

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - DAINTREE FERRY**

**COUNCILLOR** Cr Roy Zammataro

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 27 June 2023:

**" I move that Council;**

- 1. Temporarily suspend Item 3.1 Daintree Ferry Crossing Solution, from the 9 August 2022, while:**
- 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."**

#### **SUMMARY**

Since the Mayoral Minute issued on 28 April 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 17 May 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 the ferry to be once again owned and operated by a qualified private contractor with expertise in marine transport.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil