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Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2023 8:42 AM
To: Enquiries
Subject: OBJECTION to Development Application MCUI2021_4231/1 - 35-39 Port Street
PORT DOUGLAS, 23-33 Port Street PORT DOUGLAS - Material Change of Use
(Helipad and Caretaker's Accommodation)

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of a helipad application at the fuel station located near my residence, [REDACTED]. As a ratepayer and a resident living adjacent to the site, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impact that this development could have on our community.

I was surprised to learn from my neighbor this morning that the project may proceed and that I have missed the deadline of March 10 to send my objection. It appears that the project has been kept quiet, and I have not been informed of any updates since I raised my concerns last year.

I have serious concerns about the safety implications of the helipad. The addition of a helipad would introduce an element of danger that could be detrimental to residents and tourists in the event of an accident. Moreover, I believe that the construction of a helipad in such a delimited area would result in increased noise pollution and traffic congestion. It could also potentially decrease the value of our properties and affect our quality of life.

As a peninsular town, Port Douglas has a rich history as a marine site, and it should remain that way. The vegetation and wildlife in the town should be preserved. I believe that helicopter travel is a luxury product that is not necessary in the heart of Port Douglas. There are other locations outside of the town where helicopter travel could be accommodated without impacting our community in such a negative way. In fact, I suggest that Nautilus could organize shuttle services to a sugar cane paddock just outside of Port Douglas as a viable alternative.

I urge the Council to consider the interests of the community and take the necessary steps to prevent this project from moving forward. I implore you to ensure that adequate communication channels are established to keep residents informed about such developments in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, 20 March 2023 11:16 AM
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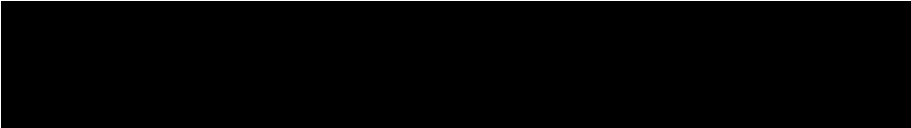
Hi DSC,

I am writing to object to the proposed Helipad at the Marno's fuel station in Port Douglas. As a local resident nearby with a young family, the noise and associated environmental impacts of running a helicopter facility proposes an extreme impact to our family and neighbouring community. The tranquility of our space will be severely affected by up to 22 flights per day. We are aware of the rescue chopper every time it flies near our area as the sound is incredibly high, I can only imagine how horrific this would be to hear this all the time. I understand that there will be both 4 and 8 seater heli's and they think they're flying over the sewerage area but the sound even from this take off and landing will be constantly draining. Not to mention the impact this will have on both the marine and land base animals. The wildlife in the park opposite Mudlo will be considerably affected including the many ospreys nesting in the area.

Please, please, please - do not allow this to proceed. There's so much more at stake here than Nautilus Aviation having to go back to their hanger to refuel. People and animals livelihoods will be affected and not for the better.

Warm Regards,

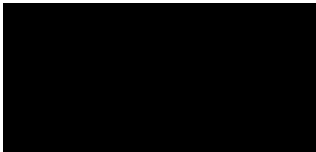
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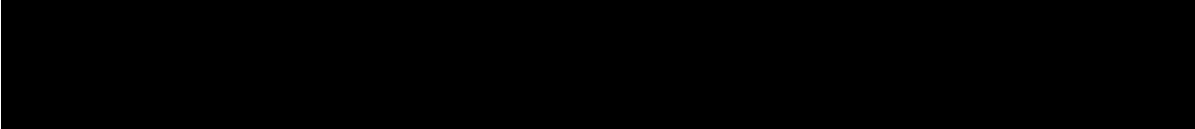


Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2023 9:22 AM
To: Enquiries
Subject: Re: OBJECTION.. Helipad and caretakers accomodation

Dear Sir


I have just heard that the helicopter/pad near Maranoa is supposed to be going ahead. I AM Devastated...!! To suggest there will be No impact on sound level.. re: Residential areas.. is Total Fabrication. If council lets this through.. I will not pay my rates. I did not buy into this area to hear..helicopter noise all day. There is also the objective of limited waterfront land. Why the hell would you use it for noise/pollution/extra traffic in a "pristine" corner of QLD. ... So...WRONG.





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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to express my strong objection to the approved helicopter pad located just around the corner from my home which is located at  Mudlo street. I believe that it will have a negative impact on the local community, particularly in terms of noise pollution, safety risks, traffic increase, and impact on vegetation and waterways.

Firstly, I believe that the helicopter pad poses a significant safety risk, given its location near a built-up area. In the event of a helicopter crash, there could be serious damage to nearby buildings, homes, and infrastructure and may even cause death. This is a risk that we cannot afford to take lightly.

