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CONVERSION OF ROLLING TERM LEASE TO FREEHOLD-LOT 242 SP154003

Robert Donovan: Property Officer #450733

Darryl Crees: General Manager Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to:

- 1. to advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) that Council has no objection to the application under *the Land Act 1994* for the purchase of the Unallocated State Land described as Lot 242 SP154003; and
- 2. to delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise all matters associated with this matter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) has requested Council's views on an application under the *Land Act 1994* for the lessees to purchase unallocated state land described as Lot 242 154003 Parish of Lakeland, County of Solander.

Internal consultation has occurred and there have been no objections raised against this application to purchase.

BACKGROUND:

The parcel of land described as Lot 242 SP 154003 is currently leased under a Rolling Term Lease-Pastoral Holdings 14/242 and is situated at the north western end of the shire. This parcel transverses both the Cook Shire Council and Douglas Shire Council local government boundaries..

The lessees have requested to purchase the unallocated state land but before proceeding with the request DNRM are seeking Council's views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land.

PROPOSAL:

To advise DNRM that Council does not have any objection to the application by the lessees to convert the existing lease of Pastoral Holding to freehold.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:

This report has been prepared in accordance with:

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:

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Information Provider	Advocate	Facilitator	Agent	Part Funder	Asset Owner		
					Fully Responsible		
					Regulator		
Information Provider: Providing access to information to assist communities and organisations.							

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to Council with this proposal.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no risk management implications with this proposal.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

ECONOMIC: All costs involved with the proposed conversion will be borne by the applicant.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Nil

SOCIAL: Nil

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Internal consultation was undertaken with comment sought form the following areas, no objections were lodged.

- Manager Water & Waste
- Manager Governance
- Manager Finance
- Manager Infrastructure
- Manager Development & Environment
- Executive Officer/Strategy & Policy Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: DNRM request for comment on application.

Attachment B: Smart Map of Allotment

Attachment C: Locality Plan

Attachment A

19 February, 2015

The Chief Executive Officer Douglas Shire Council 64-66 Front Street Mossman Qld 4873





Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Dear Sir

RE: Conversion of Rolling Term Lease _ Pastoral Holding 14/242 Lot 242 on Survey Plan 154003 - Lessees Curr & Adams

The department has received an application for the conversion to freehold of the above lease. The enclosed *Smartmap* shows the subject land and the surrounding locality.

Please advise Councils views or requirements that the department should consider when assessing this application.

Objections to the application, and any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land should be received by close of business on 31 March 2015. If you offer an objection to the application, a full explanation stating the reason for the objection should be provided.

If you wish to provide a response but are unable to do so before the due date, please contact the author to arrange a more suitable timeframe. If a response is not received by the due date and no alternative arrangements have been made, it will be assumed you have no objections or requirements in relation to this matter.

If you wish to discuss this matter please contact Julie Besgrove on (07) 4447 9175.

All future correspondence relative to this matter is to be referred to the contact Officer at the address below or by email to Townsville.SLAMS@dnrm.qld.gov.au. Please quote reference number 2014/006579.

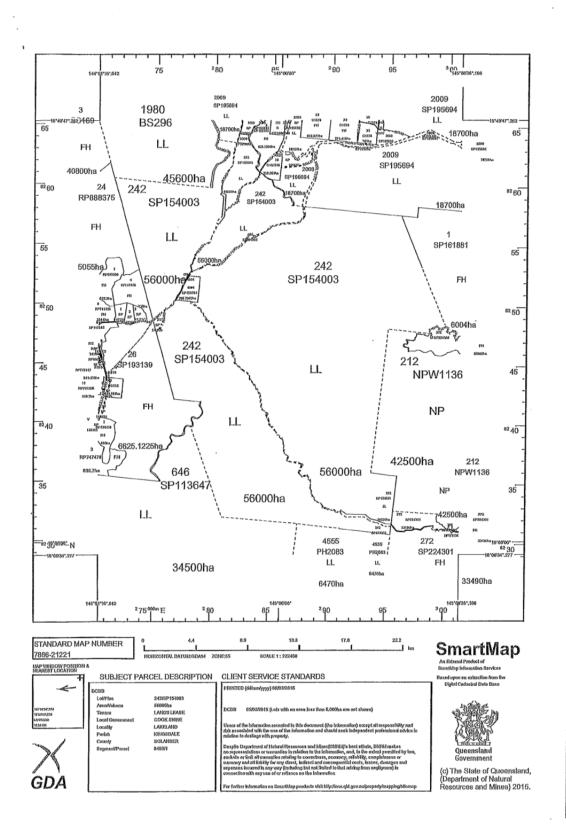
Yours sincerely

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Attachment B



Attachment C

