

File: 24/41
Date: 14 May 2026

Goondiwindi Regional Council
LMB 7
INGLEWOOD QLD 4387

Attention: Luke Tanner

Dear Luke

**Decision Notice –approval (with conditions)
Material Change of Use
Lots 1, 2 & 3 on I7210, Brook Street, Inglewood**

We wish to advise that on 7 May 2026 a decision was made to approve the material change of use development application for "Accommodation activities" – "Tourist Park" (Twelve (12) sites) at Lots 1, 2 & 3 on I7210, Brook Street, Inglewood. In accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*, please find attached Council's Decision Notice for the application.

Please read the conditions carefully as these include actions which must be undertaken **prior to the commencement of the use** as well as requirements for the ongoing operation of the use.

All conditions are required to be either complied with or bonded prior to the commencement of the use. Please note **Condition 35**, which requires a letter to be submitted to Council prior to commencement of the use, outlining and demonstrating compliance with each condition.

The applicant is required to **notify Council in writing of the date of the commencement** of the use, within fourteen (14) business days of commencement.

If you require any further information, please contact Council's Manager of Planning Services, Mrs Ronnie McMahon, on (07) 4671 7400 or rmcmahon@grc.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours faithfully



Ronnie McMahon
Manager of Planning Services
Goondiwindi Regional Council

Decision Notice approval

Planning Act 2016 section 63

Council File Reference: 24/41
Council Contact: Mrs Ronnie McMahon: PD
Council Contact Phone: (07) 4671 7400

14 May 2026

Applicant Details: Goondiwindi Regional Council
LMB 7
INGLEWOOD QLD 4387

Attention: Luke Tanner

The development application described below was properly made to Goondiwindi Regional Council on 9 January 2026.

Applicant details

Applicant name: Goondiwindi Regional Council
Applicant contact details: Attn: Mr Luke Tanner
LMB 7, Inglewood QLD 4387
ltanner@grc.qld.gov.au
0427 717 411

Application details

Application number: 24/41
Approval sought: Development Permit – Material Change of Use
Details of proposed development: "Accommodation activities" – "Tourist Park" (Twelve (12) sites)

Location details

Street address: Brook Street, Inglewood
Real property description: Lots 1, 2 & 3 on I7210

Decision

Date of decision: 7 May 2026
Decision details: Approved in full with conditions. These conditions are set out in Attachment 1 and are clearly identified to indicate whether the assessment manager or a concurrence agency imposed them.

Details of the approval

The application is not taken to be approved (a deemed approval) under section 64(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

The following approvals are given:

	Planning Regulation 2017 reference	Development Permit	Preliminary Approval
Development assessable under the planning scheme, superseded planning scheme, a temporary local planning instrument, a master plan or a preliminary approval which includes a variation approval - building work assessable under the planning scheme - plumbing or drainage work - material change of use - reconfiguring a lot - operational work	N/A	☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Conditions

This approval is subject to the conditions in Attachment 1.

Further development permits

Please be advised that the following development permits are required to be obtained before the development can be carried out:

1. Not applicable

Properly made submissions

Properly made submissions were received from the following principal submitters:

Submitter	Address
Bronwen Morrish	53 George Street, Inglewood
Bob Morrish	214 Bethcar Road, Inglewood
Sharon Sweedman	1 Elizabeth Street, Inglewood

Approved plans and specifications

Copies of the following plans are enclosed.

Drawing / Document Number	Title	Date
1850-2525-0000 Sheet 1 of 2	Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Angled	12/02/2026
1850-2525-0000 Sheet 2 of 2	Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Olive Grove	12/02/2026

Currency period for the approval

This development approval will lapse at the end of the period set out in section 85 of *Planning Act 2016*

- This approval lapses if the first change of use does not happen within 6 years.

Rights of appeal

The rights of an applicant to appeal to a tribunal or the Planning and Environment Court against a decision about a development application are set out in chapter 6, part 1 of the *Planning Act 2016*. For certain applications, there may also be a right to make an application for a declaration by a tribunal (see chapter 6, part 2 of the *Planning Act 2016*).

Appeal by an applicant

An applicant for a development application may appeal to the Planning and Environment Court against the following:

- the refusal of all or part of the development application
- a provision of the development approval
- the decision to give a preliminary approval when a development permit was applied for
- a deemed refusal of the development application.

An applicant may also have a right to appeal to the Development tribunal. For more information, see schedule 1 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Appeal by an eligible submitter

An eligible submitter for a development application may appeal to the Planning and Environment Court against the decision to approve the application, to the extent the decision relates to:

- any part of the development application that required impact assessment
- a variation request.

The timeframes for starting an appeal in the Planning and Environment Court are set out in section 229 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Attachment 5 is an extract from the *Planning Act 2016* that sets out the applicant's appeal rights and the appeal rights of a submitter.

To stay informed about any appeal proceedings which may relate to this decision visit:

<https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/our-planning-system/dispute-resolution/pe-court-database>.

Attachment 4 is a Notice about decision - Statement of reasons, in accordance with section 63 (5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Council's Manager of Planning Services, Mrs Ronnie McMahon, on 07 4671 7400.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R McMahon', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ronnie McMahon
Manager of Planning Services
Goondiwindi Regional Council

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 Attachment 5—*Planning Act 2016* Extracts



ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Assessment Manager’s Conditions

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Attachment 5 – *Planning Act 2016* Extracts

Planning Act 2016 appeal provisions

Planning Act 2016 lapse dates



Attachment 1 – Assessment Manager's Conditions



Assessment Manager's Conditions

Description:	Material Change of Use - <i>"Accommodation activities" – "Tourist Park"</i> (Twelve (12) sites)
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Address:	Brook Street, Inglewood
Real Property Description:	Lots 1-3 on I7210
Council File Reference:	24/41

