

# ***KUR-WORLD Q & A***

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# KUR-WORLD EIS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS APRIL 2017

## KUR-World Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

### Questions and Answers – April 2017

Topic (EIS ToR Reference)	Stakeholder Questions	Preliminary Answers
Project Description		
Adventure Park	What's a rainforest adventure park?	A tourist park where visitors can participate in climbing rope ladders, riding zip lines through canopy or balance on suspended bridges among other activities that will be based on the natural environment.
Eco-certification – 11.48	Are you planning to obtain a meaningful Australian Eco-certification?	The construction phase is being planned under the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA), using their EnviroDevelopment guidelines. If the project is approved, certification from Ecotourism Australia, EarthCheck or some other eco-certification programs that certify tourism businesses will be considered for the operational phase.
House sizes	How big are the houses?	50 Lifestyle Villas (on 2,000m <sup>2</sup> ) – standalone housing of tropical design.  325 Premium Villas (on 600m <sup>2</sup> ) – 1 and 2 storey configurations ranging from 1 to 3 bedrooms and 100-400m <sup>2</sup>
Integrated Eco-resorts	Have there been any other successful integrated eco-resorts?	The most well-known integrated eco-resort is the Marina Bay Sands Resort in Singapore. There are well advanced plans to develop and expand integrated eco-resorts in Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Australia.
Nature Based Tourism	What nature based tourism will be allowed in the Kuranda corridor?	Walking, horse riding, cycling, zip lines and other wildlife activities such as bird and butterfly watching.
Occupancy	How many people will live there?	Maximum occupancy: 4000 following completion of Stage 3. Less than half would be permanent residents.

Covered in this issue

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Produce Garden	How big is the produce garden and is it organically certified?	The produce garden is approximately 1ha and has been designed in accordance with permaculture principles. The gardens are maintained using organic farming methods. No chemicals are used on the vegetables and herbs, and biodynamic preparations are applied. It has not been certified with an accredited organisation but is run by local organic groups.
Shops	How many shops will there be?	This is yet to be determined and will be progressed if approval is received.
Theme parks	What's a farm theme park?	A tourist park where visitors can watch short displays of farm activities (e.g. mustering) and see farm animals. There are similar parks elsewhere in Australia (Paradise Country on the Gold Coast).
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
Access – 10.12, 11.11, 11.40.	Where is access to the site coming from?	Currently, a number of options are being considered, the preferred access is from the Kennedy Highway, the exact location is yet to be determined. Additional access may be provided to the site from Barnwell Road and an emergency access (gated) may be provided from Warriil Drive.
Energy Supply – 10.12, 10.15, 10.18, 12.33, 12.35.	How will power be provided?	Various power supply options are being investigated including solar arrays on buildings, methane production (sewage treatment), and diesel generation, as well as connections to Ergon's grid.
Sewerage – 10.12, 10.13, 10.16, 10.28, 10.29, 10.32, 11.27.	How will the sewerage be treated?	Currently, an onsite tertiary sewage treatment system is proposed, with recycled water used for non-potable applications across the site (such as irrigation of gardens and the golf course).
Sewerage – 10.12, 10.13, 10.16, 10.28, 10.29, 10.32, 11.27.	What happens if there is a failure of sewerage treatment system?	A number of options are being considered including emergency storage on-site, removal by tanker and/or pumping into the local sewerage network.
Traffic/transport – 11.53, 11.55, 11.56, 11.58, 13.24.	What about pressure on the range road?	Transport to the site will be designed to maximise the use of existing infrastructure and minimise the impact on the Kuranda Range Road. Traffic generated by the site will be modelled using the Cairns Strategic Transport Model to assess the impact on the overall capacity of the surrounding road network.
Traffic/transport – 11.54.	How are helicopters going to be managed? How many flights? How will flight path be managed?	Some guests are likely to arrive by helicopter. Emergency (medical) evacuation may also be by helicopter. Helipads will be located in the very south of the site so that helicopters can approach and depart from the south to avoid the main residential areas of Kuranda.

