

SARA reference: 2112-26392 SRA
Council reference: ROL 2021\_4526
Applicant reference: PR150526-1

7 January 2022

Chief Executive Officer
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Attention: Jenny Elphinstone

Dear Sir/Madam

# SARA response—Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots) at 70 Bamboo Creek Road and Tononi Road, Bamboo

(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 on 8 December 2021.

#### Response

Outcome: Referral agency response – with conditions.

Date of response: 7 January 2022

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 a Boundary

Realignment (2 Lots into 2 Lots)

SARA role: Referral Agency

SARA trigger: Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 2, Item 1 (Planning

Far North Queensland regional office Ground Floor, Cnr Grafton and Hartley Street, Cairns PO Box 2358, Cairns QLD 4870 Regulation 2017) – Reconfiguring a lot involving vegetation clearing

SARA reference: 2112-26392 SRA

Assessment Manager: Douglas Shire Council

Street address: 70 Bamboo Creek Road and Tononi Road, Bamboo

Real property description: Lot 94 on RP907342 and Lot 110 on RP907342

Applicant name: Helen Coulthard

Applicant contact details: C/- RPS Australia East Pty Ltd

135 Abbott Street Cairns QLD 4870

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#### 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 Anthony Westbury, Planning Officer, on 40373215 or via email CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Manson A/Manager (Planning)

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enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions

Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant

Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response

Attachment 4 - Representations provisions

Attachment 5 - Approved plans and specifications

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 plans and specifications referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Reconfiguring a lot		
Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 2, Item 1 – Reconfiguring a lot involving native vegetation clearing— The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Director-General of the Department of Resources 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:		
1.	<ul> <li>The reconfiguring a lot must be carried out generally in accordance with the following plan:</li> <li>Helen Coulthard Proposed Boundary Re-alignment, prepared by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd, dated 30-11-2021, reference PR150526-1a.</li> </ul>	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 *Planning Act 2016* its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) v2.6. 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 decision are:

- The realigned boundary will pass through areas of category B regulated vegetation containing regional ecosystems of least concern, and essential habitat for the southern cassowary.
- The clearing footprint in category B areas and essential habitat is relatively small (0.58ha).
- The new boundary alignment will only result in slightly more clearing than could be done under the existing alignment.
- Clearing will not occur in or near watercourses or drainage features.
- Clearing will retain sufficient vegetation in the subject lot and adjacent landscape to maintain ecological connectivity.
- No clearing of endangered or of concern regional ecosystems will occur.
- There is currently 44.14ha of essential habitat for the Southern Cassowary mapped on the subject lots, with clearing reducing its extent by only approximately 1.3%.
- The adverse impacts of clearing have been reasonably minimised.
- The proposed development, with conditions, complies with the relevant provisions of State code 16: Native vegetation clearing.

#### Material used in the assessment of the application:

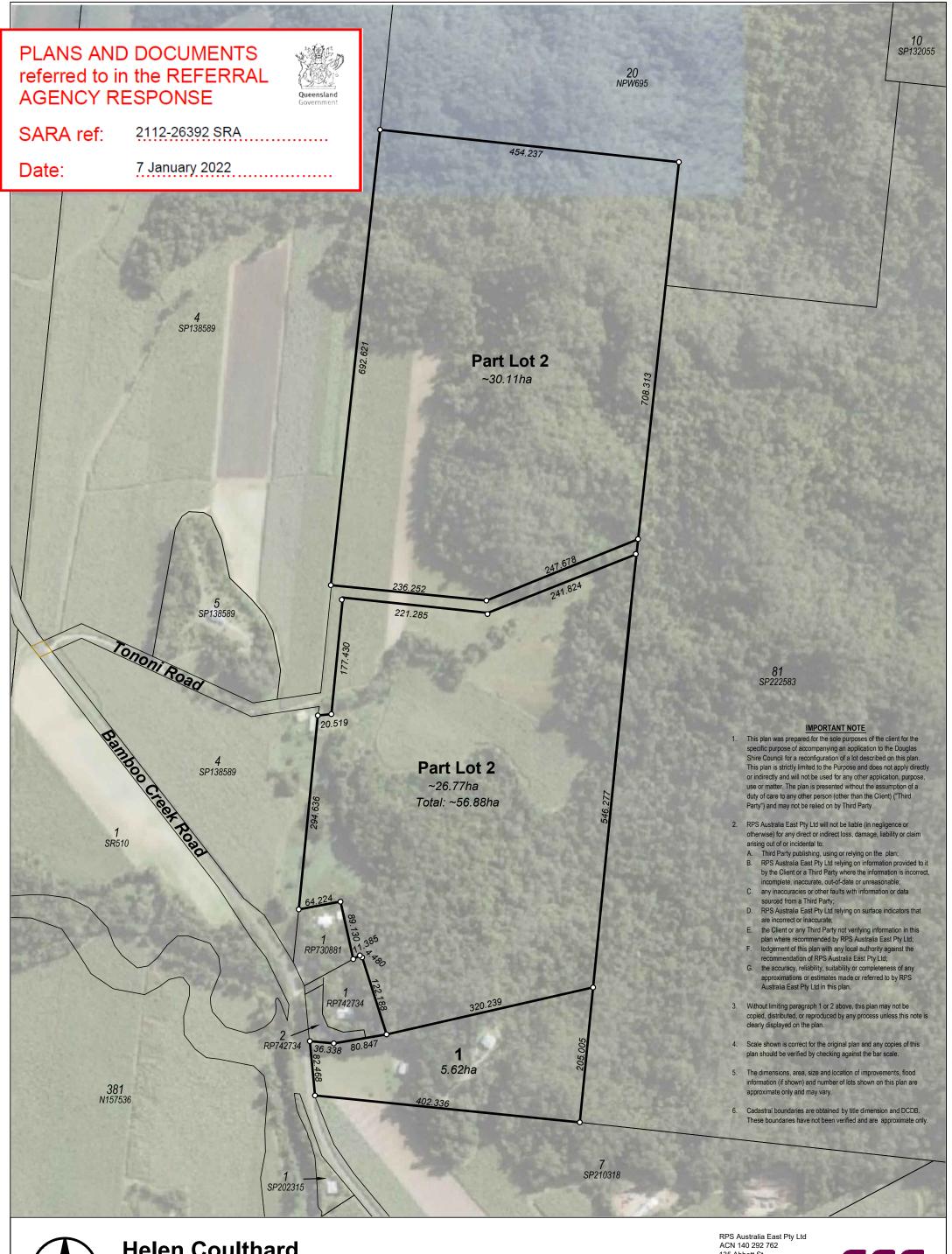
- The development application material and submitted plans
- Planning Act 2016
- Planning Regulation 2017
- The State Development Assessment Provisions (version 2.6)
- The Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- State Planning Policy mapping system

## **Attachment 4—Change representation provisions**

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### Attachment 5—Approved plans and specifications

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## **Helen Coulthard**

Proposed Boundary Re-alignment

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## Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

The following provisions are those set out in sections 28 and 30 of the Development Assessment Rules¹ regarding representations about a referral agency response

## Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

#### 28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

- 28.1. Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.
- 28.2. A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—
  - (a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or
  - (b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or
  - (c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.<sup>2</sup>
- 28.3. A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.
- 28.4. If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—
  - (a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1;
     and
  - (b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016* 

In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

### Part 7: Miscellaneous

#### 30 Representations about a referral agency response

30.1. 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.<sup>3</sup>

An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.