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Subject: Proposed Helipad at Dicksons Inlet

Application ref: MCUI 2021 4231
Morris Air Services T/A Nautilus Aviation

We would like to comment on the abovenamed proposal:

At present Nautilus Aviation operate out of the Sheraton Helipad adjacent to the Country Club and Port Douglas Cemetery.

They also, to my knowledge have hangar and re-fuelling facilities at Paddy's Field on the Cook Hwy north of Port Douglas.

They do not have a waiting room at Paddy's as far as I am aware. Certainly not at the Country Club.

Would it not be an option for Nautilus to retain both of those facilities but be permitted to construct passenger facilities and a Caretakers cottage at Paddy's?

Perhaps it would be an option to allow such a passenger waiting facility at the Country Club site subject to approvals process. Probably no Caretaker's accommodation would be allowed there.

Refuelling would still be carried out at Paddy's in either scenario.

In both cases the current approach and departure flightpaths avoid the need to cross over residential areas with the Inlet and open cane-fields.

Being right on the edge of the Inlet, these approach and departure flightpaths would also be available from the proposed site at Port St but we still question the need to construct this new site.

This flightpath restriction is a major safety consideration not to mention noise abatement measure.

Being closer to Town does bring some minor advantage regarding quick emergency response and convenience but it's only a 5 minute trip by road from Port Street to the existing Paddy's Field and only 2 minutes to the Country Club site. Hardly a convincing case by the Proponents.

We do not see any need for this new proposed facility at Dickson's Inlet and ask that Council carefully consider the proposal and determine whether the proposal is really necessary and reject it if possible..

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