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Chief Executive Officer Douglas Shire Council

Via email: enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au

RE: Development Application MCUI2021_4231/1 - 35-39 Port Street PORT DOUGLAS, 23-33 Port Street PORT DOUGLAS - Material Change of Use (Helipad and Caretaker's Accommodation)

To the Chief Executive Officer,

I do not support, and make the following comments about, the application MCUI2021_4231/1.

From the social media comments I have seen it is apparent to me that many local residents and businesses do not support this development. There are concerns about noise, environmental issues and the lack of regulation or control on the activity.

Environmental concerns include noise pollution. There does not appear to have been an acoustic impact study, nor are there restrictions on numbers of flights or what time of day the flights will occur. Further to that, the helicopters will fly low over the inlet and mangroves, potentially disturbing wildlife, especially nesting animals.

There has been no consideration as to the impact on vegetation in the area.

There are potential environmental risk from the additional storage of fuel on the site, especially in the event of a cyclonic episode.

I urge that council does not support this development application in this sensitive location.

Yours sincerely, Roisin Allen

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