

<b>ORDINARY MEETING</b>  <b>16 JUNE 2015</b>	<b>6.8</b>
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NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MELCHERT – MCU (CODE ASSESSABLE DEVELOPMENT) PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR PORT DOUGLAS

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following motion at Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015:-

*“that as Council moves to obtain Development Approval [MCU (Code Assessable Development)] for the proposed new Port Douglas water supply reservoir, notwithstanding the development is Code Assessable and does not require formal “statutory advertising”, it proceed to advertise the proposal in the Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette and send formal notification to property owners in the area advising of the proposed development and seeking comment from them.”*

### **BACKGROUND**

The proposed action will ensure the residents in the area, and the community generally, are aware of the proposed development. While the action will not create formal “statutory” submitter rights it does provide an open and transparent process.

This action is consistent with actions taken by some other Local Governments in Queensland.

### **CEO'S COMMENT:**

It is suggested that when the Development Application is submitted to Council that:-

1. *Council advertise the proposal in the Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette and on Council's website as per the procedure set by Council at the meeting held on May 26, 2015;*
2. *In this case, Council is the Applicant for the proposed realignment of a Lot and the establishment of the utility (water storage) and desires to be a good neighbour to surrounding property owners. On that basis Council should notify in writing nearby property owners of the submission of the proposal and advise where they may view the proposal;*
3. *Council should not “seek comment”. This sets a dangerous precedent and a level of expectation. If members of the public do provide comment back to Council this should be dealt with as part of Council's normal business and not be tied to the statutory process. The public has access to Councillors if they wish to raise issues relating to the proposal with Councillors as part of the normal local government process.*