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Douglas Shire Council

To Whom It May Concern,

Request to extend the relevant period under s383 of SPA – Lot 2 on RP724386 and Lot 516 on PTD2094, 69-71 Murphy Street, Port Douglas (Ref 2688/2008).

MiCorp Town Planning have been engaged on behalf of Roger Allen, owner of Lot 2 on RP724386 and Lot 516 on PTD2094, 69-71 Murphy Street, Port Douglas, to submit this request for an extension to the relevant period under s383 of the Sustainable Planning Act (SPA)

The current development approval on the subject property (Six Multiple Dwellings – Approved 4 February 2013), ref: 2688/2008 expires on the 4 February 2017 and we seek to gain an extension of two (2) years of this approval.

We request that more weight should be given to the draft Douglas Planning Scheme due to the change in zoning proposed for the subject site.

As per the proposed new zone mapping, the subject properties have been zoned Tourist and Residential Accommodation from Residential 1 zoning. The inclusion of the site in the Tourist and Residential zone reflects the unique physical characteristics of the site. The proposed development aids in the stability of the former quarry wall behind the property as it has been geotechnically designed to protect the proposed dwellings and rock face. The design also will aid in protecting Council assets and land that may be impacted by potential slope instability of the area. The zoning therefore reflects these individual site constraints and proposed design as currently approved under the current Development Application.

Given that the approval is more in keeping with the proposed new Douglas Planning scheme, more weight should be given to this when considering this approval extension. We note that on behalf of our client, Mr Roger Allen, we have also lodged a submission to Council, supporting the proposed rezoning changes that will impact the subject property (copy attached for reference).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Mort".

Sarah Mort, Town Planner, Director