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Submission - Development Application CA-2025/5732/1

PROPERLY MADE SUBMISSION

Development Application CA-2025/5732/1

Workers' Accommodation, Tourist Park, Caretaker's Accommodation and Advertising Device

Lot 2 Captain Cook Highway, Port Douglas

Dear Assessment Manager,

My name is [REDACTED] and I formally object to this application.

I am a Kuku Yalanji man with strong family and community connections to Douglas region. While I recognise the need for accommodation in the region, I do not believe this proposal is appropriate for this site.

Loss of Rural Character and Amenity

This proposal would transform a rural area into a large-scale accommodation precinct consisting of cabins, caravan sites, roads, recreation facilities, infrastructure and an illuminated advertising sign.

The surrounding area is characterised by rural and lifestyle properties, open space, natural landscapes and a quieter way of life. The scale and intensity of this development is inconsistent with that character and would permanently change the look and feel of the area. The applicant itself acknowledges the site is within the Rural Zone and within the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area.

Flooding and Impact on Neighbours

The site is located within a mapped flood and storm tide affected area. The application acknowledges that much of the land is subject to flooding and storm tide inundation.

I am concerned that large-scale filling and development within a known floodplain could affect surrounding properties and alter how water moves through the landscape. Even the applicant's engineering report acknowledges that a further localised flood study has been requested by Council and recommends that it occur after approval.

Development should not be approved until these impacts are properly understood.

Environmental Concerns

Crees Creek forms the eastern boundary of the site and the proposal sits adjacent to sensitive creek and riparian environments.

I am concerned about the cumulative impacts of large-scale earthworks, filling, traffic, lighting and sewer infrastructure on Crees Creek and the broader environment. I am also concerned about the proximity of the site to areas connected with the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park.

Once these natural values are damaged, they cannot easily be restored.

Lack of Community and Traditional Owner Consultation

One of my strongest concerns is the apparent lack of meaningful consultation with the local community and Traditional Owners.

Having reviewed the publicly available application material, I have not identified any evidence of consultation with Traditional Owners, Aboriginal cultural heritage representatives or Elders regarding the proposed disturbance of this land.

As a Kuku Yalanji man, I believe developments of this scale should demonstrate genuine engagement with Traditional Owners, particularly where significant earthworks are proposed adjacent to waterways and culturally significant landscapes.

The community and Traditional Owners should have been engaged much earlier in the process, not after key decisions have effectively been made.

Conclusion

This proposal is in the wrong location, on flood-prone land, adjacent to sensitive environmental areas and inconsistent with the rural character of the locality.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Douglas Shire Council refuse this application.

I also request that I be notified of any decision made on the application and be afforded all rights available to a properly made submitter.

Yours sincerely,

