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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 6 September 2026 10:29 AM
To: Enquiries
Subject: Objection letter

Dear Assessment Manager,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]

I am writing to formally object to Development Application CA-2025/5732/1 for a 150-site Tourist Park and Workers' Accommodation at Lot 2 Captain Cook Highway, Port Douglas, and to request that it be refused.

I want to be upfront about my position. I manage [REDACTED] in Port Douglas and I occasionally employ [REDACTED]. I understand firsthand how important workers' accommodation is to this town's hospitality and tourism industry. Port Douglas genuinely needs affordable accommodation for the seasonal workforce that keeps it running.

But not here. And not like this.

I live on [REDACTED] this street for its quiet, its privacy, and its natural setting alongside Crees Creek. My [REDACTED] choose Port Douglas for exactly the same reasons — the peace, the tropical environment, the sense that this is a premium destination unspoiled by overdevelopment. A 150-site backpacker and workers accommodation complex on the floodplain next door is not consistent with either of those things.

Beyond the character issue, the technical assessment of this development is seriously inadequate:

Our street is already in the mapped 100 Year flood zone. The developer wants to fill 3 hectares of adjacent floodplain without a completed flood study showing the impact on our properties. Council's own planning officer said in writing that approval cannot proceed without that study. Two years into the assessment process, it still hasn't been provided.

The sewage infrastructure hasn't been assessed. 500+ residents will be added to a pump station chain — Endeavour Street to St Crispins to Ulysses — that was never designed for this load. Nobody has confirmed whether it can handle it or who pays for upgrades if it can't.

367 pages of application documents contain no acoustic assessment for Endeavour Street residents. A permanent camp kitchen, recreation area, and hundreds of hospitality workers finishing late shifts next to a quiet residential street will affect my amenity as a resident and the amenity of my holiday guests. My ability to market these properties as peaceful, premium Port Douglas accommodation will be directly compromised.

The stretch of Captain Cook Highway between the development and town is a 100km/h zone with no footpath and no lighting. Workers without cars cannot safely walk or cycle to their jobs. The developer

relies on low car ownership to reduce traffic impacts while providing no safe alternative — that is not a credible transport assessment.

Port Douglas needs workers accommodation. I know this better than most. But it needs it in the right location, properly designed, properly assessed, and properly connected to infrastructure that can handle it. This site fails on every one of those counts and should be refused.

I request that I be notified of the decision and provided with full appeal rights as a properly made submitter.

Yours sincerely,

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