

8.1. PETITION: DUST CONCERNS FROM UNSEALED ROAD TO BOAT RAMP, COOYA BEACH

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RECOMMENDATION

That, as the petition is of an operational nature, Council resolves to receive the petition and refer it to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition has been received and in accordance with clause 8 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy, this petition is presented to Council.

BACKGROUND

The petition is calling upon Council to find a solution to the dust arising from the unsealed road to the Cooya Beach boat ramp.

The principal petitioner is Mr Bennet Walker on behalf of Cooya Beach residents at the northern end of Bougainvillea Street. There are 15 signatories to the petition.

COMMENT

The maintenance of roads is an operational matter and complaints of this nature are regularly responded to by staff.

PROPOSAL

In accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings, it is proposed that Council receive the petition. As the request to seal the road is an Operational matter, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the Chief Executive Office.

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.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of complaint about road dust at northern end of Bougainvillia Street Cooya beach from resident **[8.1.1]**

To.
 CEO
 Douglas Shire Council.
 Front St.
 Mossman. Qld 4873

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PJL / mJK

Please find enclosed a letter from Cooya Beach residents at the northern end of Bougainvillia St, who are most affected by the dust problem outlined.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the mayor and councillors.

If possible we would like this to be included on the agenda at the next council meeting for consideration.

For clarification the list of names and addresses of the signatories are listed below. All are from Cooya Beach.

Bennett Walker	1 Palm St Traditional owner.
Anthony Penny	3 Bougainvilia St
Diane Penny	"
Peter Emmerson	5 Bougainvilia St
Abby Emmerson	"
Les Emmerson	"
?	7 Bougainvilia St
?	"
Reene Patrick	9 Bougainvilia St
Spencer Patrick	"
Brett Deuble	16 Allamanda St
John Deuble	49 Bougainvilia St
Warwick Healey	1 Bougainvilia St
Gayle Healey	"
Juan Walker	11 Bougainvilia St

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To
Douglas Shire Council
Front St Mossman QLD 4873

We would like to bring to council's attention a situation at the northern end of Cooya Beach esplanade, boat ramp area.

The unsealed, gravel and dirt road into the boat ramp is a real concern with the material council has put down as a road base.

The dust that blows up every time a vehicle uses it blows into our homes. It is all through our places, on every surface including walls and screens and there is nothing we can do to stop it.

It is a very fine airborne substance that we must be breathing in daily.

This dust is carried out onto the sealed esplanade with every vehicle movement, deposited, only to be blown up again by the next vehicle that passes by.

There are 4 trips a day by a very large school bus that really lifts this dust high into the air and blown into the houses by the prevailing wind.

The population of Cooya Beach has increased dramatically over the last 15 years with no improvements done to the road this end of the esplanade, despite complaints being made.

It is not just people towing boats that use this dirt road into the boat ramp. Vehicles are constantly driving in and out, particularly

during tourist season when many hire cars, 4WD's etc drive in as part of their tour to the beach.

We urge council to help us out and do something about this very real problem that we have been putting up with for years.

It is not only the nuisance with the dust all through our properties, but a very real health issue with everyone ingesting this fine particulate.

Regards

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