

4 September 2025

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Our Ref: ROL 2025_5808/1 (Doc ID 1319848)
Your Ref: 2025-07-67 - McDowall - Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree

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Attention Mr Daniel Favier

Dear Sir

**Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot for a Boundary Realignment
At Cape Tribulation Road Lower Daintree
On Land Described as Lot 4 on RP886628 and Lot 8 on SP143026**

Please find attached the Decision Notice for the above-mentioned development application.

Please quote Council's application number: ROL 2025_5808/1 in all subsequent correspondence relating to this development application.

Should you require any clarification regarding this, please contact Jenny Elphinstone on telephone 07 4099 9444.

Yours faithfully



For
Leonard Vogel
Manager Environment & Planning

cc. State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) E: CairnsSARA@dilgp.qld.gov.au
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Decision Notice

Approval (with conditions)

Given under s 63 of the Planning Act 2016

Applicant Details

Name: Colin Andrew McDowall

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PO Box 1040
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Property Details

Street Address: Cape Tribulation Road Lower Daintree.

Real Property Description: Lot 4 on RP886628 and Lot 8 on SP143026.

Local Government Area: Douglas Shire Council.

Details of Proposed Development

Development Permit for Development Applications for Reconfiguring a Lot for Boundary Realignment.

Decision

Date of Decision: 4 September 2025

Decision Details: Approved (subject to conditions)

Approved Drawing(s) and/or Document(s)

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

The term 'approved drawing(s) and/or document(s) or other similar expressions means:

Drawing or Document	Reference	Date
Proposed Plan of Reconfiguration (Boundary Realignment)	Applicant's Drawing as provided in the application (Council Doc ID 1311652)	24 August 2025

Assessment Manager Conditions & Advices

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; and
 - b. The following conditions of approval and the requirements of Council's Planning Scheme and the FNQROC Development Manual.

Except where modified by these conditions of approval.

Timing of Effect

2. The conditions of the Development Permit must be effected prior to endorsement of the Survey Plan except otherwise nominated in these conditions of approval.

Advice

1. All building site managers must take all action necessary to ensure building materials and / or machinery on construction sites are secured immediately following the first cyclone watch and that relevant emergency telephone contacts are provided to Council officers, prior to commencement of works.
2. Any further access crossovers to either lot will need to comply with the Council's Planning Scheme.
3. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Council Local Laws and other statutory requirements.
4. For information relating to the *Planning Act 2016* log on to <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/>. To access the *FNQROC Regional Development Manual*, Local Laws, the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme and other applicable Policies log on to www.douglas.qld.gov.au.

Further Development Permits

Not applicable

Concurrence Agency Response

Concurrence Agency	Concurrence Agency Reference	Date	Doc ID
State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) within the Department of State Development, Manufacturing Infrastructure and Planning	2508-47491 SRA	1 September 2025	Dox 1319307

Note – Concurrence Agency Response is attached. This Concurrence Agency Response maybe amended by agreement with the respective agency.

Currency Period for the Approval

This approval, granted under the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016*, shall lapse two (2) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Rights to make Representations & Rights of Appeal

The rights of applicants to make representations and 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*.

A copy of the relevant appeal provisions is attached.

Approved Drawing(s) and/or Document(s)

Proposed Plan of Reconfiguration (Boundary Realignment)

Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree (Lot 4 on RP886628 and Lot 8 on SP143026)

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Concurrence Agency Conditions

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Infrastructure and Planning

SARA reference: 2508-47491 SRA
Council reference: ROL 2025_5808/1
Applicant reference: 2025-07-67 - McDowall - Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree

1 September 2025

The Chief Executive Officer
Douglas Shire Council
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MOSSMAN QLD 4873
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Attention: Jenny Elphinstone

Dear Ms Elphinstone

SARA referral agency response—Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 6 August 2025.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	1 September 2025
Conditions:	The conditions in Attachment 1 must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in Attachment 2
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in Attachment 3

Development details

Description:	Development permit – Reconfiguring a Lot for Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots)
SARA role:	Referral agency
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 17, Division 3, Table 5, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017)

Reconfiguring a lot in a coastal management district

SARA reference: 2508-47491 SRA

Assessment manager: Douglas Shire Council

Street address: Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree

Real property description: Lot 4 on RP886628; Lot 8 on SP143026

Applicant name: Colin Andrew McDowell

Applicant contact details: c/- Daniel Favier T/A Aspire Town Planning and Project Services
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Human Rights Act 2019 considerations: A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Lawson Costello, A/Senior Planning Officer, on (07) 4924 2914 or via email ToowoombaSARA@dsdillgqld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Paul Gleeson
A/Manager

cc Colin Andrew McDowell, admin@aspireqld.com

enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions
Attachment 5 - Documents referenced in conditions

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Reconfiguring a lot		
Schedule 10, Part 17, Division 3, Table 5, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) – Reconfiguring a lot in a coastal management district—The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Director-General of the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	<p>The reconfiguration of a lot must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Proposed Plan of Reconfiguration (Boundary Realignment) Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree (Lot 4 on RP886628 and Lot 8 on SP143026) dated 24 July 2025.</i> 	Prior to submitting the Plan of Survey to the local government for approval.

Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> , its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.3). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

SARA assessed the development against the following code(s) of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), version 3.3:

- State code 8: Coastal development and tidal works

The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 8 of SDAP in that the development:

- protects life, buildings and infrastructure from the impacts of coastal erosion.
- maintains coastal processes.
- conserves coastal resources.
- accounts for the projected impacts of climate change.
- avoids impacts to matters of state environmental significance.
- does not result in a significant residual impact on a matter of state environmental significance

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.3), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Attachment 5—Documents referenced in conditions

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Proposed Plan of Reconfiguration (Boundary Realignment)

Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree (Lot 4 on RP886628 and Lot 8 on SP143026)

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Reasons for Decision

1. The reasons for this decision are:
 - a. Sections 60, 62 and 63 of the *Planning Act 2016*;
 - b. to ensure the development satisfies the benchmarks of the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0; and
 - c. to ensure compliance with the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. Findings on material questions of fact:
 - a. the development application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council 25 July 2025 under section 51 of the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 1 of the *Development Assessment Rules*;
 - b. the development application contained information from the applicant which Council reviewed together with Council's own assessment against the 2017 State Planning Policy and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0 in making its assessment manager decision.
3. Evidence or other material on which findings were based:
 - a. the development triggered assessable development under the Assessment Table associated with the Rural Zone Code;
 - b. Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of sections 60, 62 and 63 of the *Planning Act 2016*; and
 - c. the applicant's reasons have been considered and the following findings are made:
 - i. Subject to conditions, the development satisfactorily meets the Planning Scheme benchmarks.

Non-Compliance with Assessment Benchmarks

Development complies with the planning scheme and no concerns are raised.

Extracts from the Planning Act 2016 - Making Representations During Applicant's Appeal Period

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—

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- (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 given by the Minister under part 6, division 2; or
 - (iii) a development condition imposed under a direction given by the chief executive under section 106ZF(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)(d).
- (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 assessment manager gives the applicant the decision notice for 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) If the applicant makes the change representations during the appeal period without giving a notice under subsection (2),

the appeal period is suspended from the day the representations are made until—

- (a) the applicant withdraws the change representations by notice given to the assessment manager; or
 - (b) the assessment manager gives the applicant the decision notice for the change representations; or
 - (c) 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.
- (6) Despite subsections (4) and (5), if the decision notice mentioned in subsection (4)(b)(ii) or (5)(b) is 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.

Note—

For change representations for a development approval for development requiring social impact assessment, see also section 106ZI.

- (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

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- 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.
- (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.

Note—

For the making of a change application for a development approval that was a PDA development approval, see also the *Economic Development Act 2012*, sections 51AM, 51AN and 51AO.

Planning Act 2016
Chapter 6 Dispute resolution

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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.

Note—

For limitations on appeal rights in relation to a development approval
for development requiring social impact assessment, see section 106ZJ.

- (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 a decision of the Minister, under
chapter 7, part 4, to amend the registration of premises
to include additional land in the affected area for the
premises—20 business days after the day a notice is
published under section 269A(2)(a); or
 - (e) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges
notice—20 business days after the infrastructure charges
notice is given to the person; or
 - (f) 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
 - (g) for an appeal relating to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act
2018*—
 - (i) for an appeal against an enforcement notice given
because of a belief mentioned in the *Plumbing and*

Drainage Act 2018, section 143(2)(a)(i), (b) or (c)—5 business days after the day the notice is given; or

- (ii) for an appeal against a decision of a local government or an inspector to give an action notice under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—5 business days after the notice is given; or
 - (iii) for an appeal against a failure to make a decision about an application or other matter under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—at anytime after the period within which the application or matter was required to be decided ends; or
 - (iv) otherwise—20 business days after the day the notice is given; or
- (h) 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.
- (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, section 1, table 1, item 1—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and
 - (d) for an appeal about a change application under schedule 1, section 1, table 1, item 2—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and
 - (e) each person who may elect to be a co-respondent for the appeal other than an eligible submitter for a development application or change application the subject of the appeal; 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 to an appeal by filing a notice of election in the approved form—
 - (a) if a copy of the notice of appeal is given to the person—within 10 business days after the copy is given to the person; or
 - (b) otherwise—within 15 business days after the notice of appeal is lodged with the registrar of the tribunal or the P&E Court.
- (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 Non-appealable decisions and matters

- (1) Subject to this chapter, section 316(2), 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—
 - (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.

Part 2 Development tribunal

Division 1 General

233 Appointment of referees

- (1) The Minister, or chief executive, (the **appointer**) may appoint a person to be a referee, by an appointment notice, if the appointer considers the person—