GENERAL CONDITIONS										
1.	Approval is granted for the purpose of a Material Change of Use for: “Accommodation activities” – “Tourist Park” – Twelve (12) sites as defined in the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i> .									
2.	All conditions must be complied with or bonded prior to the commencement of the use, unless specified in an individual condition.									
3.	Except where changed by conditions of this approval, the development shall be in accordance with supporting information supplied by the applicant with the development application including the following plans and reports: <table><tr><th>Drawing / Document Number</th><th>Title</th><th>Date</th></tr><tr><td>1850-2525-0000 Sheet 1 of 2</td><td>Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Angled</td><td>12/02/2026</td></tr><tr><td>1850-2525-0000 Sheet 2 of 2</td><td>Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Olive Grove</td><td>12/02/2026</td></tr></table> Please note these plans are not approved Building Plans.	Drawing / Document Number	Title	Date	1850-2525-0000 Sheet 1 of 2	Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Angled	12/02/2026	1850-2525-0000 Sheet 2 of 2	Inglewood – RV Parking Area – Olive Grove	12/02/2026
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4.	Complete and maintain the approved development as follows: (i) Generally in accordance with development approval documents; and (ii) Strictly in accordance with those parts of the approved development which have been specified in detail by Council unless Council agrees in writing that those parts will be adequately complied with by amended specifications. All development shall comply with any relevant provisions in the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, Council's standard designs for applicable work and any relevant Australian Standard that applies to that type of work. The development approval documents are the material contained in the development application, approved plans and supporting documentation including any written and electronic correspondence between applicant, Council or any relevant Agencies during all stages of the development application assessment processes.
5.	It is the developer's responsibility to obtain all other statutory approvals required prior to the commencement of the use.
	OPERATION OF THE USE
6.	The Tourist Park sites must not be occupied by caravan, campervan, motor home or similar, for a period exceeding 72 hours.
7.	All caravans, campervans, motorhomes or similar must be self-contained as defined in Council's Subordinate Local Law No. 1.8 (Operation of Caravan Parks) 2011.
	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
8.	The development shall be connected to Council's reticulated water supply system, if required, in accordance with Schedule 6.2 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards in the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council.
9.	Wastewater from Tourist Park activities shall only be disposed of at approved dump points.
10.	No release of grey water on-site is permitted.

	ROADS AND VEHICLES
11.	The Brook Street accesses shall be constructed from the edge of the existing bitumen to the property boundary, or upgraded if required, to a commercial standard in accordance with Schedule 6.2.1 – Standard Drawing in Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council. Crossovers shall be either constructed or bonded prior to the commencement of the use. The developer shall contact Council's Engineering Department to ensure the correct specifications are obtained for all civil works prior to commencement of any works onsite. A qualified Council Officer may inspect construction works at the request of the development to ensure compliance with this condition.
12.	Internal driveways and vehicle manoeuvring areas shall be constructed to an all-weather dust suppressant standard in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council.
13.	All areas where vehicles regularly park shall be constructed to a dust suppressant all-weather standard in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council. Car parking areas shall be either constructed or bonded prior to the commencement of the use. The developer shall contact Council's Engineering Department to ensure the correct specifications are obtained for all civil works prior to commencement of any works onsite. A qualified Council Officer may inspect construction works at the request of the developer to ensure compliance with this condition.
14.	Vehicle manoeuvring areas shall be provided on-site so that all vehicles can enter and leave the site in a forward direction.
	LANDSCAPING
15.	Prior to commencement of the use, landscaping shall be provided generally in accordance with Schedule 6.3 – Planning Scheme Policy 3 – Landscaping Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, with a minimum of: (a) Landscaping, including shade trees, must be provided between all sites with a minimum width of 1m, generally in the locations shown on the Approved Plan. All landscaping and tree plantings are to be planted and maintained to the satisfaction of a qualified Council Officer. A bond for the amount of \$5,376 is to be submitted prior to the issue of a building approval for the maintenance of landscaping.

The bond holding time starts from the acceptance of works. Council must be contacted by the applicant to request an inspection of the landscaping as soon as possible after completion of planting and payment of bond. The bond shall be returned in accordance with the following schedule if the landscaping meets the criteria:		
Time from acceptance of landscaping works	Criteria	Bond Refund / Reduction
9 months – From acceptance of works	Landscaping conforms to requirements, is established and maintained. Adequate provision for on-going watering and growth. Any/all replacement plants are provided.	50%
18 months – From acceptance of works	Landscaping is well established (as a guide >50% full growth depending on species). All replacement plants are established. The landscaping intent is being achieved.	25%
24 months – From acceptance of works	Landscaping is fully established, or within 80% depending on species.	25%
9 months – From acceptance of works	Landscaping conforms to requirements, is established and maintained. Adequate provision for on-going watering and growth. Any/all replacement plants are provided.	50%
After the required bond holding time has passed, a refund of bond monies will only be considered upon a written request from the person who paid the bond once the required bond holding time has been completed. A qualified Council Officer may inspect landscaping plantings to ensure compliance with this condition and acceptance of the works. Council will hold the funds in trust for a maximum of three years, at which time should work not be carried out and maintained to Council's satisfaction, the bond will be used by Council to have the works performed unless an extension of time is requested by the land owner or applicant and approved by Council. To clarify, bonds can only be refunded upon a written request from the person who paid the bond upon the works being satisfactorily maintained for the required bond holding time.		
16.	Prior to the commencement of use, the public footpath must be relocated in accordance with the approved plan. The footpath must be constructed in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council.	

	STORMWATER
17.	Prior to the commencement of the use, the site shall be adequately drained and all stormwater shall be disposed of to a legal point of discharge in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i>, to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council. Any increase in volume, concentration or velocity of stormwater from the site shall be channelled to lawful points of discharge or to other storage or dispersal arrangements which all must be agreed to in writing by Council. There shall be no change in direction or increase in the volume, concentration or velocity in any overland flow from the site to any adjoining properties unless agreed in writing by Council and the owners of any adjoining properties affected by these changes. The stormwater disposal system shall be designed to include appropriate pollution control devices or methods to ensure no contamination or silting or waterways.
18.	Stormwater shall not be allowed to pond on the site during the development process and after development has been completed unless the type and size of ponding has been agreed in writing by Council. No ponding, concentration or redirection of stormwater shall occur on adjoining properties unless specifically agreed to in writing by Council and the owners of any adjoining properties affected by these changes.
	EARTHWORKS AND EROSION CONTROL
19.	Any filling or excavation shall be undertaken in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i> or to other relevant engineering standards to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council. Excavation or filling within 1.5 metres of any site boundary is battered or retained by a wall that does not exceed 1 metre in height.
20.	All works associated with the development must be carried out in a manner that minimises erosion and controls sediment. Best practice erosion and sediment control measures shall be in place at the location of all works prior to work commencing and remain until work is completed in accordance with Schedule 6.2 – Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards of the <i>Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)</i> to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council. Control procedures are to be established to ensure sediment from the site is not deposited off site. The developer shall ensure no increase in any silt loads or contaminants in overland flow from the site during the development process and after development has been completed.

