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PROPERLY MADE SUBMISSION

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CA-2025/5732

MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – WORKERS ACCOMODATION, TOURIST PARK

CARETAKERS ACCOMODATION AND ADVERTISING DEVICE

Part of Lot on RP745166, Lot 2 Captain Cook Highway, Port Douglas

Applicant: Krystal Marie DeMenna



Firstly, I am a Kuku Yalanji Man who has grown up in this Shire My entire Life and know these Yalanji waterways very well. The fact that No one has approached any local Indigenous Elders or traditional owners, Jabalbina or anyone in Community is a Disgrace.

I formally object to this application and request that it be refused on the grounds that no one from the application has come and spoken or approach any Traditional Owners. This has always been not just a Yalanji hunting ground and estuary, where a very complex ecosystem and wildlife corridor which should be protected at all costs, but for our future generations. The [REDACTED] have always respected and allowed Traditional owners to use the public access road.

The size of this development will not only destroy the peace and tranquility of a rural setting but also the peace and harmony of the aesthetics of this natural protected environment.

I'd hate to think of the impact that raising the level of soil to 3.3mtr or equivalent of 3 hectares of mapped floodplain would have to not just the adjoining neighbors including the Hancock's who would significantly impact but also Endeavour Street and Egret Close. How does Council or the Applicant propose to stop extensive flooding which already inundated and cut off the road at Crees Creek during Cyclone Jasper not to mention to lack of water supply that the Shire suffered during this time. Not to mention the infrastructure for the

sewage system they plan, how can they safely contain or reassure that it won't leak and destroy such sensitive systems like the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

I also believe this site is confirmed with Electric Ant Restricted Zone, as shown on the Queensland Government Electric Ant Restricted Zone map as dated 28 February 2023, established under the Biosecurity Act 2014. Crees Creek is specifically labeled within the zone boundary on that map. Electric Ants are one of the world's most invasive species. Douglas Shire Council works actively with Biosecurity Queensland on their eradication in Port Douglas. Within restricted zone;

Movement of fill material onto or from a property requires a biosecurity instrument permit, all machinery must be washed down and free of electric ant carriers before leaving site, All persons have a General Biosecurity Obligation to manage known biosecurity risks.

Also, at least 6 Traditional Owners present from start to finish of this project as a minimum regulation at the cost to the applicant to make sure nothing is Breached or done with Consultation first to the natural Environment

I haven't even touched on the Captain Cook Highway which has had many fatalities in the past decade or more, I am sure you will all recall the horrendous six car and caravan accident directly in front of [REDACTED] and Crees Creek. This death trap section alone should show that this is the wrong location and wrong site for this development.

The proposed scale of development has the potential to fundamentally alter the character of this part of Port Douglas and increase pressure on surrounding environmental and infrastructure systems.

I respectfully request that Council:

Give significant weight to the Cultural and Environmental sensitivity of the Crees Creek and mangrove corridor; Require detailed assessment of flood displacement and floor storage impacts; Carefully assess the impacts of the proposed sewer infrastructure on neighboring landowners and surrounding Cultural Environment values; Ensure that any approval only occurs where it is clearly demonstrated that neighboring properties, waterways and Cultural Areas will not be adversely affected.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]