

Barnwell Rd / KUR-World EPBC Ref: 2016/7710 15 June 2016

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Friends of the Earth Kuranda calls for the above proposed satellite suburb KUR-WORLD to be a controlled action under the EPBC ACT.

We believe this project is a threat to the many endangered species in the nearby Wet Tropics World Heritage area due to:

- adverse effect on water quality due to pollution from KUR-World and sedimentation from extensive earth clearing in the catchment area of both Warril and Owens creek, both home to the endangered Myola frog
- increased road kill due to the increase in traffic movements in Myola and also between Myola and Cairns in the narrow bottleneck of Wet Tropics of Kuranda Range Road
- increased threat of domestic predatory animals such as cats and dogs chasing, maiming and killing endangered species (cats killing frogs and small mammals, dogs killing the Southern Cassowary)

We also are concerned about decrease in water quality due to sedimentation and pollution adversely affecting the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas

We call on more research to be done if necessary to determine the effect on

- 1. endangered migratory birds,
- 2. other endangered species under EPBC and
- 3. the two World Heritage areas- the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics World Area

We note this is a massive development in a rural/rural residential area.

We also support all the points made in the submissions by Kuranda EnviroCare and the Kuranda Region Planning Group (KRPG)

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