the Subject Matter of the Meeting

A copy of the summary of submissions received is attached.

**Moved:** *Brian Corr*

**Seconded:** *Chris Merridew*

That the meeting receive and note the summary of submissions.

***Motion Carried***



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## 5. Speakers/Questions/Motions/Discussions

The Chairperson invited members of the audience to address the meeting.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chairperson put the following motions and amendments received at the meeting to the vote:

### **Motion 1**

***Moved: Leslie Lauder***

***Seconded: Stephen Block***

This meeting calls on the Hobart City Council to protect the heritage character of Hobart by:

1. Acknowledging the social and economic value of the City's character and working to ensure that new development complements that character.
2. Retain the existing height limits, which in part allow 15 storey buildings, but restricting such building to sites where they don't impact on heritage buildings, streetscapes and precincts.
3. Strongly tighten the use of discretion in planning approvals which has led to serious abuse.

### **Amendment**

***Moved: Pat Caplus***

***Seconded: Janet Taylor***

That clause 2 of the motion be substituted with the following:

2. *That the recommendations contained in the Building Height Standard Review Project (Leigh Woolley – June 2018) be adopted.*

***Amendment Lost***



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## **Motion 1 (cont)**

### **Amendment**

***Moved: Peggy James***

***Seconded: Robert Windsor***

That the words *Retain the existing height limits* be substituted with *Establishing a maximum height limit of 45 metres*, in clause 2 of the motion.

***Amendment Carried***

***Substantive Motion Carried***

## **Motion 2**

***Moved: David Taylor***

***Seconded: Mal Taylor***

Whilst the Hobart waterfront areas are well catered for, I am greatly concerned of the lack of open spaces in the northern sections of the City.

Most recent development has produced “cheek to jowl” type buildings.

Many overseas cities are allowing some extra height in exchange for providing street level open public spaces.

Would not building height guidelines to restrict actual “out of character skyscrapers” be a better option than rigid height restrictions.

***Motion Lost***



### **Motion 3**

***Moved: Timothy Smith***

***Seconded: Grace Mulholland***

That the preservation of heritage values shall not conflict with the ability of the disabled to enter buildings or otherwise enjoy life in the City of Hobart.

***Motion Carried***

### **Motion 4**

***Moved: Stefan Vogel***

***Seconded: Daniel Panek***

Call the Hobart City Council to develop a set of sustainable building criteria and then include them into the planning scheme which considers among others:

- energy efficiency of buildings;
- greening of inner-city including the requirement for buildings greening and roof top gardens; and

Require each multi-story commercial development to address:

- the environmental impact including but not limited to wind tunnel and heat island effects;
- impact on public infrastructure including roads, public transport, housing, schooling etc;
- further limit overshadowing at the street level.

***Motion Carried***



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**Motion 5**

***Moved: Chris Merridew***

***Seconded: Madeleine Ogilvie***

That the Lord Mayor convey to the Mayor of Paris, the City's thoughts in this time of great grief at the devastation of the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

***Motion Carried***

**6. Closure**

The Chairperson thanked all those in attendance and closed the meeting at 7:42pm.