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Letter of support – Rainforest Rescue development application

As the Regional Tourism Organisation for Tropical North Queensland, TTNQ supports the efforts of Rainforest Rescue in rehabilitation of our rainforests and the creation of opportunities for our visitors to contribute to rainforest conservation. Regenerative tourism is a key pillar of the future growth of the visitor economy in Tropical North Queensland.

As a globally recognised destination with appeal to a wide visitor market including local, intrastate, interstate and international visitors Tropical North Queensland needs to demonstrate leadership in responsible and regenerative tourism. Projects such as Rainforest Rescue's proposal to actively restore a nationally significant wetlands and endangered ecosystems at the McDowell Swamp Oxbow is one such example.

Rainforest Rescue has a proven record of protecting and restoring the Daintree rainforest. This project is a natural progression of that work and will deliver substantial ecological and community benefits including:

- Creation of long-term biodiversity and climate resilience through reforestation;
- Provide sustainable alternatives to declining sugarcane farming, supporting the local economy and community; and
- Enhance eco-tourism and employment opportunities in the Douglas Shire.

TTNQ supports the work of Rainforest Rescue in regenerating this important ecosystem.

Kind regards

