ORDINARY MEETING

4 NOVEMBER 2014

REALIGNMENT OF LOCALITY BOUNDARY BETWEEN WONGA BEACH AND LOWER DAINTREE

Darryl Crees: General Manager Corporate Services #432061

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advises the Department of Natural Resources & Mines that it consents to the proposed realignment of the locality boundary between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree as detailed in the Queensland Place Names Proposal Diagram CHQ022459/781.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNR&M) have sought Council's views on a proposed realignment of locality boundaries between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree. The existing boundary dissects two parcels of land resulting in part of each lot being located in both localities.

Such a situation can cause ambiguity with property addressing and Council's consent has now been requested to the proposed boundary realignment to rectify this impediment.

BACKGROUND:

The Place Names Act 1994 affords the Minister for DNR&M the responsibility for naming and defining locality and suburb boundaries in Queensland.

In November 2012, Cairns Regional Council was advised that the proposed realignment of locality boundaries would be included with the change of locality name from Wonga to Wonga Beach. Upon further consideration DNR&M decided not to proceed with the proposed locality boundary realignment until finalisation on locality renaming to Wonga Beach.

The Minister for DN&M approved the name Wonga Beach in August 2014.

COMMENT:

As it currently exists, the boundary between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree splits lots 59 and 117 on SP204110 which effectively has part of each lot in both localities. Having land parcels split into different localities may lead to ambiguous addressing which has the potential to hinder delivery of emergency and other essential services.

To alleviate confusion in property address information, DNR&M are proposing to realign the locality boundary resulting in both lots 59 and 117 on SP204110 to be wholly located in the locality of Lower Daintree.

The attachment to this report includes maps detailing the current situation and the proposed boundary realignment.

PROPOSAL:

Council advises DNR&M that it consents to the proposed realignment of the locality boundary between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:

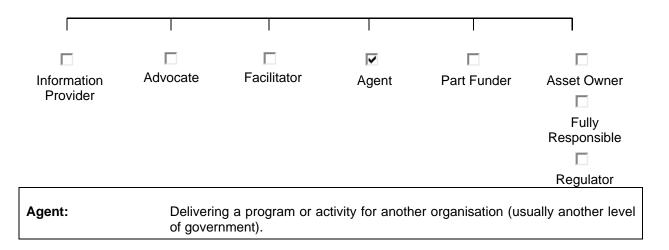
This report has been prepared in accordance with 5.2.1 of the Corporate Plan -

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:



FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The request from DNR&M seeks Council views on the proposed locality boundary realignment only, therefore no impact on resources or budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no risk management implications associated with this request.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

ECONOMIC: Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL: NII

SOCIAL: Nil

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

This matter has been referred to Council's Development and Environment Section who have advised that the land subject to the proposed boundary realignment is currently contained within the Conservation Planning area. Therefore it would appear to be unsuitable for any form of development that would involve further subdivision that may associate back to Wonga Beach. Accordingly there is no objection from a Town Planning perspective raised to the proposed realignment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Correspondence from Department of Natural Resources and Mines dated 2 October 2014

	DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL Received File Name LU Manning / Localities	Queensland Government
File Reference: CHQ022459/781 Job 13-062	Document Ne	Department of Natural Resources & Mines
2 October 2014	-7 OCT 2014	
Ms Linda Cardew CEO Douglas Shire Council PO Box 723	Attention RMA	
	Information 418067 LKC	

Dear Ms Cardew,

MOSSMAN QLD 4873

The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines is responsible for naming and defining locality and suburb boundaries in Queensland under the Place Names Act 1994. Accurate locality and suburb boundaries allow for unambiguous addressing to support the delivery of emergency and other essential services.

The locality boundary between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree splits Lots 59 and 117 on survey plan SP204110 as shown on the attached **SmartMap**.

To reflect the current situation and alleviate confusion in property address information the Department of Natural Resources and Mines is proposing to realign the locality boundary as shown on the attached copy of Queensland Place Names Proposal Diagram CHQ022459/781.

In November 2012 Cairns Regional Council was advised that the proposed realignment of locality boundaries would be included as part of the suggestion to change the locality name from Wonga to Wonga Beach.

On further considering the department decided not to proceed with this realignment until the renaming of the locality to Wonga Beach had been completed. The Minister approved the name Wonga Beach in August 2014.

Douglas Shire Council's consent is sought to the proposed realignment of the locality boundary between Wonga Beach and Lower Daintree.

Your reply would be appreciated by 7 December 2014.

Should you have any further enquires, please contact me by telephone (07) 4447 9186 or by email at Bill.Sales@dnrm.qld.gov.au .

Thanking you for your cooperation.

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Enc: Place Names diagram CHQ02459/781; SmartMap

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