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Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 6 October 2026 – 9:30am

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Meeting Opened: 9:30am

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Present: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Kahlia Simmons, Nick Bicanic, Jan Hughes, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann

Acting General Manager: Jayne Miller, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Acting Director – Community & Development Services: Skyy Anderson, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Councillor Anthony Richards

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 195/2026 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993,* Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Nil

ITEM FOR DECISION

Item 196/2026 Endorsement of Council Submission: House of Assembly Select Committee – Commonwealth Decisions on Agricultural Land

Reporting Officer: Acting General Manager, Jayne Miller
Ref: DOC/26/13031 | Council Submission: DOC/26/14132

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to is to present Dorset Council's proposed submission to the House of Assembly Select Committee on Commonwealth Decisions on Agricultural Land and seek Council approval to lodge the submission with the Committee.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council:

1. endorse the attached submission to the House of Assembly Select Committee on Commonwealth Decisions on Agricultural Land;
2. authorises the Mayor and Acting General Manager to make minor administrative or editorial amendments – if required – that do not materially alter the endorsed position before lodgement; and
3. lodge the endorsed submission with the Committee by 9 October 2026.

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Time Meeting Closed: 9:39am

Minutes Confirmed: 19 October 2026

Minute No:



Mayor