



**Item 7.2 Petition requesting action on lack of drainage causing water pooling and ongoing rising damp on properties on Clyde Street**

A Petition containing 7 signatures, was received from Residents of Clyde Street, St Kilda.

**The Petition states the following:-**

*The petition of the following named citizens draws the attention of the Council to the ongoing issues around water pooling at the rear of the properties 34 to 46 Clyde Street, St Kilda, which is falling towards the middle of the properties, resulting in rising damp.*

*A number of the properties have attempted to remedy the issue through various costly measures including injection of chemical agents into shared walls, adding drainage under the properties and adding water tanks to capture rainwater. Whilst some improvements have been observed through these measures, a number of the issues continue to resurface after a short period of time. Some of the properties have been particularly adversely impacted by the issue resulting in moisture levels of above 80% being observed (See Appendix A). Furthermore, the higher than average precipitation over the past 6 months have exacerbated the already high water table the properties sit on (see Appendix B), resulting in further excessive dampness.*

*A number of the residents have engaged contractors privately over the years to rectify the issue and been provided a consistent advice whereby the issue has been attributed to the lack of drainage at the rear of the properties resulting in water pooling and sitting in the middle of the properties (Refer to Appendix A for one example of a professional opinion by an independent plumber). The issue of the lack of drainage even on Clyde St is evident through the flooding that can often be seen after a rain in front of our properties compared to other parts of the street which have some drainage.*

*The following Petitioners hereby request that:*

- An expert opinion from Council is provided on the drainage around our properties that would ameliorate/ fix the ongoing problems;*
- The Council take appropriate action and implement a solution to address the issue, which may include, as advice provided by an independent contractor, the construction of bunds or a new common drain to divert the accumulating water at the rear of the properties into an existing drainage system (similar to the solution the Council implemented a few years ago for Alfred Place between Clyde St and Robe St); and*
- Ensure that we are notified and included in any inspection that is due to be carried out by the Council's building surveyors / engineers.*

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the petition and that officers provide a response at the next available Council Meeting'

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**ATTACHMENTS** Nil