	AVOIDING NUISANCE
21.	At all times while the use continues, the development shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> (the Act) and all relevant regulations and standards under that Act. All necessary licences under the Act shall be obtained and shall be maintained at all times while the use continues.
22.	All external lighting is to be compliant with AS/NZS 4282-2019 " <i>Control of obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting</i> ".
23.	At all times while the use continues it shall be operated in such a manner as to ensure that no nuisance shall arise to adjoining premises as a result of dust, noise, lighting, odour, vibration, rubbish, contaminants, stormwater discharge or siltation or any other potentially detrimental impact.
24.	At all times while the use continues, lighting of the site, including any security lighting, shall be such that the lighting intensity does not exceed 8.0 lux at a distance of 1.5 metres from the site at any property boundary.
	All lighting shall be directed or shielded so as to ensure that no glare directly affects nearby properties, motorists or the operational safety of the surrounding road network.
25.	The operator shall be responsible for mitigating any complaints arising from on-site operations.
26.	Construction works must occur so they do not cause unreasonable interference with the amenity of adjoining premises. The site must be kept in a clean and tidy state at all times during construction.
	DEVELOPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES
27.	It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that the development is resilient to flood events by ensuring design and built form appropriately responds to the potential risks of flooding.
28.	It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that the development directly, indirectly and cumulatively avoids any increase in water flow velocity or flood level, and does not increase the potential for flood damage either on-site or on other properties.
29.	Any alteration or damage to roads and/or public infrastructure that is attributable to the progress of works or vehicles associated with the development of the site shall be repaired to Council's satisfaction or the cost of repairs paid to Council.

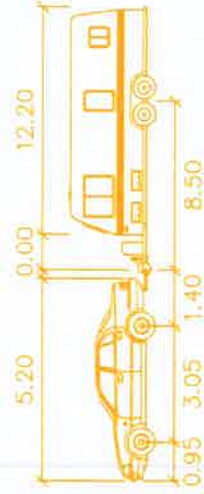
30.	All contractors and subcontractors shall hold current, relevant and appropriate qualifications and insurances to carry out the works.
31.	All costs reasonably associated with the approved development, unless there is specific agreement by other parties to meet these costs, shall be met by the developer.
32.	At all times while the use continues, all requirements of the conditions of the development approval must be maintained.
COMMENCEMENT OF USE	
33.	At its discretion, Council may accept bonds or other securities to ensure completion of specified development approval conditions or Council may accept cash payments for Council to undertake the necessary work to ensure completion of specified development approval conditions. It may be necessary for Council to use such bonds for the completion of outstanding works without a specific timeframe agreed. The decision to accept bonds or other securities to satisfy a condition will be that of Council, not the applicant.
34.	Council must be notified in writing of the date of the commencement of the use within 14 days of commencement. This Material Change of Use approval will lapse if the use has not commenced within six years of the date the development approval takes effect, in accordance with the provisions contained in sections 85(i)(a) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>. Section 86 of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> sets out how an extension to the period of approval can be requested.
35.	A letter outlining and demonstrating that conditions have been, or will be, complied with shall be submitted to Council and approved by a relevant Officer of Council prior to commencement of the use at each relevant stage. Council Officers may require a physical inspection to confirm that all conditions have been satisfied to relevant standards.

	NOTES AND ADVICE
	<i>When approval takes effect</i> This approval takes effect in accordance with section 85 of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>. <i>When approval lapses</i> This Material Change of Use approval will lapse if the change of use has not occurred within the following period, in accordance with the provisions contained in section 85(i)(a) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>. (a) If no period stated – 6 years after the approval starts to have effect. Section 86 of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> sets out how an extension to the period of approval can be requested.
	Infrastructure charges as outlined in the Infrastructure Charges Notice included in Attachment 3 shall be paid in accordance with the timing specified in the notice.
	This approval in no way removes the duty of care responsibility of the applicant under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>. Pursuant to Section 23(1) of the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).
	This approval in no way authorises the clearing of native vegetation protected under the <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>.
	The approved development does not authorise any deviation from the applicable Australian Standards nor from the application of any laws, including laws covering work place health and safety.
	All development shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> and all relevant regulations and standards under that Act. All necessary licences under the Act shall be obtained and shall be maintained at all times.
	It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain all statutory approvals prior to commencement of any works onsite.
	Proposed landscaping species must consider endemic fauna species and any requirements under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>.



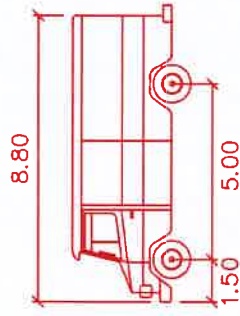
Attachment 2 – Approved Plans





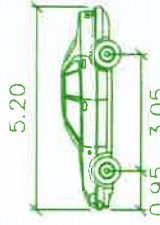
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- Trailer Width : 2.50
- Car Track : 1.84
- Trailer Track : 2.50
- Lock to Lock Time : 6.0
- Steering Angle : 15.2
- Articulating Angle : 70.0



SERVICE VEHICLE

- Width : 2.50
- Track : 2.50
- Lock to Lock Time : 6.0
- Steering Angle : 38.7



PASSENGER-CAR

- Width : 1.94
- Track : 1.84
- Lock to Lock Time : 6.0
- Steering Angle : 33.6

GOONDIWINDI REGIONAL COUNCIL
 Approved Plan referred to in Council's Decision Notice
 Council Reference: 24/41
 Dated: 14/05/2026
 Signed: RM M. L.
 Print Name: Ronnie McMahon
 (Under Delegation) ASSESSMENT MANAGER

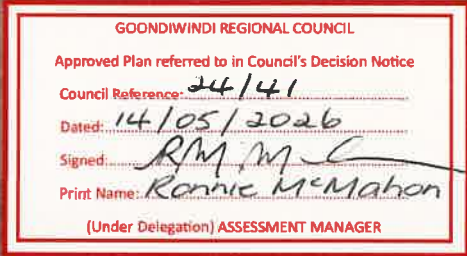
- Capacity for up to ten 17.6m Austroads standard vehicles towing trailer
- 1 Bay - 8.8m Service vehicle
- 1 Bay - Standard car (small trailer)
- Footpath requires relocation as shown

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DRAWN	JJF	12/02/2026
CHECKED	-	-
APPROVED	-	-
SIZE	A3	
HORIZ	N/A	VERT N/A

4 McLEAN ST
 GOONDIWINDI QLD 4390
 LMB 7
 INGLEWOOD QLD 4387
 PHONE: 07 4671 7400
 FAX: 07 4671 7433



REV	BY	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED	DATE
A	JJF	PRELIMINARY DESIGN		12/02/2026
INGLEWOOD				REVISION
- RV PARKING AREA -				A
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				1850-2525-0000



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Attachment 3 – Infrastructure Charges Notice





Goondiwindi Customer Service
Centre
4 McLean Street
Goondiwindi
Inglewood Customer Service
Centre
18 Elizabeth Street
Inglewood

Locked Mail Bag 7
Inglewood QLD 4387

Telephone: 07 4671 7400
Email: mail@grc.qld.gov.au

Infrastructure Charges Notice

Address	Brook Street, Inglewood
Owner	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Applicant	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Application No.	24/41
Lot and Survey Plan	Lots 1-3 on I7210
Date	14 May 2026
Approval	Development Permit – Material Change of Use

Development Application Details
"Accommodation activities" – "Tourist Park" (Twelve (12) sites)

Proposed Use	Charge Area	Type of Charge	Charge Amount (\$)	Unit	Total Charge (\$)
Tourist park with tent or caravan sites	B	Stormwater, Transport and Parks	\$1,500* per group of 3 sites	4 groups of 3 sites	\$6,000

Due Date	When the change happens	Total Charge (\$)	\$6,000
Charge to be paid to	Goondiwindi Regional Council		
Lapse Date	14 May 2032		

Authorised by:

Print Name: **Mrs Ronnie McMahon**
Manager of Planning Services

An offset has been applied to this notice, where the development is not connected to water or sewerage networks.

