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Re: Properly Made Submission - Letter of Support – Rainforest Rescue Development Application for Permanent Plantation: MCUI 2025_5809/1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly support the application by Rainforest Rescue for material change of use to allow Permanent Plantation development in the lower Daintree River catchment (Council Ref: MCUI 2025_5809/1.).

As an Honorary Professor of Environmental Science at JCU, I am very aware of the outstanding ecological significance of the oxbow lake that the proposed Permanent Plantation will protect. Restoring trees across the landscape in this location is an appropriate response to climate change as it will improve flood resilience and connect biodiversity corridors. Restoration of more than 400 hectares of former cane land will support local conservation-oriented economic development, create employment opportunities and stimulate businesses in the region. New nature-based industries are essential as part of the transition away from cane which has become necessary due to the closure of our local can crushing mill.

I urge Douglas Shire Council to approve this Development Application.

Yours sincerely,

