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Subdivision Consideration Deferred to August Council Meeting

Due to a change to legislation at very short notice, Item 10.1 of the meeting agenda - Planning Report for a 34 lot subdivision at John Street, Smithton, now requires revision will be deferred to the August Council Meeting.

The subdivision application for John Street was submitted under the Interim Planning Scheme (the old planning scheme), which was replaced on 26 May by the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Circular Head. From this date, assessment was required against the new scheme.

The Council report for the July agenda was completed, with the assessment against the new scheme. After the completion of this report, Council were advised by the State Government of changes to the Land Use Planning and Appeals Act 1993, which are to be implemented today. One of the changes to the Act requires that an application submitted under the old scheme, needs to be assessed and determined under that same scheme. Therefore, the Council report needs to be deferred from this agenda to allow time for the report to be re-drafted against the old scheme, being the Interim Planning Scheme.

While the change to the Act is common sense and has been requested by local government for a long time, the timing is very unfortunate. This change will benefit all the Councils yet to adopt their version of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. However, it impacts on the Councils that have the new scheme and have undetermined applications submitted under the previous scheme.

Council apologises for this inconvenience, but the impact on determining this application is unavoidable.

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