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Further to my submission emailed earlier I would like to add that I have lived in the Daintree Valley all my life and it concerns me that this property directly opposite the Daintree Township has been bought and sold six times in the last 10 years with all owners hoping to make a killing developing the township of Allanton some 90 blocks left over from the goldrush days when the river was the only way in. It was normal to have a town on either side of the river, the river was the road. I feel this is yet another attempt to get a development approval for this township.

The 1996 flood was meant to be the biggest on record yet each subsequent major event has been even higher. The 2023 Jasper flood came within 1 metre of where this development is proposed. If climate change predictions are correct we are going to see more events more frequently and more severe. There should be no increase in development in an area so close to flood level.

Evacuating a large number of people would be a logistic nightmare for our very poorly equipped SES volunteers. The township of Daintree has little infrastructure to cope with the influx of evacuees. Rising flood waters are a danger with huge logs, swirling eddies and fast currents – no place for any boat or barge. It can be up to a month at any time that the river is unsafe to cross in a barge.

This property has no gazetted access and at present is accessed by a barge which is not in survey. All this was okay when it was just a farming operation with only a few very competent workers. However, what is proposed is a business with many workers and families, most of which haven't the experience to cope with the difficulties.

To approve this development could be catastrophic and I wonder would Council be liable for any accident having been forewarned.

Yours faithfully

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