In accordance the Planning Act 2016

Office Use – Receipt Number

Charges – 1250-1150-0000





Attachment 4 – Notice about decision - Statement of reasons



Notice about decision - Statement of reasons

The following information is provided in accordance with section 63 (5) of the *Planning Act 2016* and must be published on the assessment managers website.

The development application for "Accommodation activities" – "Tourist Park" (Twelve (12) sites)

24/41

Brook Street, Inglewood

Lots 1-3 on I7210

On 7 May 2026, the above development application was:

- ☐ approved in full or
☐ approved in part for _____ or
☒ approved in full with conditions or
☐ approved in part for _____, with conditions or
☐ refused.

1. Reasons for the decision

The reasons for this decision are:

- Having regard to the relevant criteria in the *Goondiwindi Region Planning Scheme 2018 (Version 2)*, the proposed development satisfied all relevant criteria, and was approved subject to appropriate, relevant and reasonable conditions.

2. Assessment benchmarks

The following are the benchmarks applying for this development:

Benchmarks applying for the development	Benchmark reference
Strategic Framework	Elements 1-7
Recreation and Open Space Zone Code	PO1-PO5
Accommodation Activities Code	PO10
Transport & Infrastructure Code	PO1-PO15
Natural Resources Overlay Code	PO5-PO8
Flood Hazard Overlay Code	PO1-PO4, PO8-PO12

3. Compliance with benchmarks

Benchmark reference	Reasons for the approval despite non-compliance with benchmark
Accommodation Activities Code	
AO10.1 The <i>tourist park, relocatable home park or short term accommodation</i> is located on a <i>site</i> with a minimum area of 2 hectares. AO10.2 The <i>site cover for buildings, roofed structures</i> or relocatable homes does not exceed 40%. AO10.3 Development complies with the provisions in Table 9.3.1.2 with respect to: (a) minimum <i>site</i> area for each accommodation type; (b) <i>setbacks</i> to internal road frontages; (c) distances to amenities; (d) distance from refuse storage areas; and (e) minimum area for communal recreation. AO10.4 The <i>relocatable home park</i> provides communal recreation facilities for the exclusive use of residents.	Alternative Solution The site has an area of 6,049m². In addition, the site will not be provided with any services (amenities) or communal recreation facilities. The design and layout of the use is considered to provide suitable levels of amenity and privacy commensurate with the reasonable expectations of visitors. The services available will be in line with the nature of the accommodation being provided. Retention of existing trees will provide separation to nearby residential land uses.
Transport & Infrastructure Code	
Where within a water supply service area AO3.1 Development is connected to a reticulated water supply system in accordance with SC6.2 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards. Where outside a water supply service area AO3.2 Development is connected to a safe and efficient on-site water supply in accordance with SC6.2 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards.	Alternative Solution The site is located within a water supply service area, however the nature of the use is such that no water services will be provided to occupants. There is an existing water main along Brook Street if future connection is required.
Where within a sewerage service area AO4.1 Development is connected to a reticulated sewerage system in accordance with SC6.2 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards. Where outside a sewerage service area AO4.2 Development is connected to an on-site waste water disposal system in accordance with SC6.2 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Land Development Standards.	Alternative Solution Part of the site is located within the sewer service area and part is excluded. The nature of the use is such that no amenities will be provided to occupants.
AO15.1 Landscaping complies with the standards specified in SC6.4 Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Landscaping Standards. AO15.2 Street frontage landscaping has a minimum width of 2 metres for the full length of the site frontage (excluding driveways).	Alternative Solution Retention of existing Olive Trees will screen the activity to external uses. The proposed landscaping layout is considered suitable to contribute to a pleasant and functional built form.

Benchmark reference	Reasons for the approval despite non-compliance with benchmark
AO15.3 Landscape screening to external use areas has a minimum width of 3 metres for the full length of all boundaries adjoining external use areas on the site. AO15.4 For industrial activities adjoining premises not included in an industry zone and used for non-industrial activities, a solid screen fence with a minimum height of 1.8 metres is provided on the common boundary.	
Natural Resources Overlay Code	
PO7 Development for <i>accommodation activities</i> and other <i>sensitive land uses</i> in proximity to ALC Class A and Class B land is located and designed in a manner that: (a) avoids land use conflicts; (b) avoids the alienation of the resource; (c) mitigates adverse impacts from agricultural activities, including chemical spray drift, odour, noise, dust, smoke and ash; and (d) does not adversely affect public health, safety and amenity.	Performance Outcome The proposal includes the establishment of accommodation activities on the site. However, the site is located in an Urban Zone. The use of the site for accommodation activities therefore does not impact on the use of Rural Zoned land.
Flood Hazard Overlay Code	
AO1.1 Development is located on the highest part of the site practicable. AO1.2 Finished surface levels for reconfiguring a lot and finished floor levels for habitable rooms are a minimum of 300mm above the defined flood event (DFE). OR Where involving an extension to an existing dwelling house that is situated below the DFE:- (a) the extension has a gross floor area not exceeding 50m²; and (b) the finished floor level of all habitable rooms is not less than the floor level of existing habitable rooms. AO1.3 Non-habitable floor areas are designed and constructed to be resilient to the effects of flood, up to and including the DFE. AO1.4 A safe evacuation route that remains passable with sufficient flood warning time to enable people to progressively evacuate to a gathering point above the DFE in the face of advancing flood waters is available.	Alternative Solution The proposal is for a Tourist Park use on land mapped as being subject to extreme, high and significant flood hazard. No buildings or structures are proposed on the premises. The nature of the use is for short-term occupation of the site and a flood risk management plan can be implemented to appropriately respond to the risk of flooding on the site.
AO8.1 Uses within the following activity groups are not located within the Extreme flood hazard area: (a) Accommodation activities; (b) Business activities; (c) Community activities; (d) Entertainment activities; (e) Industry activities; (f) Rural activities, except where involving animal husbandry, cropping, or permanent plantation.	Alternative Solution The proposal is for a Tourist Park, grouped as an Accommodation Activity. The proposal is for short-term occupation of the site only and it is considered that development on the site can be suitably managed to mitigate the risk of flood hazard on the site.

