



Bush Heritage Australia

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Chief Executive Officer
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BY EMAIL

Dear Douglas Shire Council development application committee,

**Re: Support for Development Application MCUI 2025 5809/1 – Permanent Plantation,
110 Cape Tribulation Road**

I am writing to you on behalf of Bush Heritage Australia in support of Rainforest Rescue's Development Application seeking approval for a Permanent Plantation at **110 Cape Tribulation Road, Lower Daintree**.

Bush Heritage Australia is a leading not-for-profit organisation and has the largest portfolio of privately protected area land, owned and managed for conservation purposes in perpetuity, in Queensland. We own and manage the 8ha Fan Palm Reserve, on Palm Road, Diwan within the Douglas Shire Regional Council.

We strongly support the development application for a Permanent Plantation at 110 Cape Tribulation Road as it will restore a nationally significant wetland and endangered ecosystem, including the McDowell Swamp Oxbow. Restoration will provide future habitat for native fauna and flora, including threatened species endemic to the area.

The restoration through a permanent plantation will create long-term biodiversity and climate resilience through reforestation and provide a sustainable and permanent land use to sugarcane farming, whilst supporting the local economy and community.

Rainforest Rescue has a proven track record of protecting and restoring land in the Daintree.

We strongly urge Council to approve this application.

Kind regards

