



## Private planning scheme amendment prioritisation tool Information Sheet

This tool is designed to aid in the prioritisation of privately requested planning scheme amendments (not part of Council's Strategic Land Use Planning work program). The tool is part of a broader local government decision making environment and seeks only to provide the first sieve of prioritisation of private amendments for further consideration by senior management and Council.

The tool relies on an initial assessment of the amendments based on five key values related to ESE principles. Scores are applied to Attributes related to these values. The tool will be used twice a year (March and December) to re-prioritise the list of amendment requests. Notes have been provided to each Attribute to guide consideration of that Attribute.

Applications will be ranked based on a percentage score (to allow for attributes that are not applicable). Applications above 70% will be given priority and applications below 45% will not be ranked / processed until changes to the proposal are made to better respond to the values and attributes in the tool. Scores of 3 in the Community Benefit and Urgency attributes will be weighted as a greater priority.

Value	Attribute	Score	
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Community Safety</b> (relates to neighbourhood security, public health, pedestrian safety and vehicle safety)	<b>1 =</b>	High likelihood of negative impacts on community safety, despite the implementation of management strategies.
		<b>2 =</b>	A combination of positive and negative impacts on community safety; and negative impacts can be managed.
		<b>3 =</b>	Community safety would be enhanced as a result of the amendment.
	<b>Accessibility</b> (refers to physical access to community services including shops, public transport, recreational facilities, social networks or other public services)	<b>1 =</b>	The amendment is likely to lead to physical isolation of people from community services, which can not be ameliorated with management strategies.
		<b>2 =</b>	The amendment may lead to low level physical isolation of people from community services, but management strategies are proposed that would rectify this situation to an acceptable level.
		<b>3 =</b>	The amendment is consistent with current plans and strategies of Council in relation to pathways and connection of communities and will deliver infrastructure works that help Council meet one or more objective of those plans and strategies.
	<b>Open Space and Physical Activity</b> (refers to land and infrastructure allocated for public use for passive and/or active recreation. Functions of the land and infrastructure may include sport, pathways and transport, social/family recreation, conservation and waterways. A monetary contribution is considered to be providing for open space)	<b>1 =</b>	The amendment is unlikely to provide for public open space and/or other recreational assets
		<b>2 =</b>	The amendment is likely to provide for public open space and/or other recreational assets that responds in part to Council's identified plans and strategies.
		<b>3 =</b>	The amendment is likely to provide for public open space and/or other recreational assets in a way that is consistent with Council's identified plans and strategies.

<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	<p><b>Natural Environment</b></p> <p>(refers to indigenous flora and fauna and non indigenous flora where referred to in the Planning Scheme as important, lakes, wetlands, rivers, estuaries, coastal areas, groundwaters and soils. Harm may include physical damage, liquid borne pollution, loss ecological function &amp;/or loss of habitat quality or quantity)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> Long term and/or wide spread environmental harm is likely, even with implementation of specific management strategies.</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Serious environmental impacts are avoided and minor impacts are mitigated with implementation of specific strategies.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The natural environment is enhanced in a way consistent with Council strategies and plans.</p>
	<p><b>Impact on landscape values</b></p> <p>(refers to specific qualities of the landscape and/or character as referenced in the Scheme through policy, zones or overlays)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> Significant impact on landscape/character values of area likely</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Significant landscape/character impacts are avoided and minor impacts are mitigated with design changes.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The landscape values/character of the area are respected and the proposal will integrate with these values</p>
	<p><b>Resource impacts (water, energy and waste)</b></p> <p>(Resource efficiency refers to reducing the consumption of potable water through behavioural and physical measures, reducing energy consumption from fossil fuels through behavioural and physical measures, and reducing waste to landfill through waste avoidance, reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> The amendment does not incorporate a commitment to deliver best practice outcomes for the consumption of water or energy, or production of solid waste.</p> <p><b>2 =</b> There is minimal potential for best practise outcomes to be incorporated into the amendment for the consumption of water or energy, or production of solid waste.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The amendment incorporates a commitment to deliver best practice outcomes for the consumption of water or energy, or production of solid waste.</p>
<b>Social</b>	<p><b>Housing policy</b></p> <p>(The Housing policy has provided some key actions to respond to housing issues. Proposals that contribute to the implementation of these will benefit from higher scores)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> The amendment is inconsistent with Surf Coast Shire Housing Policy</p> <p><b>2 =</b> The amendment is consistent with the SCS Housing Policy, but is unlikely to lead to the implementation of specific actions in the Housing Strategy.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The amendment is consistent with Surf Coast Shire Housing Policy and is likely to lead to implementation of actions in the Housing Strategy.</p>
	<p><b>Heritage</b></p> <p>(The attribute focuses on potential impacts on indigenous sites of significance and post european heritage promoting proposals that are sensitive to these matters receive a higher score)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> Significant impact on indigenous or european heritage values of area likely</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Significant impact on indigenous or european heritage values are avoided and minor impacts mitigated</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The indigenous and european heritage values of the area are respected and the proposal will integrate with these values</p>

	<p><b>Integrated community</b></p> <p>(This attribute seeks to provide support for proposals that respond to recognised features of the area and locality and serve to integrate outcomes as opposed to physical isolation or detracting from shared values for the area)</p> <p><b>1 =</b> Impacts will detract from the sense of place and integration into the greater area</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Potential impact on the sense of place and integration issues but can be mitigated</p> <p><b>3 =</b> Positive response to the sense of place and provides for strong integration with the surrounding area</p>
<b>Economic</b>	<p><b>Local employment</b></p> <p>(Short term employment opportunities relate to immediate benefits through planning and construction whilst long term employment focuses on ongoing commitments in terms of business establishment and flow on effects to other parts of the local economy)</p> <p><b>1 =</b> The amendment is unlikely to lead to short or long term local employment.</p> <p><b>2 =</b> The amendment is likely to lead to short term local employment.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The amendment is likely to lead to short and long term local employment.</p>
	<p><b>Commercial services</b></p> <p>(Commercial services are those that provide goods or services to the general public or particular sectors)</p> <p><b>1 =</b> The amendment is unlikely to make any allowance for commercial services.</p> <p><b>2 =</b> The amendment is likely to enhance or compliment existing commercial services.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The amendment is likely to provide for a clearly identified need in relation to commercial services.</p>
	<p><b>Tourism</b></p> <p>(Tourism yield refers to the length of stay of tourists visiting the Shire)</p> <p><b>1 =</b> The amendment is likely to be a barrier to a higher yield for the tourism sector, or will directly reduce current yield.</p> <p><b>2 =</b> The amendment is unlikely to impact on current tourism yield.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> The amendment is likely to encourage a higher yield for the tourism sector.</p>
<b>Strategic Direction</b>	<p><b>Local policy in MSS</b></p> <p>(The MSS relates to Clause 21 of the Planning Scheme which outlines key strategic directions for the Shire. The policy objectives relate to specific directions relevant to these broader strategies. The relevance of particular part of the MSS will relate to the location and type of amendment proposed)</p> <p><b>1 =</b> Inconsistent with all relevant policy objectives in the MSS</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Consistent with some but not all of the relevant policy objectives in the MSS.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> Consistent with all relevant policy objectives in the MSS</p>

	<p><b>Community benefit</b></p> <p>(Net community benefit can be defined as balancing competing interest to achieve an overall positive for the existing community and future generations)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> Potential to deliver net community benefit at individual scale</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Potential to deliver net community benefit at community scale</p> <p><b>3 =</b> Potential to deliver net community benefit at municipal scale</p>
	<p><b>Urgency</b></p> <p>(The urgency of a particular matter will need to be determine in light of the strategic context in which the proposal sits i.e.: does it help implement key strategic directions balanced against the amount of time a matter may take to decide due to its complexity)</p>	<p><b>1 =</b> Urgency driven by individual need</p> <p><b>2 =</b> Urgency driven by community need</p> <p><b>3 =</b> Urgency driven by municipal need</p>

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