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Wednesday, 12 August 2026 4:30 PM

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Jenny Elphinstone

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Good afternoon [REDACTED] Please find my proper submission below. This is new to me but important as a resident of two of the World Wonders. Great Barrier Reef and Our Elder the Daintree Rainforest. I apologise.

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12th August 2026

The Assessment Manager

Planning Department

Douglas Shire Council

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RE: Formal Objection to Proposed Development Application – Dual Occupancy / Duplex
Development on Endeavour Street, Reef Park, Port Douglas.

Dear Assessment Manager,

I am writing to lodge a formal objection to the proposed development application seeking approval for a dual occupancy/duplex development on Endeavour Street, Reef Park, Port Douglas. As a [REDACTED] resident of Endeavour Street—having resided here since [REDACTED]—I hold significant concerns regarding the suitability of this proposal and its potential impacts on our neighborhood character, traffic safety, and local environment.

My objections are detailed under the following key grounds:

1. Neighborhood Character and Density Concerns

Endeavour Street was established as a low-density, single-dwelling residential area designed for families and retirees. Long-standing local expectations and historic residential planning led residents

to invest here under the premise that low-density zoning would be maintained. Introducing a dual-occupancy development alters the established streetscape, increases residential density beyond local expectations, and sets an unwelcome precedent for further multi-dwelling developments in a single-dwelling zone.

2. Traffic Generation and Pedestrian Safety

Endeavour Street functions as a quiet residential corridor frequently used by school children, families, and elderly residents accessing nearby primary schools and local places of worship. Increasing residential density on the street will directly increase vehicle movements and street parking demands, particularly toward the southern end of the street. This heightened traffic poses a direct risk to pedestrian safety in a precinct that currently benefits from low traffic volumes.

3. Ecological and Environmental Impacts

The Reef Park area provides significant urban habitat for local wildlife, including native bird species such as Egrets, Ibises, and Bush Stone-curlews. The increased footprint and extensive hardscaping (concrete) associated with dual-occupancy developments significantly reduce permeable soil, destroy native vegetation, and disrupt local wildlife corridors.

4. Infrastructure and Sustainability Requirements

Should council consider development in this area, strict conditions must be enforced to protect existing environmental standards and public infrastructure. Any new construction should minimize concrete coverage, mandate the retention and replanting of native vegetation, incorporate self-sustaining rainwater harvesting systems to ease pressure on local water infrastructure, and strictly comply with modern Category 5 cyclone resilience standards.

Endeavour Street is a valued family-oriented precinct, and its low-density character and natural environment ought to be preserved for the community. I strongly urge the Douglas Shire Council to refuse the current application for dual occupancy at this location.

Thank you for considering this submission. I request to be kept informed of all public decisions and notifications regarding this application.

Yours faithfully,

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