



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 12 August 2025

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DOUGLAS
SHIRE COUNCIL

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



A **Special Meeting** of the Douglas Shire Council will be held on **Tuesday 12 August 2025 at 10:00a.m.** at the Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre, 212r Mossman Gorge Road, Mossman Gorge, and the attendance of each Councillor is requested.

AGENDA

‘ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY’

‘I would like to acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay respect to their Elders both past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching our meeting this morning’.

1. *Attendance and Apologies*
2. *Conflict of Interest*
3. *Agenda Items as Listed*
4. *Closed Session*

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON
Tuesday 12 August 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scomazzon opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 12 August 2025 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

This Special Meeting of Council will be available for others to watch at a later time.

Cr Scomazzon acknowledged the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which this meeting is being held and paid respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching this morning.

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SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2025
10:00 AM
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1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

1.1. PRESENT

Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Mayor), Cr Roy Zammataro (Deputy Mayor), Cr Damian Meadows, Cr Abigail Noli, Cr Michael Rees

1.2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

1.3. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S Osman (Chief Executive Officer), M Eastham (General Manager TC Jasper Corporate and Communities), D Langman (Chief Engineer TC Jasper Infrastructure and Recovery, K Williams (Executive Assistant), T Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer)

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil

3. OFFICERS REPORTS

3.1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT (1 LOT INTO 2) BONNIE DOON ROAD

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council refuses the development application for Reconfiguring a Lot (One lot into two lots) over land described as Lot 3 on SP718188, on the following grounds:

- 1. The proposed development if approved will fragment Class A Agricultural land. The development is incapable of being conditioned to achieve compliance with the required codes;*
- 2. The development is inconsistent with the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme version 1.0 with regard to the Rural Zone Code and the Reconfiguring A Lot Code. The development is incapable of being conditioned to achieve compliance with the required codes;*
- 3. The fragmentation of agricultural land and the size and configuration of the proposed lots is development that is inconsistent with the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031, the State Planning Policy 2017 and the Planning Scheme. There is no identified need for the smaller lots in the rural area in order to achieve the outcomes of: the State Planning Policy 2017, the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 or the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme version 1.0;*

Findings on material questions of fact:

1. *The application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council on 8 May 2025 under s 51 of the Planning Act 2016 and included a planning report.*

Evidence or other material on which findings were based:

1. *Council undertook an investigation of assessment of the development, against the State Development Requirements and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme in making its assessment manager decision; and*
2. *Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of section 60 of the Planning Act 2016.*

Carried Unanimously

3.2. PROCUREMENT BY EXCEPTION UNDER SECTION 235 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012

Moved Cr Zammataro

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council resolve to engage Archaeology Survey Team (AST) under s235 (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the provision of Traditional Owner Monitoring Services.

For Cr Scomazzon, Cr Meadows, Cr Noli and Cr Rees

Against Cr Zammataro

Motion Carried

4. CLOSED SESSION

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council resolves to move into Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

4.1 Confidential s 275(1)(e) Local Government Regulation 2012 - Daintree Ferry Tender

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 10:10am)

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Meadows

Seconded: Cr Rees

That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 10:20am)

4.1. CONFIDENTIAL S 275(1)(E) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 - DAINTREE FERRY TENDER

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with s 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public to discuss a matter relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

Moved: Cr Scomazzon

Seconded: Cr Noli

That:

1. *Council resolves to award tender (VP440857), Daintree River Ferry Services to Birdon Pty Ltd in accordance with the recommendations, contract evaluation conditions and requirements set out in the confidential report (including all attachments), titled "Daintree Ferry Tender"*
2. *Council delegates authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with the contract.*

Carried Unanimously

5. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:27am.

CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.