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Dear Sir

DECISION NOTICE FOR OPERATIONAL WORKS (VEGETATION DAMAGE)

24 WHARF STREET PORT DOUGLAS

With reference to the abovementioned Development Application, which was determined under Instrument of delegation on 11 June 2019, please find attached the relevant Decision Notice.

The Notice includes extracts from the Act with respect to making representations about conditions, negotiated decisions, suspension of the appeal period, and lodging an Appeal.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this Decision Notice, please contact Daniel Lamond of Development Assessment and Coordination on telephone number 07 4099 9456.

Yours faithfully

PAUL HOYE
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- Decision Notice
- Approved Plans
- Applicant's Rights to make representations and applicant's appeal rights.

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICE — APPROVAL (WITH CONDITIONS) (GIVEN UNDER SECTION 63 OF *THE PLANNING ACT 2016*)

Thank you for your development application detailed below which was properly made on the 31 May 2019. Please be aware that Douglas Shire Council has assessed your application and decided it as follows.

1. Applicant's details

Name: Philip Wren
Postal Address: 294 Port Douglas Road
Port Douglas Qld 4877

2. Location details

Street address: 24 Wharf Street, Port Douglas
Real property description: Lot 1 on RP843581
Assessment Manager: Douglas Shire Council

3. Details of the proposed development

Operational Works- Vegetation Damage (Removal of one tree)

4. Decision

Decision details: Development Permit approved in full with conditions.
These conditions are set out in Schedule 1.
Date of decision: 13 June 2019.

5. Approved plans and specifications

Copies of the following plans, specifications and/or drawings are enclosed.

Drawing or Document	Reference	Date
Site Plan	Plan marked up by applicant- Phil Wren- IMG003.	Submitted with application 31 May 2019

6. Conditions

This approval is subject to the conditions in Schedule 1.

7. Further development permits

None applicable.

8. Referral agencies for the application

None applicable.

9. Currency period for the approval

This development approval will lapse at the end of the period set out in section 85 of *Planning Act 2016*, being four (4) years from the date of approval.

10. Reasons for decision

The reasons for this decision are:

- A. Sections 60 and 63 of the *Planning Act 2016*:
1. The conditions and advices as per Schedule 1;
 2. To ensure the development satisfies the benchmarks of the 2018 Douglas Shire Council Planning Scheme; and
 4. To ensure compliance with the *Planning Act 2016*.
- B. Findings on material questions of fact:
1. The application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council on the 31 May 2019 under section 51 of the *Planning Act 2016*;
- C. Evidence or other material on which findings were based:
1. Council undertook an investigation of assessment of the development, against the State Development Requirements and the 2018 Douglas Shire Council Planning Scheme in making its assessment manager decision;
 2. Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of section 60 of the *Planning Act 2016*; and
 3. The following findings are made:
 - a. The roots from the Milky Pine tree have significantly damaged the hardstand, walls and potentially the pool at the premises and root guard is not considered an appropriate way of mitigation to protect the assets due to the size of the tree and extent of established roots.

11. Rights of appeal

The rights of applicants to make representations and the rights to appeal to a tribunal or the Planning and Environment Court against decisions about a development application are set out in Chapter 6, Part 1 of the *Planning Act 2016*. For particular applications, there may also be a right to make an application for a declaration by a tribunal (see Chapter 6, Part 2 of the *Planning Act 2016*).

Schedule 2 is an extract from the *Planning Act 2016* that sets down the applicant's right to make representations and appeal rights.

SCHEDULE 1 CONDITIONS AND ADVICES IMPOSED BY THE ASSESSMENT MANAGER

PART 1A – CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE ASSESSMENT MANAGER

1. Carry out the approved development generally in accordance with the approved drawing(s) and/or document(s), and in accordance with:-
 - a. The specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council.
2. Council is to be notified of the date of the intended vegetation damage at least one business day prior to commencement of any work.
3. All pruning /removal works must conform to AS 4373 (2009) and be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced contractor having full regard to safety precautions and considerations. The contractor must be able to demonstrate a comprehensive Occupational Health and Safety Policy specific to tree work with relevant insurances in place.
4. **Flora and Fauna**
 - a. Prior to the removal of the tree, an inspection must be carried out for any signs of protected wildlife including nests and animal habitat. Should any recent wildlife activity be identified, removal of the tree must not occur until the animal has vacated the area of immediate danger.
 - b. If the tree contains nesting native birds, dens or roosting sites of native animals, the nests are not to be removed if in use. Consult the Nature Conservation Act 1992 for the necessary permits and approvals for intent to more or destroy the nests, dens or roosting sites.
 - c. If the tree contains nesting native birds, dens or roosting sites of native animals, the nests are not to be removed if in use. Consult the Nature Conservation Act 1992 for the necessary permits and approvals for intent to more or destroy the nests, dens or roosting sites.
5. **Damaged Vegetation**
 - a. Damaged vegetation is to be removed and disposed of at an approved site; and/or
 - b. Damaged vegetation is mulched or chipped and used onsite.

