

5.3. PROPOSED PRIVATE RISING SEWER MAIN THROUGH RESERVE LAND - LOT 1 ON SR840, HOPE STREET, PORT DOUGLAS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. gives in principle approval to allow the owner of Lot 45 on SR835 Captain Cook Highway Port Douglas to construct a private rising sewer main through Reserve land described as Lot 1 on SR840 at Hope Street Port Douglas, subject but not limited to the following terms and conditions:**
 - 1.1. the route of the sewer main through the Reserve, must be in accordance with the plan which has been approved by Council officers;**
 - 1.2. a purpose built manhole is required at the point of entry into the Council sewer system;**
 - 1.3. construction and ongoing maintenance of the sewer main through Lot 1 on SR840, must be at no cost to Council;**
 - 1.4. the owner of Lot 45 on SR835 is to indemnify Council against any claim for damages or injury which may occur as a result of the proposed works; and**
 - 1.5. in-principle approval being obtained from the Minister of Natural Resources and Mines.**
- 2. delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise all matters associated with the proposal.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from PDR Engineers requesting "in principle" approval with respect to a client's proposal to construct a private rising sewer main through Reserve land described as Lot 1 on SR840, Hope Street Port Douglas.

Internal consultation has occurred and there have been no objections raised against the proposal, providing those conditions as detailed in the recommendation of this report are met.

BACKGROUND

A request has been received by Council to construct a private rising sewer main through Reserve land, in association with a proposal to develop a caravan park on land described as Lot 45 on SR835, which is situated on the Captain Cook Highway, just north of the Port Douglas roundabout.

A development application for the proposed caravan park was lodged at Council in August 2016 and the applicant is currently in the process of responding to further information as requested by Council officers. Part of the request relates to the location of a proposed sewer pressure main.

With the proposed caravan site being located adjacent to the Captain Cook Highway, the development application has been referred to the Department of Main Roads & Transport (DTMR) as a concurrence agency under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

PROPOSAL

The proposed caravan park site (Lot 45 Captain Cook Highway) is situated outside of Council's sewer reticulation network. A private rising sewer main would enable effluent to be pumped into Council's sewer network in the vicinity of Hope Street and thus avoid having to store and then pump out effluent holding tanks on the site.

In order for this to happen, the sewer main will be required to be placed underground along the Captain Cook Highway and then transverse through the Reserve land, before joining the existing sewer main near Hope Street. This is the shortest and most practicable route available to enable the site to connect to Council's sewer network.

Internal consultation has occurred and no objections were raised against the proposal. Officers from the Wastewater department has recommended the following:

- further to the engineers initial request, a revised route through the Reserve (as per attached aerial view) is recommended in order to move the proposed sewer main away from Council's existing water infrastructure; and
- a purpose built collection manhole is required at the entry point into the Council sewer system.

PDR Engineers have confirmed that "in principle approval" in relation to this matter has also been sought from DTMR, given that part of the proposed route lays along the Captain Cook Highway, which lies within the jurisdiction of that Department.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be no cost to Council associated with the proposed private sewer pressure main.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council's liability exposure brought about by the proposal will be covered by the requirement for the owner of the private infrastructure to indemnify Council against any claim for damages or injury which may occur as a result of the proposed works.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: No associated cost to Council.

Environmental: The proposed works will reduce the risk of potential effluent spillage from the site during extreme weather events.

Social: Nil

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 5 – Governance

5.2.1 - Provide Councillors and community with accurate, unbiased and factual reporting to enable accountable and transparent decision-making.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Asset-Owner Meeting the responsibilities associated with owning or being the custodian of assets such as infrastructure.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Manager Governance
Manager Finance
Manager Infrastructure
Manager Water & Wastewater
Manager Sustainable Communities
Executive Officer/Strategy & Policy Coordinator

External: Department of Natural Resources & Mines

ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised route of rising sewer main through Lot 1 on S R 840 **[5.3.1]**



Sewer Main location



Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 March 2017