



**An open letter to Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River**

From: Kuranda Region Planning Group

Date: 28 June 2016

Subject: Development application for KUR- WORLD

**Request for Community Meeting about KUR –World**

Craig,

As our elected member, representing us in the State government, we seek your direct assistance regarding this development application, which involves the area know locally as the Barnwell property.

The Mareeba Shire Council has advised us that they will not be involved in the decision-making related to this matter. Rather that the decision/s will be made directly by the State Government.

It is one thing to applaud the initiative of the developer who as a non-resident, intends to spend a large sum of money to fulfil a dream that he has!

We have learned over the years, that as residents, it is essential to have as much involvement as possible and to be able to evaluate the merit of developments; measuring them against criteria that include what will be the impact on our environment, wildlife, economic, social and lifestyle.

In these circumstances, we, as a community consider we are powerless to influence the decision of the State Government. There is the need to obtain much more information than has been given in the promotional literature, to enable effective evaluation of what impact a development such as this may have on the environment, wildlife, our Kuranda lifestyle, as well as having increased traffic on the Kuranda range road, to mention but a few.

Residents of Kuranda consider it is completely unacceptable to proceed too far down the planning process without their input. After all, we have chosen to live in this beautiful location and want to avoid the situation where the State Government makes decisions on the possible development without our input.

As our local member, we rely on you to act on our behalf.

Faced with these circumstances we respectfully request that, on our behalf you; -

1. Contact the proponent of the development and as our local member; arrange for him to attend a public meeting in Kuranda in August, advising the proponent of the objectives of the meeting include discussing in detail, the scope of the proposal.
2. Arrangements for the meeting be facilitated by your staff, with the support of Kuranda residents.
3. That you perform the role as Chairman of this meeting, in your role as our representative of the State Government; this will ensure objectivity during the process of the meeting.

We would like to be able to provide notice of a public meeting date in the next edition of the Kuranda Paper (deadline Thursday 21 July).

Signed:

**Kuranda Region Planning Group**  
**Kuranda Envirocare**  
**Friends of the Earth Kuranda**  
**Kuranda District Residents Group**  
**Bulwai Cultural Heritage Lions Club**  
**Speewah District Residents Association**  
**Kuranda Media Association**  
**Kuranda.tv**  
**Original Markets Vendors Group**

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