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Chief Executive Officer
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Attention: Rebecca Taranto – Compliance Officer (rebecca.taranto@douglas.qld.gov.au)

Dear Rebecca

RE: Development Application seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use & Reconfiguring of a Lot, Lot 5 BK157130, 174 Buchanan Creek Road, Operational works

With respect to the above Development Application, Environment Pacific has been engaged by Volt Advisory (the proponent) to provide planning and environmental services in submitting a Development Application for assessment which seeks to secure a lease area and establish a renewable energy facility (being a combined hydrogen/solar renewable energy plant) on lot 5 BK157130. Operational works within the solar farm include earthworks for drainage and internal access.

We note that DA Form 1, and the associated supporting planning report have been reviewed and amended by McPeake Planning as per requirements noted in Action Notice 2.

We appreciate that there is significant community interest in the Daintree Microgrid Project, and we have endeavored to provide as much clarity as possible around the technical, social and environmental aspects of this project in the various attachments.

In support of the application, please find following attached:

**DA Form 1 –
Planning Report**

- SARA Prelodgment Advice – Appendix A
- Lease Plan prepared by RPS – Appendix B
- Owners Consent – Appendix C
- Technical Descriptions – Appendix D
- Plans of Development – Appendix E
- Contaminated Land Register and Environmental Register Searches – Appendix F
- DMG Project Environmental Management Plan – Appendix G
- Geotechnical Investigations – Appendix H
- Visual amenity assessment – Appendix I
- Letter of support from Jabalbina – Appendix J
- Assessment of the applicable codes under the Planning Scheme (2018) – Appendix K
- Planning Scheme Map Overlays – Appendix L

In accordance with s51(2) of *Planning Act 2016*, landowners' consent for the road reserve within lot 5 BK157130 (Department of Resources) and for the lease plan area (Dennis Verri) has been provided in **Appendix C**.

We trust this application and supporting information meets the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016* and can now be progressed for assessment.

Should you require any further information or clarification on any matters regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me as below

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Small', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Small, PhD, Director
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