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Objection to proposal application

Attention: The Chief Executive Officer / Town Planner
Douglas Shire Council
64-66 Front Street, Mossman, Qld, 4873

Re: Proposal Application for CA 2025_5732 Lot 2 Captain Cook Highway PORT DOUGLAS for the purpose of Workers' Accommodation, Tourist Park and Caretaker's Accommodation.

Dear Assessing Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the above-mentioned development application currently on public notification. I am a current resident of the Douglas Shire, residing in Cooya Beach and working in Port Douglas.

My primary grounds for objection are based on the following planning and environmental impacts:

When travelling towards Cooya/Mossman from Port Douglas, the Proposal indicates that the right hand turn to access this "Van Park" will be between two bends on the highway. The Captain Cook Highway is a very busy road particularly around school opening/closing times, work shift starting/ending times as well as visitors to the local Hospital, Mossman Gorge and the Daintree, to name just a few high volume traffic areas. Over the years there have been many accidents on this stretch of road including some fatalities. I believe the entrance to this "Van Park" will only increase the risk to all users on the road, with caravans and the like trying to turn right across the highway to their destination.

With this proposal also being considered as "Workers Accommodation", there will be an increase of bicycles, scooters, mopeds and the like on the road. As we have seen, particularly throughout Port Douglas, many people do not adhere to the road rules; they do not wear helmets or visible clothing, have no lights or reflectors fitted and wear headphones so they cannot be fully aware of their surroundings. As this section of the road heading towards Port Douglas is very dark (at the start and end of most hospitality shifts), is winding with very little room to move, I feel that the slower moving traffic, ie. pedestrians, bikes, scooter etc., will be placed in a dangerous situation.

Before moving to Cooya Beach, we lived in [REDACTED] for a number of years, where Crees Creek flowed past [REDACTED]. This being a tidal creek, we were subjected to some minor flooding from time to time during our wet seasons, nothing major, just a little inconvenient. My concerns here are a) building a sewerage pipeline that traverses Crees Creek, a sensitive marine and riparian ecosystem; and b) that the Endeavour Street catchment is a small, capacity-constrained gravity system that will not be able to cope with an extra 500+ people (when the "Van

Park" is at capacity), possibly causing sewage back up into household drains, overflow into local streets and spilling directly into Crees Creek - Endeavour Street's backyard.

This area is a flood plain. Building up 3 hectares by 3 metres with fill from "goodness knows where!" right next to a tidal creek system, reduces the floodplain's water storage capacity and will actually work as a solid barrier. We can't ask for the rains to stop, but we can ask that a flood study be done so we are aware of all potential risks.

Whilst I do agree with the need for Workers Accommodation and another "Van Park", I do not believe this is the correct, and safest, site for it.

Requested Outcome:

Given the significant adverse impacts outlined above, I request that Council **refuse** this development application in its current form.

Please keep me informed of the progress of this application and any decisions made by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

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25/08/2026