PART 1B – ADVICE NOTES

1. This approval, granted under the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016*, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with relevant Local Laws and statutory requirements.
3. For information relating to the *Planning Act 2016* log on to www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au. To access the FNQROC Development Manual, Local Laws and other applicable Policies log on to www.douglas.qld.gov.au.

LOCATION OF TREE FOR REMOVAL



● LOCATION OF TREE IN QUESTION, MARK AGAINST WALL

SCHEDULE 2 – PLANNING ACT 2016 - EXTRACTS ON MAKING REPRESENTATIONS AND ON APPEAL RIGHTS

Planning Act 2016 Making Representations

Planning Act 2016
Chapter 3 Development assessment

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- (a) any part of the building work must be assessed against, or having regard to, a matter that is not a building assessment provision; and
 - (b) none of the referral agencies are required to assess the application against, or having regard to, the matter.
- (5) A development permit given by the private certifier for the building work does not authorise the carrying out of the part requiring assessment against, or having regard to, the matter, unless a relevant preliminary approval is in effect for the part.
- (6) In this section—
- relevant preliminary approval* means a preliminary approval given under the old Act by an entity other than a private certifier.

Division 2 Changing development approvals

Subdivision 1 Changes during appeal period

74 What this subdivision is about

- (1) This subdivision is about changing a development approval before the applicant's appeal period for the approval ends.
- (2) This subdivision also applies to an approval of a change application, other than a change application for a minor change to a development approval.
- (3) For subsection (2), sections 75 and 76 apply—
 - (a) as if a reference in section 75 to a development approval were a reference to an approval of a change application; and
 - (b) as if a reference in the sections to the assessment manager were a reference to the responsible entity; and

- (c) as if a reference in section 76 to a development application were a reference to a change application; and
- (d) as if the reference in section 76(3)(b) to section 63(2) and (3) were a reference to section 83(4); and
- (e) with any other necessary changes.

75 Making change representations

- (1) The applicant may make representations (*change representations*) to the assessment manager, during the applicant's appeal period for the development approval, about changing—
 - (a) a matter in the development approval, other than—
 - (i) a matter stated because of a referral agency's response; or
 - (ii) a development condition imposed under a direction made by the Minister under chapter 3, part 6, division 2; or
 - (b) if the development approval is a deemed approval—the standard conditions taken to be included in the deemed approval under section 64(8)(c).
- (2) If the applicant needs more time to make the change representations, the applicant may, during the applicant's appeal period for the approval, suspend the appeal period by a notice given to the assessment manager.
- (3) Only 1 notice may be given.
- (4) If a notice is given, the appeal period is suspended—
 - (a) if the change representations are not made within a period of 20 business days after the notice is given to the assessment manager—until the end of that period; or
 - (b) if the change representations are made within 20 business days after the notice is given to the assessment manager, until—

- (i) the applicant withdraws the notice, by giving another notice to the assessment manager; or
 - (ii) the applicant receives notice that the assessment manager does not agree with the change representations; or
 - (iii) the end of 20 business days after the change representations are made, or a longer period agreed in writing between the applicant and the assessment manager.
- (5) However, if the assessment manager gives the applicant a negotiated decision notice, the appeal period starts again on the day after the negotiated decision notice is given.

76 Deciding change representations

- (1) The assessment manager must assess the change representations against and having regard to the matters that must be considered when assessing a development application, to the extent those matters are relevant.
- (2) The assessment manager must, within 5 business days after deciding the change representations, give a decision notice to—
 - (a) the applicant; and
 - (b) if the assessment manager agrees with any of the change representations—
 - (i) each principal submitter; and
 - (ii) each referral agency; and
 - (iii) if the assessment manager is not a local government and the development is in a local government area—the relevant local government; and
 - (iv) if the assessment manager is a chosen assessment manager—the prescribed assessment manager; and
 - (v) another person prescribed by regulation.

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- (3) A decision notice (a *negotiated decision notice*) that states the assessment manager agrees with a change representation must—
 - (a) state the nature of the change agreed to; and
 - (b) comply with section 63(2) and (3).
- (4) A negotiated decision notice replaces the decision notice for the development application.
- (5) Only 1 negotiated decision notice may be given.
- (6) If a negotiated decision notice is given to an applicant, a local government may give a replacement infrastructure charges notice to the applicant.

Subdivision 2 Changes after appeal period

77 What this subdivision is about

This subdivision is about changing a development approval, other than the currency period, after all appeal periods in relation to the approval end.

78 Making change application

- (1) A person may make an application (a *change application*) to change a development approval.
- (2) A change application must be made to the responsible entity.
- (3) The *responsible entity* is—
 - (a) for a change application for a minor change to a development condition that a referral agency imposes—the referral agency; or
 - (b) the P&E Court, if—
 - (i) the change application is for a minor change; and
 - (ii) the development approval was given because of an order of the court; and

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- (2) The person is taken to have engaged in the representative's conduct, unless the person proves the person could not have prevented the conduct by exercising reasonable diligence.
- (3) In this section—
- conduct** means an act or omission.
- representative** means—
- (a) of a corporation—an executive officer, employee or agent of the corporation; or
 - (b) of an individual—an employee or agent of the individual.
- state of mind**, of a person, includes the person's—
- (a) knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and
 - (b) reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.