Benchmark reference	Reasons for the approval despite non-compliance with benchmark
AO8.2 Recreation activities are not located within the Extreme flood hazard area except where for: (a) Environment facility; (b) Park; (c) Outdoor sport and recreation (excluding the provision of ancillary facilities or amenities conducted within a building)	
AO10.1 Uses within the following activity groups are not located within a High flood hazard area: (a) Accommodation activities except where for a Dwelling house on an existing lot on land within a Residential zone or Centre zone; (b) Community activities; (c) Entertainment activities; (d) Industry activities; (e) Rural activities, except where involving animal husbandry, cropping, or permanent plantation. AO10.2 Recreation activities are not located within a High flood hazard area except where for: (a) Environment facility; (b) Park; (c) Outdoor sport and recreation (excluding the provision of ancillary facilities or amenities conducted within a building)	Alternative Solution The proposal is for a Tourist Park, grouped as an Accommodation Activity. The proposal is for short-term occupation of the site only and it is considered that development on the site can be suitably managed to mitigate the risk of flood hazard on the site.

4. Relevant matters for impact assessable development

The following matters were given regard to or assessment carried out against, in undertaking the assessment of this development application.

Other relevant matters to the assessment of the development under section 45(5)(b)	Benchmark reference	Assessment carried out against or assessment had regard to
The proposal is considered to support the role of Inglewood as a major centre within the region by increasing tourist accommodation.	Strategic Framework, Element 1	☒ assessed against ☐ had regard to

5. Matters raised in submissions for impact assessable development

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
Residential Amenity <i>"This development will significantly impact residential amenity through increased noise, vehicle movements, lighting and general activity associated with short-term accommodation."</i>	Conditions have been applied to address noise and lighting impacts.

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
Lack of clear regulation around noise and length of stay <i>"There appears to be insufficient clarity around:</i> • <i>Maximum length of stay</i> • <i>Enforcement of short-term accommodation rules</i> • <i>Noise management and compliance monitoring"</i>	Conditions have been applied in relation to length of stay, noise compliance and also noise management.
Risk of Long-Term Occupancy issues <i>"If stay limits are not tightly controlled and monitored, there is a real risk the site could transition into de facto long-term or emergency-style accommodation."</i>	The application has been submitted for a Tourist Park. Clear conditions have been applied restricting the length of stay on site. It is considered the absence of site amenities will further reduce the risk of long term stays.
Environmental and Health Concerns – Fruit Bats <i>"The area is known to have established fruit bat populations. Increased human occupation in close proximity to these colonies raises:</i> • <i>Public health considerations</i> • <i>Noise complaints from visitors</i> • <i>This creates conflict between environmental realities and tourism use."</i>	Flying foxes and their roosts are regulated under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, separate to the Planning Act 2016. The proposed landscaping areas on site can be planted with species that manage flying fox attraction to manage any potential risk. An advice note will be added to inform the selection of landscaping species.
Removal of established olive trees <i>"The proposal includes removal of mature olive trees which contribute to the character and environmental value of the site."</i>	The proposal plan includes proposed retention of many of the olive trees to maintain the character of the streetscape.
Economic impact on existing local businesses <i>"There is already an established Tourist Park servicing the town. Introducing a competing facility of this nature may undermine an existing local business..."</i>	The proposed development will be an un-serviced Tourist Park, providing for self-contained camping only and conditions will be applied to limit the length of stay on the site. It is considered that the proposal offers an alternative accommodation option to the established Tourist Park in Inglewood. Notwithstanding, in accordance with Section 45 (5)(b) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>, a person's financial circumstances are not a relevant matter in the assessment of a development application. Council must consider the principles of competitive neutrality under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> separately to this assessment. Conditions have been applied in relation to restricting occupation to self-contained camping and will limit the length of stay permitted.

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
Public Open Space <i>"The olive grove and existing seating provides a public space for the enjoyment of local residents and tourists."</i> <i>Many people run or walk along the established paths"</i>	The public footpaths will be retained, or relocated where required, to maintain access to the established footpath network. Conditions have been applied for the construction of the footpath prior to commencement of use.
Health benefits <i>"In a small town, we need all the easily accessible natural spaces of beauty. Please consider developing the truly vacant and unused land instead."</i> <i>The olive grove offers a calm and peaceful place for quiet rest and recreation. It is well documented in psychological research that natural environments such as this are of great value for stress reduction..."</i>	The olive grove south of the site, contained on Lots 4-7 and 18-19 I7210 and Lot 253 on CVE653 are not affected by the development. The community appreciation for this space will therefore generally be retained.

6. Matters prescribed by Regulation



Attachment 5 – *Planning Act 2016* Extracts



EXTRACT FROM **PLANNING ACT 2016** RELATING TO APPEAL RIGHTS

Chapter 6 Dispute Resolution, Part 1 Appeal Rights

229 Appeals to tribunal or P&E Court

(1) Schedule 1 states—

(a) matters that may be appealed to—

(i) either a tribunal or the P&E Court; or

(ii) only a tribunal; or

(iii) only the P&E Court; and

(b) the person—

(i) who may appeal a matter (the **appellant**); and

(ii) who is a respondent in an appeal of the matter; and

(iii) who is a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter; and

(iv) who may elect to be a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter.

(2) An appellant may start an appeal within the appeal period.

(3) The **appeal period** is—

(a) for an appeal by a building advisory agency—10 business days after a decision notice for the decision is given to the agency; or

(b) for an appeal against a deemed refusal—at any time after the deemed refusal happens; or

(c) for an appeal against a decision of the Minister, under chapter 7, part 4, to register premises or to renew the registration of premises—20 business days after a notice is published under section 269(3)(a) or (4); or

(d) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice—20 business days after the infrastructure charges notice is given to the person; or

(e) for an appeal about a deemed approval of a development application for which a decision notice has not been given—30 business days after the applicant gives the

deemed approval notice to the assessment manager; or

(f) for any other appeal—20 business days after a notice of the decision for the matter, including an enforcement notice, is given to the person.

Note—

See the P&E Court Act for the court's power to extend the appeal period.

(4) Each respondent and co-respondent for an appeal may be heard in the appeal.

(5) If an appeal is only about a referral agency's response, the assessment manager may apply to the tribunal or P&E Court to withdraw from the appeal.

(6) To remove any doubt, it is declared that an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice must not be about—

(a) the adopted charge itself; or

(b) for a decision about an offset or refund—

(i) the establishment cost of trunk infrastructure identified in a LGIP; or

(ii) the cost of infrastructure decided using the method included in the local government's charges resolution.

230 Notice of appeal

(1) An appellant starts an appeal by lodging, with the registrar of the tribunal or P&E Court, a notice of appeal that—

(a) is in the approved form; and

(b) succinctly states the grounds of the appeal.

(2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the required fee.

