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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).

I make this submission as a Julaywarra Traditional Owner of the Bubu (country) on which this development is proposed to take place. As a former Aboriginal Reserve it was home to several of our families, including my [REDACTED] family and has great Cultural Significance to us.

My lineage is through my Grandfather [REDACTED]. We have family buried on the mentioned land. Their graves are identified by the 3 large crosses which can be seen from the road on this side of the Julay River. Our Kuku Yalanji word for the Daintree is Julaymba.

There is no need to fear any of the below mentioned as it is our turn again now to be the Guardians once again of the land and hopefully in time the non-Indigenous youth can also be a part of this program. We want to be given the chance to protect and preserve our Kuku Yalanji Culture and land and to take care of our own. We would like to work closely with the wider Daintree community to make this work and appreciate their support and any support received from the DSC Mayor, DSC Councillors and community will be received with Gratitude. I believe this is what *Reconciliation* is.

I strongly support the proposal to develop the property to provide training for young people through the Intensive On Country program as well as creating employment for Kuku Yalanji Bama.

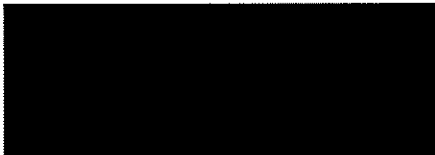
I understand the grounds, facts and circumstances in substantiation of the submission are as follows:

- 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 will provide construction and operational employment opportunities for the community

- The proposed development keeps at-risk youth out of trouble and in a safe environment
- The proposed development is critical social infrastructure that is much needed in the Douglas Shire Council Local Government Area
- Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation is setting a standard in respect to the stewardship of the Traditional Owners of the land, the Kuku 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.

Regards,



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