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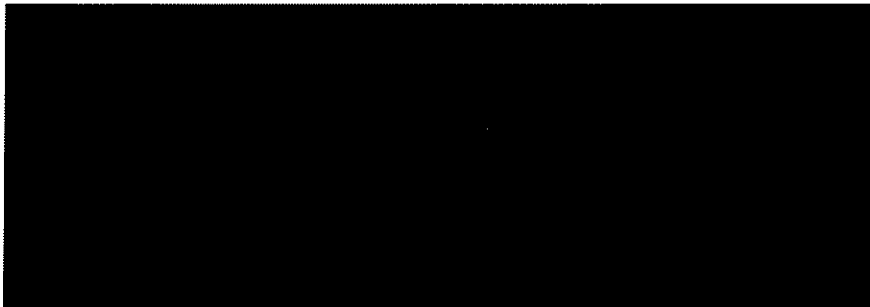
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CA-2025/5732

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



Dear Assessment Manager,

I wish to make a formal submission objecting to the above development application.

Firstly, not only am I a First Nation Kuku Yalanji Man ,But A Traditional Owner of these lands that are covered from Daintree all the way to Mowbray , but not at any stage of this development have any of the Elders, Jabalbina, or TO's been approached, this parcel of land which was originally all owned By a Local Family always included and Allowed access to

what has always been a known hunting ground for local Kuku Yalanji, throughout the Tidal Mangroves section stretching from the back of Crees Creek down toward Craiglie and connecting Dickson Inlet, it is teeming with wildlife not only because it borders both Thick mangrove channels and the coastal Mudflats, it attracts a unique combination of Mangrove specialists, birds of prey and wading shorebirds as well as respected local knowledge of some select species like the Shining Flycatchers, Butcherbird, Mangrove Gerygone, Mangrove Robin, Torresan kingfisher and other migratory birds such as Torres Strait Pidgeon's, Metallic Starlings etc. Not to mention the Native Bees which we use their wax to make spears and collect the nectar of the gods honey. It also has the rare Air Ant Orchards as well as a complex ecosystem. This development on Rural Zoning will ruin the peace and tranquility of its natural aesthetics of this natural protected environment.

My concerns if this development is allowed or passed by council, how can they guarantee this system won't be impacted, what failsafe measures have council implemented for this sewage system not to leak and go into the estuary and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

This site which they are proposing to build on has always been not just a Rural Zone, but a known flood plain and only accessible in the dry months. I find it hard to comprehend that a development this size would have correct procedures in place to safeguard all neighboring properties from the extent of flooding at Crees Creek.

I do agree we need accommodation. However for more than just cultural reasons this is the wrong location and wrong site. It is a known floodplain and the force of water that goes thru has more than once in past 20 years changed the course of natural waterways not just here but through the entire shire, you just have to look at the Foxton, Anich's creek alone at the amount of sand and new landscape that water has caused in recent events not just Cyclone Jasper, haven't we learnt nothing from Mother Nature?

The other major issue is the highway access as there have been a multitude of accidents over the past 10 years alone, does that not in itself demonstrate the high-risk section of the Captain Cook Highway. It's just another terrible accident waiting to happen.

I'd also request that Council implement as one of their stipulations that a minimum of 6 traditional owners be on site if this is to be passed for the entire duration at the expense to the developer so no breaches occur to the environment, flora and fauna occur whilst under development.

I strongly urge that council refuse this application. A refusal with clearly stated reason, particularly regarding cultural significances, incomplete flood assessment, rural zoning inconsistency, and inadequate infrastructure, would ensure that any future development proposal for this flood-prone rural land must demonstrate these fundamental issues have

been properly addressed before proceeding. This site should not be developed until those issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Council's own technical standards.

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

Yours sincerely,

