

3.4. DAINTREE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - SPECIAL CHARGE 2025-2026

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RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with s94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and s94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the Daintree Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge) of \$15.00 (per assessment) on all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural firefighting equipment for, and the operations of, the Daintree Rural Fire Brigade.

1. The overall plan for the Daintree Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge is as follows:
 - a. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural firefighting equipment for, and the operations of, the Daintree Rural Fire Brigade.
 - b. The rateable land to which the plan applies is delineated in orange on the map named Daintree Rural Fire Brigade.
 - c. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$5,640.
 - d. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is one (1) year ending on 30 June 2026.
2. All rateable land (or its occupier) within the area delineated in orange on the map named Daintree Rural Fire Brigade specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because each such parcel is within the area for which the brigade is in charge of firefighting and fire prevention under the *Fire Services Act 1990*. Further, the fire emergency response capability that is provided by the brigade would be substantially diminished if it did not receive the funding provided by Council as a direct consequence of the levying of the special charge.
3. The special charge for the 2025-2026 financial year is to be levied by two half year levies.
4. In accordance with requirements, all Rural Fire Levy revenue will be remitted to the Queensland Fire Department to be held on behalf of relevant Rural Fire Brigades.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Liveability

To deliver community activities to promote safe, healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities with an environmental conscious.

1.1 – Deliver community initiatives that support healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities.

Theme 2 - Prosperity

Council plans, builds and maintains the infrastructure required to improve our lifestyle and promote economic growth, working actively to support local businesses.

2.2 – Support local business through local procurement.

Theme 3 – Service Delivery

We deliver Council services effectively and efficiently to meet community expectations, focusing on the wellbeing of both the community and our employees.

3.1 – Deliver the Corporate Plan, Operational Plan and Budget.

Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

Legislative requirement.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

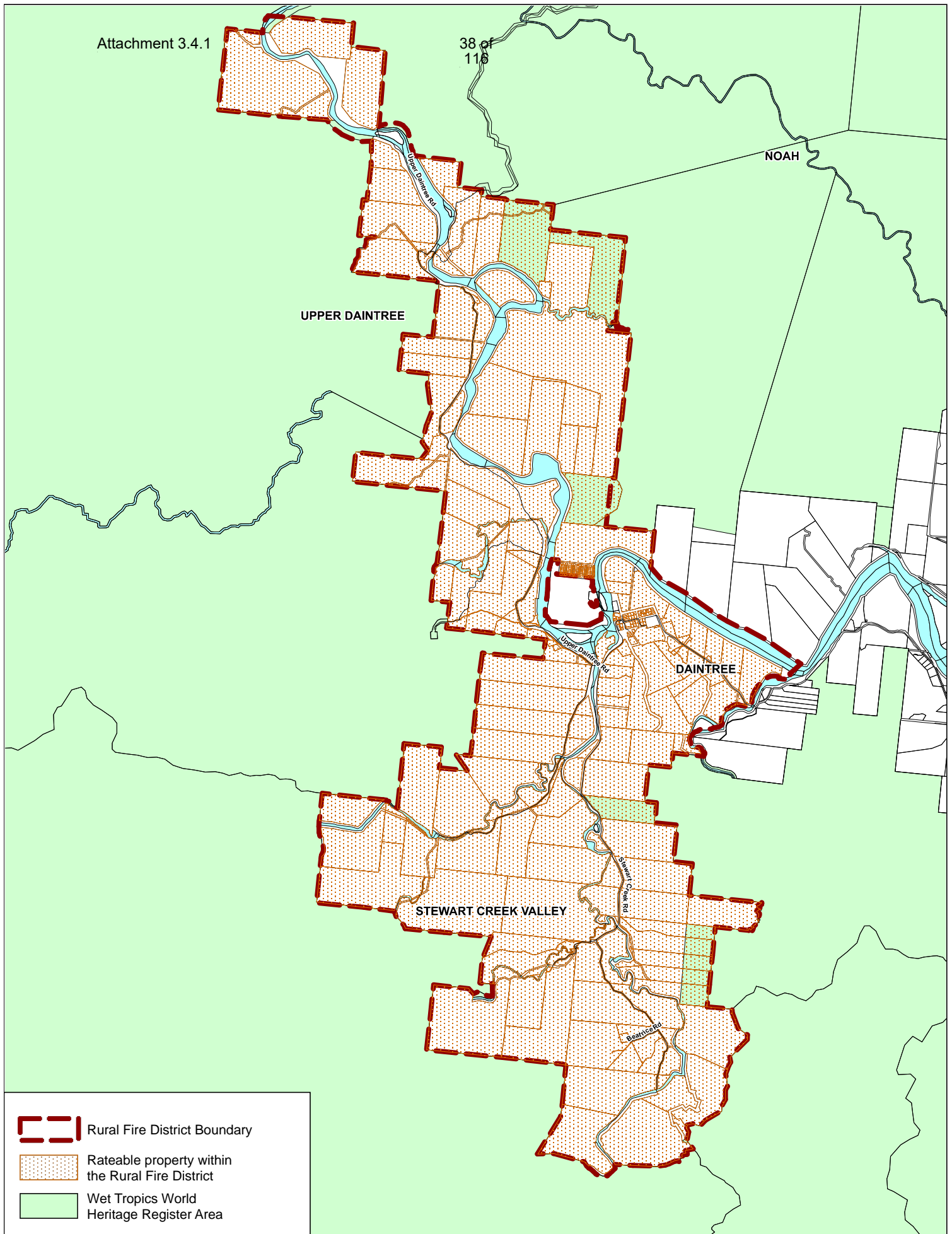
Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Regulator	Council has a number of statutory obligations detailed in numerous regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure that the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will utilise an outcomes based approach that balances the needs of the community with social and natural justice.
Service Provider	Council provides many services to the community from roads and waste services to libraries and recreational facilities. Services evolve over time and it is the Council's mission to ensure that these services are appropriate, delivered efficiently, and designed with the customer at the centre.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Rural fire - map Daintree [3.4.1 - 1 page]



-  Rural Fire District Boundary
-  Rateable property within the Rural Fire District
-  Wet Tropics World Heritage Register Area

DAINTREE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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Scale
1cm = 0.75 km at A4
Map Grid of Australia
Zone 55 (GDA94)

