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**ATTN: Assessment Manager** 

RE: Objection to Development Application (DA/13/2018)
7 Margaret Street Tannum Sands – Lot 10 RP608261

Objection submitted by: Dean Alfred Wise and Madonna Anne Wise of

3 Gwen Street Tannum Sands.

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To the Assessment Manager,

We wish to submit an objection to the proposed reconfiguration of Lot 10 RP608261 into 2 lots.

Our objection is based on the following grounds:

1. This proposal does not comply with the lot size, and site frontage size, consistent with a Low Density Residential Zone.

The lot sizes of 500 square metres and 484 square metres are well below the 600 square metre minimum size. In addition one of the proposed street frontages is 16 square metres, which is below the minimum frontage of 17 square metres.

These minimums are set by Council to maintain the character of this residential area.

Currently this area is characterized by detached dwellings with reasonably-sized back yards, giving privacy and noise barriers between dwellings. If exceptions are made for this redevelopment, a precedent will be set for further redevelopment involving small lot sizes in this area which will change the feel and liveability of this area.

The application for re-zoning makes the point that there are lots smaller than 600 square metres within the neighbourhood. However, there are no lots smaller than 510 square metres, allowing a block of 484 square metres would be a new precedent for future developments in this area.

The proposer has also argued that two detached dwellings could currently be built on 7 Margaret Street without requiring rezoning approval, so the proposal does not represent a material change of use of the block.

In practice, however, it is most likely that a landowner would build one dwelling, consistent with the character of the area and the Low-Density Zoning. Also, the construction of two dwellings on this lot would comply with the rules applying to this type of development which are different to those that would apply should the subdivision request be approved.

#### 2. This proposal sets a precedent for over-development.

If council were to relax its stated acceptable outcomes for this zone on this occasion, it would set a precedent for other developers to apply for relaxation on other properties in the area. This could lead to over-development in the area.

There has been a previous application to develop lots in the area significantly smaller than 600 square metres. Consistent with the concerns and feelings of the residents, the development did not proceed. If council grants a relaxation for this development application, then other developers would reasonably feel they could apply for similar relaxations. This will change the open living character of this part of old Tannum which is a Low Density Residential Zone.

### 3. This proposal raises public safety issues.

Because of the narrow triangular shape of proposed Lot 102, the building envelope is only three metres from the corner of Margaret and Alfred Streets. This would cause visibility issues for traffic entering and exiting either of these streets. This hazard would increase once the two ends of Margaret Street are linked as Margaret Street would then become a popular road for residents and visitors to use to get to the beach.

# 4. This proposal is not necessary to meet community need for more housing or more variety in housing.

In *Part 3.4 Community Living* of *Our Place, Our Plan*, the point is made that there should be an economic and community need for residential development. Given the depressed state of the housing market at present, as well as the high vacancy rate for rentals, it is difficult to see why there is a need for sub-division in this Low Density Residential Zone.

As the development proposal points out, *PO8* of *Reconfiguring a Lot Code* affirms that a variety of lot sizes are to be provided close to neighbourhood centres and parks. In our neighbourhood, there are a variety of lot sizes above the required minimum of 600 square metres as well as a small number of lots east of Groper Street that are between 500 and 600 square metres. There are also affordable housing estates in the Tannum Sands area such as Tannum Blue which provide small blocks and higher density living. These lot size variations would seem to be more than sufficient to meet the current housing needs.

Please consider our objections and the grounds for them as serious concerns, reflective of not only of our thoughts and feelings, but also those of many others in our neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely,

Dean and Madonna Wise

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Attention: Assessment Manager Gladstone Regional Council PO Box 29, GLADSTONE. QLD. 4680

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Unfortunately for the owner-occupier residences living nearby, all this happens very quickly, and totally unaware of the implications and council relaxation. Very quickly the noise of backhoes, bobcats, concrete trucks, delivery trucks and 7am builders start, then influx of tenants coming and going. Disturbance does not stop.

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- Object to ambiguous information from Zone, dual dwellings and dual blocks having same density outcome. Granny flats.
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None of this is all very honest and trusting when reviewed.

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"Would this be allowed beside a councillors residence."

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