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To whom it may concern,

PROPERLY MADE SUBMISSION – APPLICATION REFERENCE: MCUI 2024_5698/1 – MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE (EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT) – UPPER DAINTREE

Please accept this written notice as a properly made submission in support of the proposed Educational Establishment development in the Upper Daintree (Council Ref: MCUI 2024_5698/1).

The grounds, facts and circumstances in substantiation of the submission are as follows:

- The proposed development is consistent with the purpose of the *Planning Act 2016*, which seeks to maintain 'the cultural, economic, physical and social wellbeing of people and communities', through establishment of a facility that will improve the lives of young people by providing alternative pathways and teaching life skills that will be reinvested in the community
- The proposed development is small-scale and suitable for the proposed location
- The proposed development is sufficiently isolated to provide comfort in knowing that the participants will remain on the site
- The proposed development will provide construction and operational employment opportunities for the local community
- The proposed development seeks to keep at-risk youths out of trouble and in a safe environment while enhancing their life skills to help break the spiral into a life of crime.
- The proposed development is critical social infrastructure that is much needed in the Douglas Shire Council Local Government Area to improve youth employability and an alternative, preferable life choice pathways
- Jabalbina Aboriginal Corporation is setting a standard in respect to the stewardship of the Traditional Owners of the land, the Ku Ku Yalanji people and ensuring that we see positive change in our community, for the betterment of future generations.

I recommend that Douglas Shire Council approve the proposed development.

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