(3) The appellant or, for an appeal to a tribunal, the registrar must, within the service period, give a copy of the notice of appeal to—

(a) the respondent for the appeal; and

(b) each co-respondent for the appeal; and

(c) for an appeal about a development application under schedule 1, table 1, item 1—each

principal submitter for the development application; and

(d) for an appeal about a change application under schedule 1, table 1, item 2—each principal submitter for the change application; and

(e) each person who may elect to become a co-respondent for the appeal, other than an eligible submitter who is not a principal submitter in an appeal under paragraph (c) or (d); and

(f) for an appeal to the P&E Court—the chief executive; and

(g) for an appeal to a tribunal under another Act—any other person who the registrar considers appropriate.

(4) The **service period** is—

(a) if a submitter or advice agency started the appeal in the P&E Court—2 business days after the appeal is started; or

(b) otherwise—10 business days after the appeal is started.

(5) A notice of appeal given to a person who may elect to be a co-respondent must state the effect of subsection (6).

(6) A person elects to be a co-respondent by filing a notice of election, in the approved form, within 10 business days after the notice of appeal is given to the person.

231 Other appeals

(1) Subject to this chapter, schedule 1 and the P&E Court Act, unless the Supreme Court decides a decision or other matter under this Act is affected by jurisdictional error, the decision or matter is non-appealable.

(2) The Judicial Review Act 1991, part 5 applies to the decision or matter to the extent it is affected by jurisdictional error.

(3) A person who, but for subsection (1) could have made an application under the Judicial Review Act 1991 in relation to the decision or matter, may apply under part 4 of that Act for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision or matter.

(4) In this section—

decision includes—

(a) conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision; and

(b) other conduct that relates to the making of a decision; and

(c) the making of a decision or the failure to make a decision; and

(d) a purported decision; and

(e) a deemed refusal.

non-appealable, for a decision or matter, means the decision or matter—

(a) is final and conclusive; and

(b) may not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed, set aside or called into question in any other way under the Judicial Review Act 1991 or otherwise, whether by the Supreme Court, another court, a tribunal or another entity; and

(c) is not subject to any declaratory, injunctive or other order of the Supreme Court, another court, a tribunal or another entity on any ground.

232 Rules of the P&E Court

(1) A person who is appealing to the P&E Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal.

(2) However, the P&E Court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with rules of the P&E Court.

Part 2 Development tribunal

Division 1 General

233 Appointment of referees

(1) The Minister, or chief executive, (the appointer) may appoint a person to be a referee, by an appointment notice, if the appointer considers the person—

(a) has the qualifications or experience prescribed by regulation; and

(b) has demonstrated an ability—

(i) to negotiate and mediate outcomes between parties to a proceeding; and

(ii) to apply the principles of natural justice; and

(iii) to analyse complex technical issues; and

(iv) to communicate effectively, including, for example, to write informed succinct and well-organised decisions, reports, submissions or other documents.

(2) The appointer may—

(a) appoint a referee for the term, of not more than 3 years, stated in the appointment notice; and

(b) reappoint a referee, by notice, for further terms of not more than 3 years.

(3) If an appointer appoints a public service officer as a referee, the officer holds the appointment concurrently with any other appointment that the officer holds in the public service.

(4) A referee must not sit on a tribunal unless the referee has given a declaration, in the approved form and signed by the referee, to the chief executive.

(5) The appointer may cancel a referee's appointment at any time by giving a notice, signed by the appointer, to the referee.

(6) A referee may resign the referee's appointment at any time by giving a notice, signed by the referee, to the appointer.

(7) In this section—

appointment notice means—

(a) if the Minister gives the notice—a gazette notice; or

(b) if the chief executive gives the notice—a notice given to the person appointed as a referee.

234 Referee with conflict of interest

(1) This section applies if the chief executive informs a referee that the chief executive proposes to appoint the referee as a tribunal member, and either or both of the following apply—

(a) the tribunal is to hear a matter about premises—

(i) the referee owns; or

(ii) for which the referee was, is, or is to be, an architect, builder, drainer, engineer, planner, plumber, plumbing inspector, certifier, site evaluator or soil assessor; or

(iii) for which the referee has been, is, or will be, engaged by any party in the referee's capacity as an accountant, lawyer or other professional; or

(iv) situated or to be situated in the area of a local government of which the referee is an officer, employee or councillor;

(b) the referee has a direct or indirect personal interest in a matter to be considered by the tribunal, and the interest could conflict with the proper performance of the referee's functions for the tribunal's consideration of the matter.

(2) However, this section does not apply to a referee only because the referee previously acted in relation to the preparation of a relevant local planning instrument.

(3) The referee must notify the chief executive that this section applies to the referee, and on doing so, the chief executive must not appoint the referee to the tribunal.

(4) If a tribunal member is, or becomes, aware the member should not have been appointed to the tribunal, the member must not act, or continue to act, as a member of the tribunal.

235 Establishing development tribunal

(1) The chief executive may at any time establish a tribunal, consisting of up to 5 referees, for tribunal proceedings.

(2) The chief executive may appoint a referee for tribunal proceedings if the chief executive considers the referee has the qualifications or experience for the proceedings.

(3) The chief executive must appoint a referee as the chairperson for each tribunal.

(4) A regulation may specify the qualifications or experience required for particular proceedings.

(5) After a tribunal is established, the tribunal's membership must not be changed.

236 Remuneration

A tribunal member must be paid the remuneration the Governor in Council decides.

237 Tribunal proceedings

- (1) A tribunal must ensure all persons before the tribunal are afforded natural justice.*
- (2) A tribunal must make its decisions in a timely way.*
- (3) A tribunal may—*
 - (a) conduct its business as the tribunal considers appropriate, subject to a regulation made for this section; and*
 - (b) sit at the times and places the tribunal decides; and*
 - (c) hear an appeal and application for a declaration together; and*
 - (d) hear 2 or more appeals or applications for a declaration together.*
- (4) A regulation may provide for—*
 - (a) the way in which a tribunal is to operate, including the qualifications of the chairperson of the tribunal for particular proceedings; or*
 - (b) the required fee for tribunal proceedings.*

238 Registrar and other officers

- (1) The chief executive may, by gazette notice, appoint—*
 - (a) a registrar; and*
 - (b) other officers (including persons who are public service officers) as the chief executive considers appropriate to help a tribunal perform its functions.*
- (2) A person may hold the appointment or assist concurrently with any other public service appointment that the person holds.*

Division 2 Applications for declarations

239 Starting proceedings for declarations

- (1) A person may start proceedings for a declaration by a tribunal by filing an application, in the approved form, with the registrar.*
- (2) The application must be accompanied by the required fee.*

240 Application for declaration about making of development application

- (1) The following persons may start proceedings for a declaration about whether a development application is properly made—*
 - (a) the applicant;*
 - (b) the assessment manager.*
- (2) However, a person may not seek a declaration under this section about whether a development application is accompanied by the written consent of the owner of the premises to the application.*
- (3) The proceedings must be started by—*
 - (a) the applicant within 20 business days after receiving notice from the assessment manager, under the development assessment rules, that the development application is not properly made; or*
 - (b) the assessment manager within 10 business days after receiving the development application.*
- (4) The registrar must, within 10 business days after the proceedings start, give notice of the proceedings to the respondent as a party to the proceedings.*
- (5) In this section—*

respondent means—

- (a) if the applicant started the proceedings—the assessment manager; or*
- (b) if the assessment manager started the proceedings—the applicant.*

241 Application for declaration about change to development approval

- (1) This section applies to a change application for a development approval if—*
 - (a) the approval is for a material change of use of premises that involves the use of a classified building; and*
 - (b) the responsible entity for the change application is not the P&E Court.*
- (2) The applicant, or responsible entity, for the change application may start proceedings for a*

declaration about whether the proposed change to the approval is a minor change.

