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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)

Dear Sir

I wish to offer my concerns about the proposed helipad. My primary objection is that it would be too noisy for the people living on their boats in the inlet and I believe their needs should take priority. There would undoubtedly be other people directly impacted by the noise of helicopters coming and going throughout the day.

I also feel that any development on the inlet is further destroying the environment and the appearance of this important natural area in Port Douglas. Already too much development has occurred.

I think a better site needs to be found. One that does not involve further destruction of natural environment or farmland. It should not be visible to passing traffic, ie not along any main road, especially outside of town. I believe Mossman would probably offer a better alternative site than Port Douglas and probably somewhere near the mill. In fact, why dont they consult the mill because the mill has a lot of land. Or they should approach the ultra lighters who already have an ugly place alongside the highway but at least it would not impact us any more.

Helicopters may be useful at times but if the will be used a lot for transporting tourists and making reef trips, this is just noise that benefits no-one but those directly concerned.

So I do not support the application for a new helipad site.

