

24 August 2026

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Our Ref: EXEM 2026_5982/1 (Doc ID 1387271)
Your Ref: N/A

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Dear Sir / Madam

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Council refers to your request for an exemption certificate for the following premises received on 11 August 2026.

Summary of Exempt Development

The removal of a single Common Wattle (Acacia) located to the north of the existing Dwelling house and pool being exempt from the applicable Douglas Shire Planning Scheme assessment benchmarks.

Location details

Street Address: 9 Hibiscus Court, Rocky Point
Real Property Description: Lot 15 on RP749727
Local Government Area: Douglas Shire Council

Decision

Council advises that an exemption certificate has been granted on 24 August 2026 for development as detailed in Attachment 1.

Referral agencies

Not Applicable

Reasons for giving exemption certificate

The development is exempt under this certificate under s46(3)(b) of the *Planning Act 2016* for the following reason(s):

- The effects of the development would be minor or inconsequential, considering the circumstances under which the development was categorised as assessable development

When exemption certificate ceases to have effect

This exemption certificate has effect for two years from the day after the day it is given.

Other

Please quote Council's application number: EXEM 2026_ 5982/1 in all subsequent correspondence relating to this request.

Should you require any clarification regarding this matter, please contact Kieren Nyko on telephone 07 4099 9444.

Yours faithfully

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Neil Beck
Team Leader Planning - Environment and Planning

Attachment 1

Cooktown Botanical 2025

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Wattle from front of property looking east. Tree weighted towards eastern corner of house. No corrective pruning methods available due to main stem lean (phototropic lean from a young age due to trees location).

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General tree comments

Located near pool area, pool pump and eastern corner of house, on private property below council road easement at Hibiscus Court.
Has seasonal spoon drain at base of SRZ which see high amounts of water in wet season which is slowly eroding and exposing roots located within the SRZ. This will be a long term structural concern in the future.
The wattle tree is of a pioneering species, deemed low in significance rating even though it is of a native species. Wattle species are shortly lived as (ULE) is concerned. This particular tree is showing minor signs of decline with low vigour clearly visible in the upper canopy of tree. This being early symptoms of decline which could be estimated up to 4-6 years.
DBH=0.60cm
SRZ=2.67m
TPZ=15m

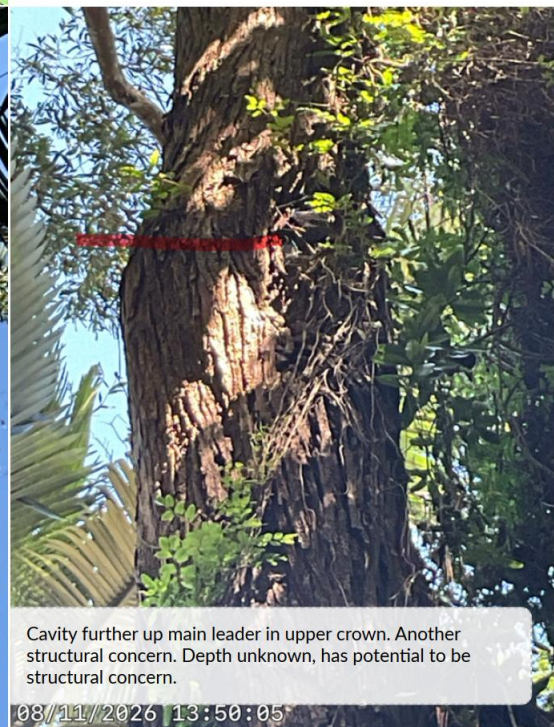
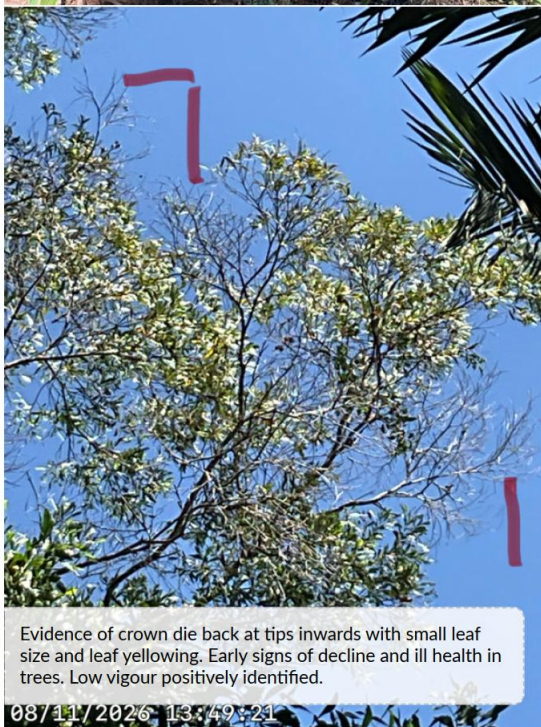
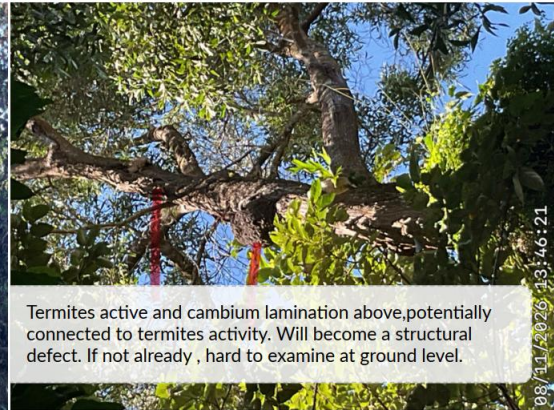
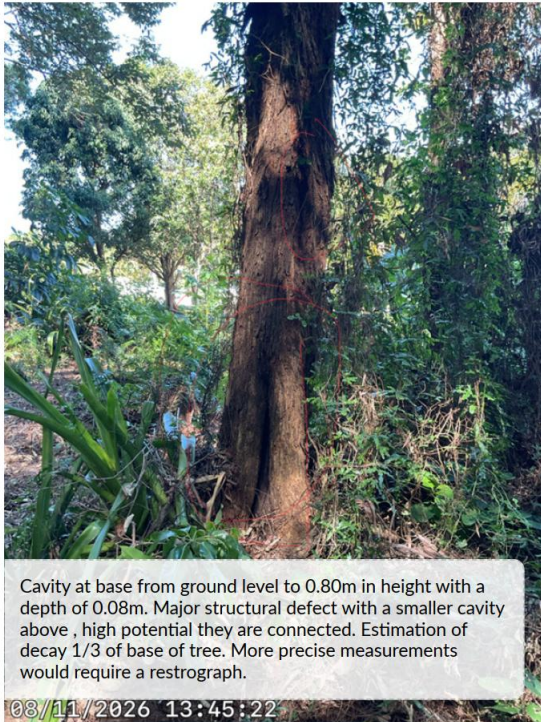
Hazard inspection

Foliage	Deadwood 50-100mm dia., Dieback, Pest(s), Small leaf size, Yellowing
Trunk and branches	Epicormic shoots, Included branch union, Previous branch failure, Wounds
Root system	Exposed root(s), SRZ being eroded by seasonal rain on edge of spoon drain.
Site conditions	Full wind exposure
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