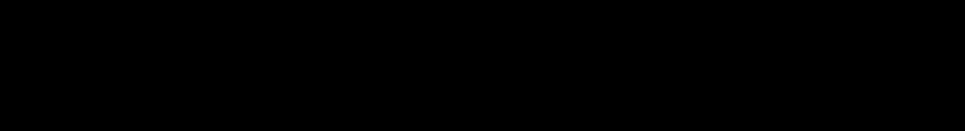
Secondly, I am concerned about the increased vehicular traffic that will result from the operation of the helicopter pad. The added traffic could cause congestion and make it difficult for residents to access their homes, as well as create potential safety hazards for pedestrians and other motorists.

Thirdly, the operation of the helicopter pad could also have a significant impact on the local vegetation and waterways. The noise pollution could disturb local wildlife, and the potential for fuel and chemical spills could cause irreparable damage to the delicate ecosystems in the area.

Finally, I thought that this area is part of the overall town plans for a waterfront development precinct. I do not believe that a helicopter business fits well within that scope and that it will detract from the overall vision for the area.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the approval of the helicopter pad and take into account the impact that it will have on the local community, safety risks, traffic increase, and the impact on vegetation and waterways. Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and I look forward to hearing your response.


Sincerely,



Sent: Tuesday, 17 August 2021 3:09 PM
To: Enquiries
Subject: Fwd: Helicopter landing location

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



Date: 17 August 2021 at 2:04:27 pm AEST
To: enquiries@douglas.gov.au
Subject: RE: Helicopter landing location

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I'm writing this email with my concerns on acoustic and safety aspect of granting permission for a Heliport in Port Douglas. Currently there doesn't appear to state the operating hours and number of flights per day which will greatly impact on my life and the residents of Port Douglas.

1 Noise - The location is close to my home.

Currently some helicopter circle around the township when trying to land, thus creating a huge noise impact on our locality and the town of Port Douglas.
Hence more helicopters would contribute to this noise and impact on my life.

2. Traffic.

This would also create extra traffic as there is no extra infrastructure for tourist to stay locally to walk to the distance and they would be required to use private transport.

3. Crash Site

If the inevitable ever happened, the cataphatic impact on our town would be terrible.

Port Douglas is predominately a tourist paradise and the impact of bad publicity would destroy our beautiful reputation and paradise.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards



Regarding the Heliport Development Proposed by Morris Aviation in Port Street

To whom it may concern,

We are formally writing you this letter in regards to the proposed Heliport development on Port Street.

We are business owners and operators in the Douglas Shire and the proposed Heliport development has sparked some questions regarding the affects it could possibly have on our operations.

Our business, Lady Douglas River Cruise has been operating in the Shire for over 30 years and we pride ourselves on spotting local wildlife on more than 95% of our tours. The Heliport is being proposed to be implemented on our route of operations and is suggesting that a minimum of 20 flights a day will take place. If the Heliport goes ahead, it will be a constant disturbance to the waters and winds within and surrounding Dickson Inlet disturbing crocodiles, marine life and birds resulting in a lack of experience for guests onboard Lady Douglas.

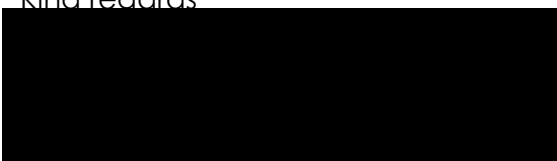
In the same location that this Heliport is being proposed, there have also been previous proposals for a multi-lane boat ramp to be implemented and an alternative location for a Port Douglas Marine Shipyard. A Port Douglas Marine Shipyard is vital to all of the local commercial operators located in the Port Douglas Marina. Without a shipyard, it is unrealistic and almost impossible to maintain our vessels.

If the Heliport goes ahead, resulting in a lack of the Port Douglas Marine Shipyard, this could potentially cause negative impacts towards small family businesses, like Lady Douglas River Cruise, as an operational shipyard is detrimental for the continuation of all marine operations.

Could Douglas Shire Council please give us some clarification on the usage of land between the Port Douglas Yacht Club and Marano's Fuel Station. Is there still an active proposal in process for a multi-lane boat ramp and the Port Douglas Marine Shipyard? What are the details surrounding this?

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Kind regards



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Sent: Wednesday, 11 August 2021 12:05 PM
To: Enquiries
Subject: Helicopter Pad

To Whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that a helicopter pad proposal is in place beside the Maranos petrol station.

As a resident in close proximity to this location I strongly disagree to this proposal. There is no need to have a helicopter pad so close to a residential zone.

If there is further action that residents can take please do advise.

As a person whom has worked at several helicopter off grid Helicopter locations...I know how loud and disruptive these machines can be. Clearly this is a breach of noise bylaws.

If a helicopter pad is acceptable, I would recommend bringing back the night life in Port Douglas as well.

Kind Regards