- (3) The registrar must, within 10 business days after the proceedings start, give notice of the proceedings to the respondent as a party to the proceedings.

(4) In this section—

respondent means—

- (a) if the applicant started the proceedings—the responsible entity; or
- (b) if the responsible entity started the proceedings—the applicant.

Division 3 Tribunal proceedings for appeals and declarations

242 Action when proceedings start

If a document starting tribunal proceedings is filed with the registrar within the period required under this Act, and is accompanied by the required fee, the chief executive must—

- (a) establish a tribunal for the proceedings; and
- (b) appoint 1 of the referees for the tribunal as the tribunal's chairperson, in the way required under a regulation; and
- (c) give notice of the establishment of the tribunal to each party to the proceedings.

243 Chief executive excusing noncompliance

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) the registrar receives a document purporting to start tribunal proceedings, accompanied by the required fee; and
- (b) the document does not comply with any requirement under this Act for validly starting the proceedings.

(2) The chief executive must consider the document and decide whether or not it is reasonable in the circumstances to excuse the noncompliance (because it would not cause substantial injustice in the proceedings, for example).

(3) If the chief executive decides not to excuse the noncompliance, the chief executive must give a notice stating that the document is of no effect,

because of the noncompliance, to the person who filed the document.

(4) The chief executive must give the notice within 10 business days after the document is given to the chief executive.

(5) If the chief executive does excuse the noncompliance, the chief executive may act under section 242 as if the noncompliance had not happened.

244 Ending tribunal proceedings or establishing new tribunal

(1) The chief executive may decide not to establish a tribunal when a document starting tribunal proceedings is filed, if the chief executive considers it is not reasonably practicable to establish a tribunal.

Examples of when it is not reasonably practicable to establish a tribunal—

- there are no qualified referees or insufficient qualified referees because of a conflict of interest
- the referees who are available will not be able to decide the proceedings in a timely way

(2) If the chief executive considers a tribunal established for tribunal proceedings—

(a) does not have the expertise to hear or decide the proceedings; or

(b) is not able to make a decision for proceedings (because of a tribunal member's conflict of interest, for example); the chief executive may decide to suspend the proceedings and establish another tribunal, complying with section 242(c), to hear or re-hear the proceedings.

(3) However, the chief executive may instead decide to end the proceedings if the chief executive considers it is not reasonably practicable to establish another tribunal to hear or re-hear the proceedings.

(4) If the chief executive makes a decision under subsection (1) or (3), the chief executive must give a decision notice about the decision to the parties to the proceedings.

(5) Any period for starting proceedings in the P&E Court, for the matter that is the subject of the tribunal proceedings, starts again when the chief

executive gives the decision notice to the party who started the proceedings.

- (6) The decision notice must state the effect of subsection (5).

245 Refunding fees

The chief executive may, but need not, refund all or part of the fee paid to start proceedings if the chief executive decides under section 244—

- (a) not to establish a tribunal; or
- (b) to end the proceedings.

246 Further material for tribunal proceedings

- (1) The registrar may, at any time, ask a person to give the registrar any information that the registrar reasonably requires for the proceedings.

Examples of information that the registrar may require—

- material about the proceedings (plans, for example)
- information to help the chief executive decide whether to excuse noncompliance under section 243
- for a deemed refusal—a statement of the reasons why the entity responsible for deciding the application had not decided the application during the period for deciding the application.

- (2) The person must give the information to the registrar within 10 business days after the registrar asks for the information.

247 Representation of Minister if State interest involved

If, before tribunal proceedings are decided, the Minister decides the proceedings involve a State interest, the Minister may be represented in the proceedings.

248 Representation of parties at hearing

A party to tribunal proceedings may appear—

- (a) in person; or
- (b) by an agent who is not a lawyer.

249 Conduct of tribunal proceedings

- (1) Subject to section 237, the chairperson of a tribunal must decide how tribunal proceedings are to be conducted.

- (2) The tribunal may decide the proceedings on submissions if the parties agree.

- (3) If the proceedings are to be decided on submissions, the tribunal must give all parties a notice asking for the submissions to be made to the tribunal within a stated reasonable period.

- (4) Otherwise, the tribunal must give notice of the time and place of the hearing to all parties.

- (5) The tribunal may decide the proceedings without a party's submission (written or oral) if—

(a) for proceedings to be decided on submissions—the party's submission is not received within the time stated in the notice given under subsection (3); or

(b) for proceedings to be decided by hearing—the person, or the person's agent, does not appear at the hearing.

- (6) When hearing proceedings, the tribunal—

(a) need not proceed in a formal way; and

(b) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and

(c) may inform itself in the way it considers appropriate; and

(d) may seek the views of any person; and

(e) must ensure all persons appearing before the tribunal have a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and

(f) may prohibit or regulate questioning in the hearing.

- (7) If, because of the time available for the proceedings, a person does not have an opportunity to be heard, or fully heard, the person may make a submission to the tribunal.

250 Tribunal directions or orders

A tribunal may, at any time during tribunal proceedings, make any direction or order that the tribunal considers appropriate.

Examples of directions—

- a direction to an applicant about how to make their development application comply with this Act
- a direction to an assessment manager to assess a development application, even though the referral agency's response to the assessment manager was to refuse the application

251 Matters tribunal may consider

- (1) This section applies to tribunal proceedings about—
 - (a) a development application or change application; or
 - (b) an application or request (however called) under the Building Act or the Plumbing and Drainage Act.
- (2) The tribunal must decide the proceedings based on the laws in effect when—
 - (a) the application or request was properly made; or
 - (b) if the application or request was not required to be properly made—the application or request was made.
- (3) However, the tribunal may give the weight that the tribunal considers appropriate, in the circumstances, to any new laws.

