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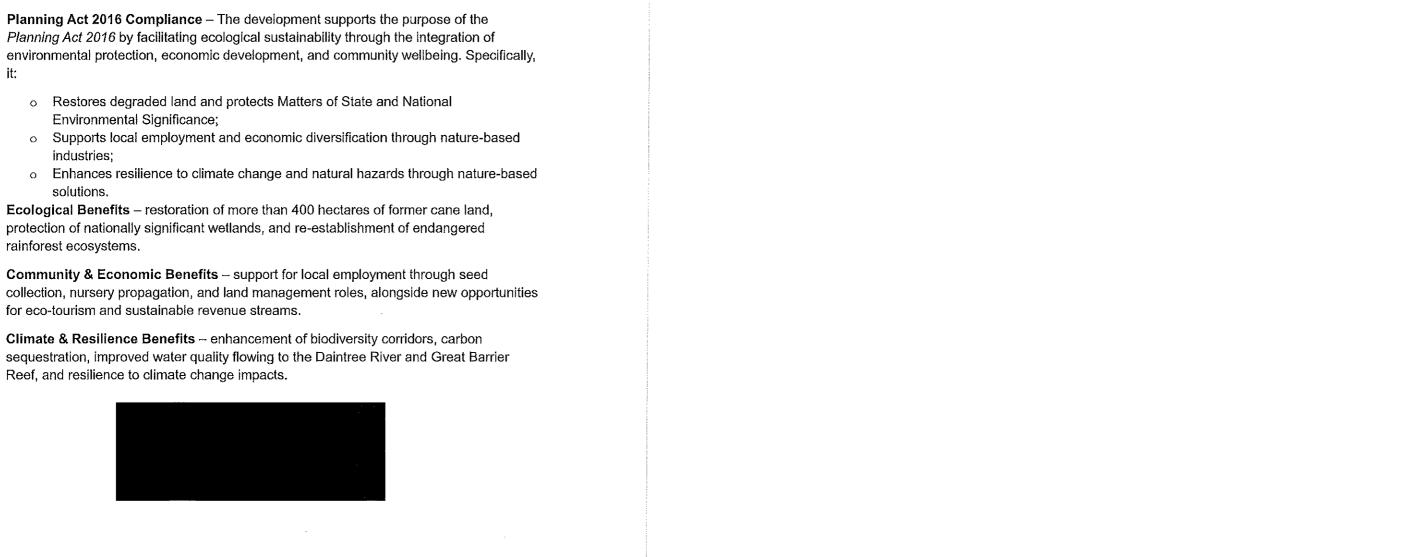
Re: Properly Made Submission - Letter of Support - Rainforest Rescue Development **Application for Permanent Plantation**

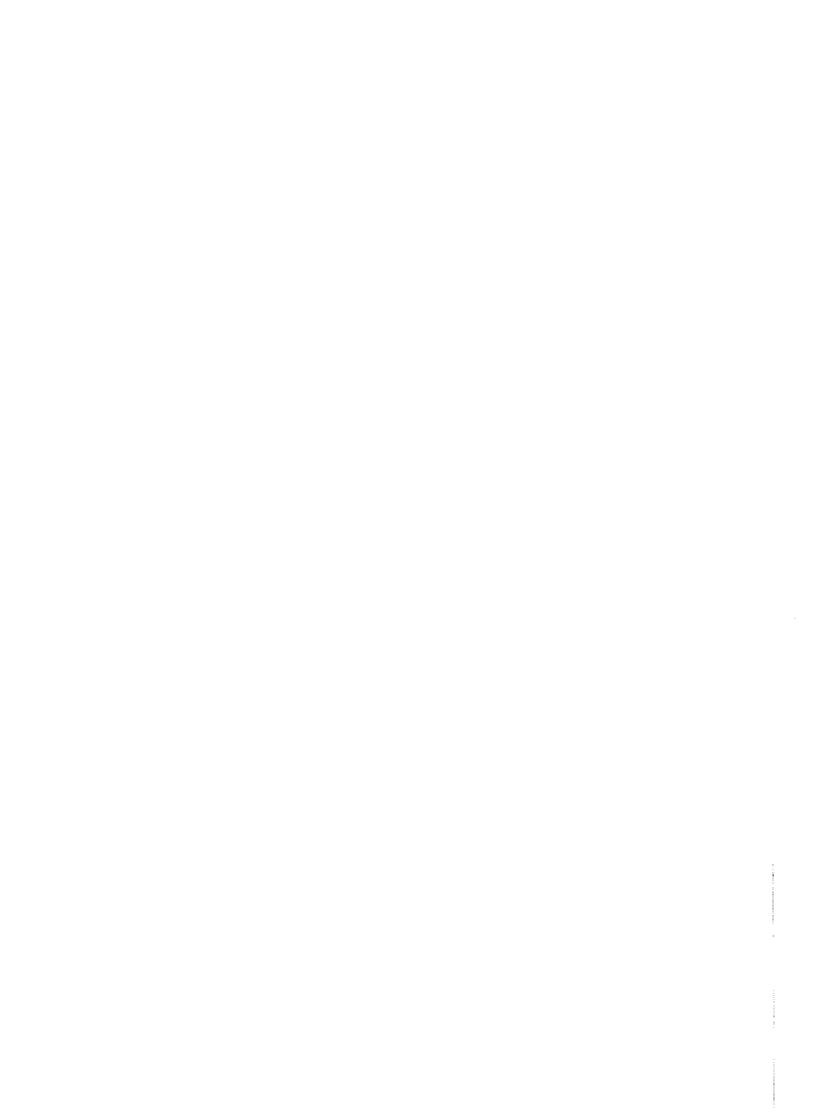
Dear Sir/Madam,

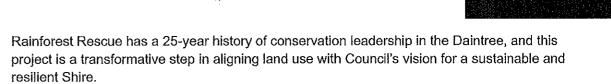
I am writing on behalf of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife to express our enthusiastic support for Rainforest Rescue's Development Application. Please accept this written notice as a properly made submission in support of the proposed Permanent Plantation development in the Lower Daintree (Council Ref: MCUI 2025 5809/1.)

This initiative will deliver wide-ranging benefits for the Douglas Shire:

- . The proposal responds to the Regional Plan's call for climate-responsive land use, by restoring degraded land, improving flood resilience, and supporting biodiversity corridors. These actions contribute to regional adaptation and align with broader sustainability goals.
- Planning Act 2016 Compliance The development supports the purpose of the Planning Act 2016 by facilitating ecological sustainability through the integration of environmental protection, economic development, and community wellbeing. Specifically,
 - o Restores degraded land and protects Matters of State and National Environmental Significance;
 - o Supports local employment and economic diversification through nature-based
 - solutions.
- Ecological Benefits restoration of more than 400 hectares of former cane land, protection of nationally significant wetlands, and re-establishment of endangered rainforest ecosystems.
- collection, nursery propagation, and land management roles, alongside new opportunities for eco-tourism and sustainable revenue streams.
- Climate & Resilience Benefits enhancement of biodiversity corridors, carbon sequestration, improved water quality flowing to the Daintree River and Great Barrier Reef, and resilience to climate change impacts.







We urge Douglas Shire Council to approve this Development Application and enable the restoration of these lands for the benefit of the environment, community, and future generations.

Yours sincerely,



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