

5 February 2018

Redacted Submission

Douglas Shire Council
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Dear Sir

RE: APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL (CA 2393/2017) APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE (MARINA, 8 BERTHS, AND FACILITIES) AND OPERATION WORKS (PRESCRIBED TIDAL WORKS) OVER LAND LOCATED AT WHARF STREET AND DICKSON INLET, PORT DOUGLAS (LOT 96 ON SP134234 AND LOT 4 ON SP288958)

I am writing in respect to the above application and wish to lodge our objection to the proposed location of the amenities/wash-down area.

As an [REDACTED] we believe the proposed location will have a significant negative impact on our [REDACTED] operation.

To support our objection we would like to raise the following points:

1. It is our understanding that the proposed facility will result in the loss of up to five existing paved car parking spaces. The existing car park services the Closehaven Marina. At this time there is one car park space per marina berth. All existing car parking spaces on the paved area are required to service the existing marina occupants. I do acknowledge that part of the existing paved car park is not within our existing boundary however the existing arrangement has been in place for many many years in fact several decades.
2. Locating the facility on the existing paved car parking area will encourage non-Closehaven Marina users to use this area further reducing available parking for

Closehaven Marina occupants. It will become a constant management problem for us as owners of the property to police the use of our car parking areas.

3. Currently the only access to this proposed location would be through the Closehaven Marina car park which is private property.
4. Construction of the facility will further disrupt the operation of the Closehaven Marina.
5. It would seem the proponents of this application have given little consideration of the needs of Closehaven marina tenants or . The Closehaven Marina originally constructed the paved car park area many years ago with the full knowledge of the then council. I am advised Closehaven Marina paid for an extension off Spinnaker Close to service the carpark. While I acknowledge part of the carpark is constructed on land controlled by council at no stage has anyone spoken to us about this proposal and what impact it would have on our Marina and our tenants who currently use this area.

It is our understanding that the area proposed for the facility is within Lot 96. It is also our understanding that the Council have provided a three year tenancy of part of Lot 96 to facilitate relocation of the commercial fishing fleet from Dickson Inlet waterfront. It is also our understanding that Council is undertaking a master planning exercise for the area including and surrounding Lot 96. Given the potential temporary nature of the proposed facility we would respectfully request that the proposed facility be repositioned away from the existing Closehaven Marina paved car park to an alternate location between the paved car park and Wharf Street so as not to impact on the current paved car parking area historically used by Closehaven Marina tenants. This would position the facility adjacent to the temporary car parking facilities to be built by Council for the commercial fishing fleet and not impact on our operations and the tenants of the Closehaven Marina who have had access to this car parking area for many years.

Yours sincerely

