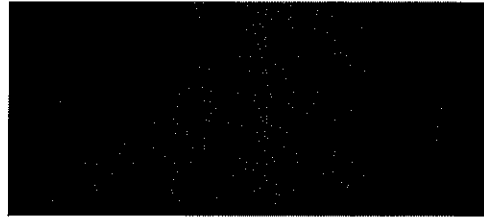


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Douglas Shire Council
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SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REF MCUI 2025_5809\1
PROPOSAL: Material Change of Use (Permanent Plantation - Ecological Restoration of
Nationally Significant Wetland and Surrounds)
LOCATION: 110 Cape Tribulation Road & associated lots, Lower Daintree

Hello,

As a resident of the lower Daintree area I am writing to express my support for the development application submitted by Rainforest Rescue to establish a Permanent Plantation for ecological restoration on the 12 lots at Lower Daintree.

This proposal represents a vital opportunity for our area, offering a sustainable long-term solution for land that is becoming increasingly unviable for traditional agriculture.

I support this application for three key reasons:

1. Environmental and ecological benefits
 - It will **enhance biodiversity** by restoring habitat for a wide range of native species, including threatened fauna like the cassowary and spectacled flying-fox.
 - Improve **water quality** by re-establishing riparian buffers and wetland which filter agricultural runoff and sediment. This will support the health of our reef... and our tourism industry (extra important after Jasper ravaged local riparian zones)
 - Increase **climate resilience**. Healthy riparian zones mitigate the impacts of flooding, storm surges, and coastal erosion. This nature-based solution is far more sustainable than engineered alternatives.
2. Sustainable economic transition
 - This land is increasingly not viable for cropping or grazing due to the decline of the local sugarcane industry and environmental constraints such as flooding & soil degradation.
 - The proposal offers an alternative which will strengthen our **tourism brand**, **create jobs**, and help **diversify the local economy**.
3. Community and strategic alignment
 - It is a **community-led initiative** and Rainforest Rescue has a proven track record of successful restoration projects in our region with loads of community members getting involved at their plantings and other activities.
 - Aligns with Douglas Shire Council's vision for "**a unique, beautiful and sustainable Shire** with a deep commitment to protecting the environment for future generations."
 - Also aligns with key themes in the strategic framework of the planning scheme, including Theme 2: Environment and Landscape Values, Theme 3: Natural Resource Management, Theme 4: Strong Communities and Identity, Theme 5: Economy as outlined above

In summary this project is a timely investment in the environmental and economic health of our area. I strongly urge Council to approve this application.

Sincerely,

