

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

6.1. DAINTREE FERRY

COUNCILLOR Cr Roy Zammataro

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I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 30 May 2023:

"I move that;

- 1. Council rescinds the motion Item 5.3 from the 26 July 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting being, That Council resolves to:
*“Replace the existing Daintree Ferry, with a single ferry capable of four lanes of road vehicles and dual road vehicle loading capability and associated landside infrastructure upgrades on both riverbanks”.***
- 2. Council invite Expressions of Interest from private enterprise to own and operate the Daintree River Ferry.**
- 3. Notes it is in the public interest to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders for the following reasons:**
 - To understand Early Market Engagement with potential Suppliers;**
 - To understand the scope potential and what the market may be able to offer;**
 - To enable the market to better understand potential compliance issues with the project and environmental controls due to the location of the site; and**
 - To enable the market to better understand the logistics of working in Far North Queensland, particularly within the Wet Tropics."**

BACKGROUND

Since the Mayoral Minute issued on April 28, 2020, the general public has essentially been in a state of stagnation.

The purpose of the Mayoral Minute was to halt contract negotiations while the Council explored alternative options, including a bridge crossing, with input from the community.

The outcome of the consultation clearly demonstrated that a bridge was not the preferred choice.

Subsequently, during a Special Meeting on May 17, 2021, the Council agreed to acquire the existing Daintree River Ferry.

Apart from the initial purchase cost of \$4.5 million, the ferry's ownership has incurred significant expenses for ratepayers in terms of maintenance and repairs.

These costs will persist due to the ferry's aging condition.

To prevent further financial burden on ratepayers, it is necessary for a ferry service to be once again owned and operated by a qualified private contractor with expertise in marine transport.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

To be discussed at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil