## Douglas Shire Council

**CAPE TRIBULATION – BLOOMFIELD RIVER ROAD**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

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### Link Description

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<td>Road Length</td>
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<td>Locality</td>
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<td>Start Location</td>
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<td>End Location</td>
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### Link Function

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Meets the needs for intended purpose;
- Sections of steep road needs to be sealed.

### Gap Analysis

- Surface improvements to improve safety

### Scope of Works

- Reinforced concrete surfacing at various locations

### Development Strategy

- Seal steep sections and undertake annual maintenance to existing gravel road pavement.

### Projected Outcomes

- Provide safe roadway along steep sections which will reduce the likelihood of road accidents

### Projected Performance

- Increased safety for all road users.

### Projected Investment

- Cowie Range – concrete pavement $650,000 in 2016/2017;
- Annual gravel re-sheetsing and maintenance grade program