Chapter 6 Dispute resolution

Part 1 Appeal rights

229 Appeals to tribunal or P&E Court

- (1) Schedule 1 states—
- (a) matters that may be appealed to—
 - (i) either a tribunal or the P&E Court; or
 - (ii) only a tribunal; or
 - (iii) only the P&E Court; and
 - (b) the person—
 - (i) who may appeal a matter (the *appellant*); and
 - (ii) who is a respondent in an appeal of the matter; and

- (iii) who is a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter;
and
 - (iv) who may elect to be a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter.
- (2) An appellant may start an appeal within the appeal period.
- (3) The *appeal period* is—
- (a) for an appeal by a building advisory agency—10 business days after a decision notice for the decision is given to the agency; or
 - (b) for an appeal against a deemed refusal—at any time after the deemed refusal happens; or
 - (c) for an appeal against a decision of the Minister, under chapter 7, part 4, to register premises or to renew the registration of premises—20 business days after a notice is published under section 269(3)(a) or (4); or
 - (d) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice—20 business days after the infrastructure charges notice is given to the person; or
 - (e) for an appeal about a deemed approval of a development application for which a decision notice has not been given—30 business days after the applicant gives the deemed approval notice to the assessment manager; or
 - (f) for any other appeal—20 business days after a notice of the decision for the matter, including an enforcement notice, is given to the person.
- Note—*
- See the P&E Court Act for the court’s power to extend the appeal period.
- (4) Each respondent and co-respondent for an appeal may be heard in the appeal.
- (5) If an appeal is only about a referral agency’s response, the assessment manager may apply to the tribunal or P&E Court to withdraw from the appeal.

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- (6) To remove any doubt, it is declared that an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice must not be about—
- (a) the adopted charge itself; or
 - (b) for a decision about an offset or refund—
 - (i) the establishment cost of trunk infrastructure identified in a LGIP; or
 - (ii) the cost of infrastructure decided using the method included in the local government's charges resolution.

230 Notice of appeal

- (1) An appellant starts an appeal by lodging, with the registrar of the tribunal or P&E Court, a notice of appeal that—
 - (a) is in the approved form; and
 - (b) succinctly states the grounds of the appeal.
- (2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the required fee.
- (3) The appellant or, for an appeal to a tribunal, the registrar, must, within the service period, give a copy of the notice of appeal to—
 - (a) the respondent for the appeal; and
 - (b) each co-respondent for the appeal; and
 - (c) for an appeal about a development application under schedule 1, table 1, item 1—each principal submitter for the development application; and
 - (d) for an appeal about a change application under schedule 1, table 1, item 2—each principal submitter for the change application; and
 - (e) each person who may elect to become a co-respondent for the appeal, other than an eligible submitter who is not a principal submitter in an appeal under paragraph (c) or (d); and

- (f) for an appeal to the P&E Court—the chief executive; and
 - (g) for an appeal to a tribunal under another Act—any other person who the registrar considers appropriate.
- (4) The *service period* is—
- (a) if a submitter or advice agency started the appeal in the P&E Court—2 business days after the appeal is started; or
 - (b) otherwise—10 business days after the appeal is started.
- (5) A notice of appeal given to a person who may elect to be a co-respondent must state the effect of subsection (6).
- (6) A person elects to be a co-respondent by filing a notice of election, in the approved form, within 10 business days after the notice of appeal is given to the person.
- (7) Despite any other Act or rules of court to the contrary, a copy of a notice of appeal may be given to the chief executive by emailing the copy to the chief executive at the email address stated on the department’s website for this purpose.

231 Other appeals

- (1) Subject to this chapter, schedule 1 and the P&E Court Act, unless the Supreme Court decides a decision or other matter under this Act is affected by jurisdictional error, the decision or matter is non-appealable.
- (2) The *Judicial Review Act 1991*, part 5 applies to the decision or matter to the extent it is affected by jurisdictional error.
- (3) A person who, but for subsection (1) could have made an application under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* in relation to the decision or matter, may apply under part 4 of that Act for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision or matter.
- (4) In this section—
decision includes—

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- (a) conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision; and
 - (b) other conduct that relates to the making of a decision; and
 - (c) the making of a decision or the failure to make a decision; and
 - (d) a purported decision; and
 - (e) a deemed refusal.

non-appealable, for a decision or matter, means the decision or matter—

- (a) is final and conclusive; and
- (b) may not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed, set aside or called into question in any other way under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* or otherwise, whether by the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity; and
- (c) is not subject to any declaratory, injunctive or other order of the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity on any ground.

232 Rules of the P&E Court

- (1) A person who is appealing to the P&E Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal.
- (2) However, the P&E Court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with rules of the P&E Court.