

Douglas Shire Council
CAPE TRIBULATION – BLOOMFIELD RIVER ROAD
STATEMENT OF INTENT

Link Classification	3	
Link Description	Road Number	2831003
	Road Length	31.0km
	Locality	Cape Tribulation
	Start Location	Cape Tribulation
	End Location	Northern bank of Bloomfield River
Link Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently a four wheel drive (4WD) only access; • Forms part of a coastal regional link between Mossman and Cooktown; • Services 4WD tourism function and alternative access to Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council 	
Link Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to remain 4WD only access; • Increase safety for all road users; • Reduce the environmental impacts along the link; • Maintain the road as an iconic Australian tourist route; • Maintain road surface at a sufficient width and pavement strength to cater for the traffic types and a surface condition that is at a level adequate for the road function; • Limited concrete surface improvements along flood prone sections and at steep sections; • Discourage traffic volume increases. 	
Current Link Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winding in nature through mountainous terrain; • Entire link is considered low to medium speed environment; • Gravel road with short sections of concrete on steep ranges; • Natural creek crossings subject to flooding; • Can be closed for periods during the wet season. 	
External Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as an alternative remote community access; • Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Cook Shire Council have expressed a desire for this road to be sealed; • Residential traffic; • Tourism traffic including private vehicles and tour operators; • Need to meet Wet Tropics management Authority (WTMA) World Heritage Listing standards. 	
Internal Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the road at its current standard; • Budgetary constraints – limited rateable properties exist along this link; • Seek external funding for the concrete surface improvements; • Establish maintenance gravel source at the northern end of the road. 	
Configuration & Condition Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets the needs for intended purpose; • Sections of steep road needs to be sealed. 	
Gap Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface improvements to improve safety 	
Scope of Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforced concrete surfacing at various locations 	
Development Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal steep sections and undertake annual maintenance to existing gravel road pavement. 	
Projected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide safe roadway along steep sections which will reduce the likelihood of road accidents 	
Projected Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased safety for all road users. 	
Projected Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowie Range – concrete pavement \$650,000 in 2016/2017; • Annual gravel re-sheeting and maintenance grade program 	