



City of **HOBART**

emorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

FOOTPATHS - MOUNT NELSON

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 26 February 2020

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

Regarding footpaths in Mount Nelson, could the Director please advise:

- (i) If any new footpaths have been put in or have any upgrades been undertaken in the last 5 years?
- (ii) Are any new footpaths or upgrades to existing footpaths planned in the next 10 years?
- (iii) Has the council ever considered the cost and issues around provision of footpaths on the bends?

Response:

Regarding footpaths in Mount Nelson, the following advice is provided:

- (i) If any new footpaths have been put in or have any upgrades been undertaken in the last 5 years?**

The works carried out on footpaths in Mount Nelson over the last 5 years was a Roads to Recovery funded project located on Olinda Grove (between Nelson Road to Onslow Place).

The cost of the project was approximately \$1.2M which included pavement renewal, kerb and channel, and pedestrian improvement.

(ii) Are any new footpaths or upgrades to existing footpaths planned in the next 10 years?

Current plans do not identify new footpaths for the area, however opportunities to improve pedestrian or cycling infrastructure is considered during road upgrade works, when these occur.

(iii) Has the Council ever considered the cost and issues around provision of footpaths on the bends?

A case study was developed in 2016 to review the feasibility of construction of footpath on Nelson Road bends between Bends 6 and 7 (being an asphalt footpath on the lower side of the road).

The assessment found the following:

- *That a retaining wall would be required along that stretch of the road, impacting on residential driveways that already struggle to meet standards.*
- *Existing infrastructure and established flora (trees and vegetation) would be adversely affected*
- *Sight distance of drivers coming out of driveways would likely be impeded by a new retaining wall and footpath*
- *Street lighting and associated underground electrical works would be difficult and costly to install due to the geotechnical condition of the area*

Based on concept ideas, indicative costs for that section well exceeding \$400,000. Given the issues highlighted above and a review of the cost and benefits of the footpath, the project was not considered practical for further consideration.

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.



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