

**MSC comments provided to Office of Coordinator-General on 8 June 2016 in relation to application to declare a coordinated project**

*The section of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area immediately to the east of Kuranda is very narrow. The areas of vegetation to the west of Kuranda, including some of the KUR-World land, serve as wildlife corridors to linking northern and southern wet tropics areas. The functioning of these corridors should be protected in any development.*

*The Myola area also habitat for endangered plants and animals as detailed in the EPBC Act referral documents and previous environment studies (Myola Planning Study).*

*The Myola Planning Study was completed in June 2006 (copy provided). This study was undertaken as part of the Queensland Government's Kuranda Range Road Upgrade project. At the time it was considered likely that increased urban development at Myola would be a consequence of the upgrading of the Kuranda Range Road. The Myola Planning Study included an Environmental Analysis Report and developed a conceptual structure plan. The recommendations of the Myola Planning Study were not implemented after the then Queensland Government decided not to proceed with the upgrading of the Kuranda Range Road. The Myola Infrastructure Project (copy provided) was undertaken by Council in support of the Myola Planning Study.*

*Kuranda township is serviced by reticulated water and sewerage infrastructure, however it is unknown if the development proposes to access this infrastructure. If access is proposed, it is probable that the capacity of both treatment plants will need to be increased. Both existing treatment plants are established beside the Barron River and within the Great Barrier Reef catchment. If onsite effluent treatment is proposed, its impact on water quality also needs to be assessed.*

*The development is also likely to impact on State and Local controlled road networks. Myola-Oakforest Road and Barnwell Road would require considerable upgrading to accommodate the additional traffic movements. The developments impact on the functioning of the Kuranda Range Road must be appropriately managed. The Kuranda Range Road is the critical transport link between the northern Tablelands and Cairns. It is used to transport agricultural produce, extractive resources, business freight, tourists, general traffic and daily worker commuting. The road is already subject to frequent lengthy closures due to traffic accidents and weather damage.*

*On 3 June 2016, the Hon Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment, wrote to Council advising that Council may, unconditionally, adopt its new planning scheme. The planning scheme (copy provided) is expected to commence on 1 July 2016. The new planning scheme intends that Myola, including the subject land, remain relatively unchanged over the next ten (10) years with no significant growth envisaged. The KUR-World proposal is a significant change to this planning intent.*

**MSC comments provided to Office of Coordinator-General on 25 July 2016 in relation to preliminary draft of TOR**

*The draft TOR is pretty comprehensive and I don't have too many suggestions.*

*I have made a couple of amendments and comments in the attached tracked changes version, but overall Council is happy with it.*

### **Infrastructure requirements**

*10.13 - In relation to transport infrastructure - (specifically road, pedestrian, cycling) - link to Transport in Section 11 or include transport section after 10.16*

### **Land use**

*11.3 - amend to reference Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme.*

*11.5 - amend reference to FNQ Regional Plan and Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme.*

*11.10 - Management of general public access to Barron River - Comment made that the Barron River and access to it, is external to the development site.*

*11.20 - delete 'tidal' from adjoining waterways.*

### **Transport**

*11.39 - In relation to air - detail any use of helicopters for transport to/and from Cairns airport and scenic flights.*

### **Water resources**

*12.24 - groundwater - include assessment of existing registered bores*

### **MSC comments provided to Office of Coordinator-General on 20 September 2016 in relation to draft TOR**

*Council officers have reviewed the draft TOR and are satisfied that it is comprehensive and appropriately addresses Council's requirements.*

*One minor addition is requested for 11.43. Please add Warril Drive to the list of identified roads.*