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Dear Ms Rattray,

Question on Notice: PAHSMA – Cascades Female Factory solar panels

I provide the following response to your Question on Notice requesting information about whether energy efficiency at the Cascades Female Factory Historic Site could be improved through the installation of solar panels. In 2019, the design development of the Cascades Female Factory History and Interpretation Centre discussed sustainable design. This involved looking at a range of options including incorporating solar panels.

However, solar panels were not included in the final design as the Female Factory is in a valley and is highly visible from the surrounding buildings. As such, a condition of Heritage Tasmania's Notice of Heritage Decision (THC Works Ref 6175) stated that "*. . . the new development must be designed and connected in a way that will result in negligible visual impacts to the exterior form of the new building and the presentation of the heritage place.*"

In response to this condition, the Centre's design included:

- minimising visual impacts to the surrounding houses
- minimising the overall height of the building so that it is not visible to pedestrians on Degraes Street and Syme Street

The Centre does comply with Section J of the National Construction Code which addresses energy efficiencies. This includes measures such as the use of double glazing and insulated wall systems to improve overall thermal performance.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Heritage