252 Deciding no jurisdiction for tribunal proceedings

- (1) A tribunal may decide that the tribunal has no jurisdiction for tribunal proceedings, at any time before the proceedings are decided—
 - (a) on the tribunal's initiative; or
 - (b) on the application of a party.
- (2) If the tribunal decides that the tribunal has no jurisdiction, the tribunal must give a decision notice about the decision to all parties to the proceedings.
- (3) Any period for starting proceedings in the P&E Court, for the matter that is the subject of the tribunal proceedings, starts again when the tribunal gives the decision notice to the party who started the proceedings.

- (4) The decision notice must state the effect of subsection (3).
- (5) If the tribunal decides to end the proceedings, the fee paid to start the proceedings is not refundable.

253 Conduct of appeals

- (1) This section applies to an appeal to a tribunal.
- (2) Generally, the appellant must establish the appeal should be upheld.
- (3) However, for an appeal by the recipient of an enforcement notice, the enforcement authority that gave the notice must establish the appeal should be dismissed.
- (4) The tribunal must hear and decide the appeal by way of a reconsideration of the evidence that was before the person who made the decision appealed against.
- (5) However, the tribunal may, but need not, consider—
 - (a) other evidence presented by a party to the appeal with leave of the tribunal; or
 - (b) any information provided under section 246.

254 Deciding appeals to tribunal

- (1) This section applies to an appeal to a tribunal against a decision.
- (2) The tribunal must decide the appeal by—
 - (a) confirming the decision; or
 - (b) changing the decision; or
 - (c) replacing the decision with another decision; or
 - (d) setting the decision aside, and ordering the person who made the decision to remake the decision by a stated time; or
 - (e) for a deemed refusal of an application—
 - (i) ordering the entity responsible for deciding the application to decide the application by a stated time and, if the entity does not comply with the order, deciding the application; or
 - (ii) deciding the application.

(3) However, the tribunal must not make a change, other than a minor change, to a development application.

(4) The tribunal's decision takes the place of the decision appealed against.

(5) The tribunal's decision starts to have effect—

(a) if a party does not appeal the decision—at the end of the appeal period for the decision; or

(b) if a party appeals against the decision to the P&E Court—subject to the decision of the court, when the appeal ends.

255 Notice of tribunal's decision

A tribunal must give a decision notice about the tribunal's decision for tribunal proceedings, other than for any directions or interim orders given by the tribunal, to all parties to proceedings.

256 No costs orders

A tribunal must not make any order as to costs.

257 Recipient's notice of compliance with direction or order

If a tribunal directs or orders a party to do something, the party must notify the registrar when the thing is done.

258 Tribunal may extend period to take action

(1) This section applies if, under this chapter, an action for tribunal proceedings must be taken within a stated period or before a stated time, even if the period has ended or the time has passed.

(2) The tribunal may allow a longer period or a different time to take the action if the tribunal considers there are sufficient grounds for the extension.

259 Publication of tribunal decisions

The registrar must publish tribunal decisions under the arrangements, and in the way, that the chief executive decides.

Schedule 1 Appeals

section 229

Appeal rights and parties to appeals

(1) Table 1 states the matters that may be appealed to—

(a) the P&E court; or

(b) a tribunal.

(2) However, table 1 applies to a tribunal only if the matter involves—

(a) the refusal, or deemed refusal of a development application, for—

(i) a material change of use for a classified building; or

(ii) operational work associated with building work, a retaining wall, or a tennis court; or

(b) a provision of a development approval for—

(i) a material change of use for a classified building; or

(ii) operational work associated with building work, a retaining wall, or a tennis court; or

(c) if a development permit was applied for—the decision to give a preliminary approval for—

(i) a material change of use for a classified building; or

(ii) operational work associated with building work, a retaining wall, or a tennis court; or

(d) a development condition if—

(i) the development approval is only for a material change of use that involves the use of a building classified under the Building Code as a class 2 building; and

(ii) the building is, or is proposed to be, not more than 3 storeys; and

(iii) the proposed development is for not more than 60 sole-occupancy units; or

(e) a decision for, or a deemed refusal of, an extension application for a development approval that is only for a material change of use of a classified building; or

(f) a decision for, or a deemed refusal of, a change

application for a development approval that is only for a material change of use of a classified building; or

(g) a matter under this Act, to the extent the matter relates to the Building Act, other than a matter under that Act that may or must be decided by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission; or

(h) a decision to give an enforcement notice—

(i) in relation to a matter under paragraphs (a) to (g); or

(ii) under the Plumbing and Drainage Act; or

(i) an infrastructure charges notice; or

(j) the refusal, or deemed refusal, of a conversion application; or

(l) a matter prescribed by regulation.

(3) Also, table 1 does not apply to a tribunal if the matter involves—

(a) for a matter in subsection (2)(a) to (d)—

(i) a development approval for which the development application required impact assessment; and

(ii) a development approval in relation to which the assessment manager received a properly made submission for the development application; or

(b) a provision of a development approval about the identification or inclusion, under a variation approval, of a matter for the development.

(4) Table 2 states the matters that may be appealed only to the P&E Court.

(5) Table 3 states the matters that may be appealed only to the tribunal.

(6) In each table—

(a) column 1 states the appellant in the appeal; and

(b) column 2 states the respondent in the appeal; and

(c) column 3 states the co-respondent (if any) in the appeal; and

(d) column 4 states the co-respondents by election (if any) in the appeal.

(7) If the chief executive receives a notice of appeal under section 230(3)(f), the chief executive may elect to be a co-respondent in the appeal.

(8) In this section—

storey see the Building Code, part A1.1.

Table 1

Appeals to the P&E Court and, for certain matters, to a tribunal

1. Development applications

For a development application other than a development application called in by the

Minister, an appeal may be made against—

(a) the refusal of all or part of the development application; or

(b) the deemed refusal of the development application; or

(c) a provision of the development approval; or

(d) if a development permit was applied for—the decision to give a preliminary approval.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PLANNING ACT 2016
RELATING TO LAPSE DATES**

***Division 4 Lapsing of and extending
development approvals***

85 Lapsing of approval at end of current period

*(1) A part of a development approval lapses at the end of the following period (the **currency period**)—*

(a) for any part of the development approval relating to a material change of use—if the first change of use does not happen within—

(i) the period stated for that part of the approval; or

(ii) if no period is stated—6 years after the approval starts to have effect;

(b) for any part of the development approval relating to reconfiguring a lot—if a plan for the reconfiguration that, under the Land Title Act, is required to be given to a local government for approval is not given to the local government within—

(i) the period stated for that part of the approval; or

(ii) if no period is stated—4 years after the approval starts to have effect;

(c) for any other part of the development approval if the development does not substantially start within—

(i) the period stated for that part of the approval; or

(ii) if no period is stated—2 years after the approval starts to take effect.

(2) If part of a development approval lapses, any monetary security given for that part of the approval must be released.