Water supply – 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.19, 10.20, 10.21, 10.22, 10.23, 10.25, 10.31, 12.23, 12.25, 12.26, 12.27, 12.28, 12.29, 12.35.	How is water supply going to be supplied?	Water supply will be from a number of sources including rain water storage and bore water. Potable and primary contact water may include town water supply and recycled water will be used for toilets and irrigation.
Water Supply – 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.19, 10.20, 10.21, 10.22, 10.23, 10.25, 10.31, 12.23, 12.25, 12.26, 12.27, 12.28, 12.29, 12.35.	How will my water supply be affected?	A detailed hydrogeological investigation is being undertaken to confirm the sustainable yield from the groundwater aquifer, to prevent impacts on supplies to neighbouring properties.  A detailed investigation is being undertaken of Mareeba Shire Council's existing town water supply network to determine how potable water can be provided to the development and what upgrades may be required to ensure water continued supply.
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<b>Environment</b>		
Clearing	How much land was cleared in 2015?	Approximately 60ha
Climate – 12.10	Hazards - What happens in a cyclone?	Buildings will be built to cyclone standard so people can shelter in their own homes/accommodation. One building (for example the conference centre) will provide a haven for groups during an extreme event.
Climate – 12.10, 12.16, 12.17	Hazards - What about flooding?	Flood modelling shows that the site is not affected by even extreme flood events.
Frog Habitat - 13.54, 13.46, 13.47, 13.49.	Is the habitat of the Kuranda tree frog ( <i>Litoria myola</i> ), going to be destroyed?	No, habitat of the Kuranda tree frog has been identified through surveys conducted in 2016 and 2017. Over 50 hectares of habitat buffers have been set aside as frog habitat and the frogs were found actively breeding on the site as well as other areas in Kuranda. Work is also underway to improve habitat within the buffers and in other areas; and to improve water quality on site.

Frog Habitat - 13.54, 13.46, 13.47, 13.49.	Is habitat of the Australian lace-lid tree frog ( <i>Litoria dayi</i> ), going to be impacted?	Fauna surveys have found the lace-lid tree frog downstream but not on site, however, there is potential habitat on site and this will be protected in the same way that the habitat of the Myola tree-frog is protected.
Wildlife Corridors - 11.14, 11.17, 11.18.	Is the Kuranda Corridor going to be destroyed?	No, over 75% of the property will remain vegetated. This includes the Kuranda Corridor areas. Feral cattle have been removed from this area and pig and feral dog removal is underway.
<b>Social/Community</b>		
Business Opportunities	Can I use the equestrian centre to conduct lessons?	An operator will be appointed who will be responsible for these activities.
Business Opportunities	Tourists visiting KUR-World will bypass Kuranda. Will there be opportunities for local businesses?	Larger numbers of tourists into Kuranda are predicted as a result of the KUR-World Project. This influx of new tourists, as well as the direct engagement of local businesses to source the products and services required by the development, will ensure that local and regional businesses will benefit.
Employment - 7.5, 11.4, 11.53, 11.40, 11.51, 13.18	How will young people benefit?	The proposed development at completion will create 800 FTE job opportunities and will preferentially employ local and young people who are actively seeking work. It also has the potential to provide opportunities for people wishing to start their own business which will be another positive local outcome.
Employment - 7.5, 11.4, 11.53, 11.40, 11.51, 13.18	The facilities will be staffed by international students studying at the university centre?	KUR-World operates within Australia and therefore abides by all associated local, State and Federal regulations. Any international students that are studying at the University are bound by their Visa requirements. The preference will be on employing local workers given their potential longevity in roles and knowledge of the area.
Lifestyle	This will destroy our lifestyle?	The proposed development may change things in the region, however, KUR-World will attract people that are interested in the environment including locals who can also enjoy nature based eco-activities on site.
Lifestyle - 7.5, 11.4, 11.33, 11.40, 11.51, 13.18	How will the project be integrated with Kuranda? How do we know that it won't just be a gated community? What are the opportunities for locals?	KUR-World will not be a gated community and membership of locals to access the four key lifestyle themes (Luxury eco-tourism; Education and business; Rejuvenation, health and wellbeing; and Adventure and recreation) will be welcome. Locals will be given priority to work during the construction and operations phases (e.g. electricians, builders, cleaners, managers, etc.).
Lifestyle Opportunities	Can I ride my horse on the property?	Yes, in the designated equestrian areas.

Planning Scheme	Is a subdivision by stealth?	The primary aim of Reeve & Ocean (R&O) is to develop an integrated eco-resort with an ongoing diverse revenue stream from the proposed activities. The option to develop a subdivision was available when the property was purchased but was not taken up by R&O.
Tenure	What will happen if R&O gets approval and then walks away or sells in two years?	All alternative uses including current existing uses (farming) and alternative new uses (residential development) need to be considered as part of the EIS.
Tenure	What happens if EIS fails?	The underlying tenure will remain as rural and all alternative (existing and new) uses will be considered.

