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Torquay Sands Aged Care Facility Proposal

Torquay Commerce and Tourism (TCT) has considered the proposal to convert some parts of the Sands development to a private nursing home. TCT considers that the provision of golfing facilities at the Sands is primarily a contractual arrangement between residents and the Sands developers. It is inappropriate for the Shire or the planning system to seek to either support or frustrate those private contracts.

It is however the specific role of the Shire and planning system under the relevant legislation to support economically sustainable local communities. Given the examples of the collapse of the former Torquay Golf Club as well as the former Geelong Golf Club and the subsequent derelict state of the Geelong Golf Course site for some years, TCT would support changes to the planning scheme that promote viable businesses on that site. Whether that business is a hotel or an aged care facility is a decision best left to commercial reality to determine rather than the planning system.

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