OBJECTION TO OPERATIONAL WORKS APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM OVER LAND LOCATED AT 112 BARNWELL ROAD, KURANDA (RP LOT 22 N15727).

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These photos below were taken on the 8th of June – from the gazetted road at the top of the historically zoned Barnwell Rd RURAL 12 TITLES / KUR-World proposed project area.





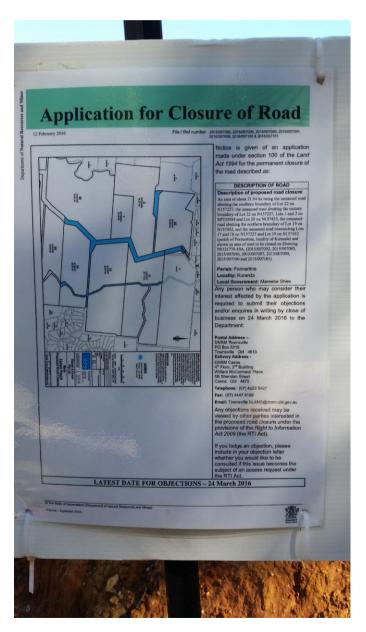
As you can see, to our dismay, the earthworks for the dam had already been COMPLETED before the HAVE YOUR SAY period had even BEGUN.

Standing there, with Willie Brim – Bulwai Cultural Custodian - it made us feel like those with money can do whatever they want, without following the appropriate protocols, in secret, while residents on adjoining properties and others in our environmental groups were reporting helicopters and machine noise to the Mareeba Shire Council and other government agencies... and then the ENDANGERED frog creeks run dirty downstream of the dam on the Owen Creek catchment... into the Barron River... and down to the Great Barrier Reef... our World Heritage Treasure.

Hmmm... please explain what chance our fancy legislation has against PROGRESS?

How is it that a historically zoned land parcel of 12 RURAL TITLES, with the EPBC species report on the project area listing 2 CRITICALLY ENDANGERED, 20 ENDANGERED and 13 THREATENED species can be PRIVATELY PURCHASED for a paltry \$2 million, and then IMAGINED into mass profit for people who don't even live in our Kuranda Region?

This simply does not make sense! There are plenty of other projects that are more worthwhile for investment than simply pushing our native forests down.



I would like to bring attention also, to the APPLICATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE SIGN that was also posted on the property. I explained to Wille Brim what the application form and map meant on this historically zoned 626ha land parcel.

Our community groups have filed the appropriate OBJECTIONS of this application prior to 24 March 2016, on Kuranda Region resident's behalf – our OBJECTION to the 'gifting' of approximately 50 acres of CROWN LAND to Ken Lee in this road closure application above.

Our community environmental groups would prefer this land corridor is left intact and gifted, as a forest reserve, for future generations of this land.