

## 8.1. ON-LINE PETITION ON COUNCIL CARBON CREDITS

**REPORT AUTHOR** Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

**DEPARTMENT** Office of the Chief Executive Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the on-line petition on Council Carbon Credits be received and presented to Council.**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer is in receipt of an email from Russell O'Doherty of Diwan dated Thursday, 18 July 2019: 855am submitting an on-line petition <http://chng.it/5VNDhwR5JZ> on Council Carbon Credits. A further email from Mr O'Doherty providing his personal details was received on 19 July 2019.

In accordance with clause 5.1 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings, the on-line petition is presented to Council.

The petition is in response to Council's resolution of Item 5.10, Healthy Reef Partnership, of Council Meeting 18 June 2019.

The principal petitioner is Russell O'Doherty and as at 18 July 2019, the on-line petition had received 673 signatures. The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged receipt of Mr O'Doherty's email advising that the on-line petition would be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 July 2019.

### PROPOSAL

In accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings, it is proposed that the petition be received.

### FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Nil

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Nil

## **COUNCIL'S ROLE**

Nil

## **CONSULTATION**

**Internal:** Nil

**External:** Nil

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Nil

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 Petition on Council Carbon Credits Received [8.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Attachment 2 Screenshot of on-line petition on Council Carbon Credits [8.1.2 - 1 page]

**From:** Russell & Teresa O'Doherty [*provided*]  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 July 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** Mark Stoermer <[Mark.Stoermer@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Stoermer@douglas.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re petition on council carbon credits

Hi Mark I am resending this to you as I had forgotten to add my contact details for reference they are as follows

Russell O'doherty

Lot (*provided*)

Diwan 4873

Phone: (*provided*)

Mobile: (*provided*)

Regards

Russell

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Russell & Teresa O'Doherty <(i>provided)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jul 18, 2019 at 8:55 AM  
**Subject:** Re petition on council carbon credits  
**To:** Mark Stoermer <[Mark.Stoermer@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Stoermer@douglas.qld.gov.au)>

Good morning Mark

We are submitting this petition to you on behalf of the Douglas Shire residents that have signed our petition.

We are also very concerned of what has come out in the past couple days in regard to the mayor Julia Leu at the council meeting held 18th June where it was stated that the shire will have enormous benefits in marketing and advertising for the shire with the Qantus partnership when clearly this is not the case.

Currently as at this email we have 673 signatures which were gathered in a 3 week period beginning on the 3rd July.

We will leave petition open and live so that you can check on it at anytime at the link below.

<http://chnng.it/5VNDhwR5JZ>


Regards

Russell O'doherty

Screenshot of on-line petition taken at 1.48pm, Thursday 18 July 2019

## Stop the Douglas Shire Council from purchasing unwanted Carbon Credits



 **Russell O'doherty** started this petition to Minister for Local Governments Stirling Hinchliffe and Douglas Shire CEO Mark Stoermer

On the 18th June 2019, The Douglas Shire Council passed a motion to enter into a transaction to purchase Carbon Reef Credits through a consortium of Qantus, Green Collar and Tourism Port Douglas Daintree Ltd. We the people of the Douglas Shire believe that the Council has not operated in due process that ensures the financial and beneficial interests of the local community. No open community consultation occurred to discuss this process or any plan of becoming Carbon Neutral and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars doing so. No procurement procedures were followed into this high risk and expensive project. No transparency in the transaction has occurred showing any confirmed benefits to the residents and ratepayers, and there are extreme antidotes of bias to the seller being a long-term friend of the majority of councillors. The current Mayor and Mike Berwick ( Green Collar) have along personal and business history, and at times were fellow board members in a group (Terrain) that shares a vested interest view in this transaction. We the people being a resident, ratepayer or person with an invested interest in the Douglas Shire do not approve of this transaction and request that the Minister intervenes to cease this project immediately whilst the process of this matter is properly investigated and the community are consulted appropriately . We believe that the Mayor has misled the residents and ratepayers of the Shire by saying that the entire Shire would be Carbon Neutral when in fact it is only the Council office that will qualify to be Carbon Neutral.

### Updates

500 supporters


2 weeks ago

Russell O'doherty started this petition

1 month ago


676 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!



 Teresa O'doherty signed this petition

Mossman, 4873  
Australia

Display my name and comment on this petition

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