

SARA reference: 2510-48963 SRA  
Council reference: CA 2025\_5841/1 (1328479)  
Applicant reference: AU017394

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Douglas Shire Council  
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Attention: Patrick Clifton

Dear Patrick

## **Action notice—Daintree River Ferry Upgrades at Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree**

(Given under section 8 of the Development Assessment Rules)

The State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) received your referral agency material for the following premises on 30 October 2025.

### **Location details**

Street address:	Cape Tribulation Road and 362 Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree
Real property description:	Lot 2 on RP865069, Lot 4 on SP126928, Lot 1 on RP804943 and Lot 359 on SP215752
Local government area:	Douglas Shire Council

Under the Planning Regulation 2017, the relevant referral requirements for the development application are as follows:

- Schedule 10, Part 5, Division 4, Table 2, Item 1—Environmentally relevant activity
- Schedule 10, Part 6, Division 3, Subdivision 3, Table 1, Item 1—Operational work involving removal, destruction or damage of marine plants
- Schedule 10, Part 17, Division 3, Table 1, Item 1—Operational work that is tidal works or work in a coastal management district
- Schedule 10, Part 17, Division 3, Table 2, Item 1—Operational work that is tidal works in tidal waters.

The application does not meet the requirements for a properly referred application under section 54 of the *Planning Act 2016*. The reason for this decision is:

- you have nominated that the proposal is eligible for the fee concession under section 38 of the Planning Regulation 2017 for government-funded community development, however the following information was not provided or demonstrated:
  - o statutory declaration by the applicant stating the amount of funding
  - o the required fee is more than 5% of the amount stated in the statutory declaration
- therefore, the full assessment fee (\$28,189.00) is required to be paid.

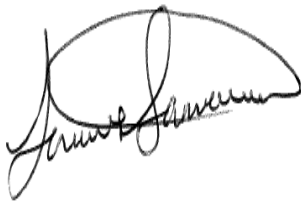
The application will not be accepted as properly referred until the total development application fee is paid to SARA. You have advised payment of \$14,094.50 has been made, however this has not yet been received. Therefore, payment of the full fee (\$28,189.00) is outstanding.

To ensure the application is properly referred and to avoid your application lapsing, you are required to:

- complete the above action; and
- give SARA notice advising that you have complied with this action notice within 20 business days, starting the day after receiving this action notice, or a further period agreed between the applicant and SARA.

For further information please contact Poppy Ellis-Southwell, Principal Planning Officer, on (07) 5644 3214 or via email [CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au) who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Javier Samanes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Javier Samanes  
Manager

cc Douglas Shire Council, [enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au)