“... or some other eco-certification programs that certify tourism businesses will be considered for the operational phase.”

Which *meaningful* ‘eco-certification programs’ exactly?

Eco-certification – 11.48

Are you planning to obtain a meaningful Australian Eco-certification?

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Our ECO certification program certifies tourism products that fall under the categories of Tour, Accommodation and Attraction. The product/s must be bookable by tourists.

I have outlined which products may be eligible for ECO certification below in red.

I hope this information is clear. I have attached our ECO Program Summary Essentials Guide for your information.

Kind regards,

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- 323 x 600m2 high-density residential- **No**
- 50 x 600m2 – 2000m2 high-density residential- **No**
- 500 students on University Campus- **No**
- 18 hole golf course- **No**
- 270 room hotel- **Yes**
- 200 double-storey resort accommodation- **Yes**
- 300 bed education centre- **Only if it's main purpose is tourism**
- 60 bed health spa- **Only if it's main purpose is tourism**
- shopping centre, amphitheatre, day spa, convention centre with capacity for 500 people- **No**
- adventure park- **Yes**

\* Ecotourism (email) and Earthcheck are the only bodies that can give accreditation for ecotourism in Australia.



Based on the information from Ecotourism Australia – see table right – at most only 23% of KUR-World facilities could be considered ‘eco’ at all.

#	Master Plan	Area	Description	Facility
1	KUR-WORLD CAMPUS	7.5ha	300 dwellings	accommodation * <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
4	RESIDENTIAL LOTS - LIFESTYLE VILLAS	13ha	50 villas @ 2,000m2	accommodation * <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
5	RESIDENTIAL LOTS - PREMIUM VILLAS	34.6ha	323 villas @600m2	accommodation * <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
6	GOLF COURSE	65ha		* <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
8	3-STAR LEISURE AND BUSINESS RESORT	1.1ha	270 dwellings/rooms	accommodation * <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
10	5 STAR RESORT	13.1ha	200 villas	accommodation * <i>NOT 'eco-resort'</i>
11	KUR-WORLD RAINFOREST EDUCATION CENTRE	1.8ha	14 boarding cabins	* <i>Possibly eco-resort'</i>
12	KUR-WORLD ADVENTURE PARK	19ha	ziplines, climbing bridges	* <i>Possibly eco-resort'</i>
14	NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES	10ha (approx)	horse riding, hiking	* <i>Possibly eco-resort'</i>

**134.3ha** KUR-World Master Plan facilities **NOT 'eco-resort'**  
**30.8ha** KUR-World Master Plan facilities **possibly 'eco-resort'**





“It minimises negative impacts on the natural and socio-cultural environment.”

Carving up the ecologically sensitive Myola Valley for mass profit is not ‘eco’.

## What is ecotourism?

Ecotourism encompasses nature-based activities that increase visitor appreciation and understanding of natural and cultural values. They are experiences that are managed to ensure they are ecologically, economically and socially sustainable, contributing to the wellbeing of the natural areas and local communities where they operate.

The World Tourism Organisation defines ecotourism as:

- All nature-based forms of tourism in which the main motivation of the tourists is the observation and appreciation of nature as well as the traditional cultures prevailing in natural areas.
- It contains educational and interpretation features.
- It is generally, but not exclusively organised by specialised tour operators for small groups. Service provider partners at the destinations tend to be small, locally owned businesses.
- It minimises negative impacts on the natural and socio-cultural environment.
- It supports the maintenance of natural areas which are used as ecotourism attractions by:
  - generating economic benefits for host communities, organisations and authorities managing natural areas with conservation purposes;
  - providing alternative employment and income opportunities for local communities; and
  - increasing awareness towards the conservation of natural and cultural assets, both among locals and tourists.



High-density residential 600m2 blocks is not 'eco'.

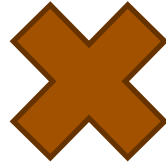
Ecotourism Australia accreditations listed right.

House sizes

How big are the houses?

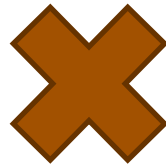
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## NATURE TOURISM

Tourism in natural areas that leaves minimal impact on the environment.



## ECOTOURISM

Tourism in a natural area that focuses on optimal resources use, leaves minimal impact on the environment and offers interesting ways to learn about the environment with operators that use resources wisely, contribute to conserving the environment and help local communities.



## ADVANCED ECOTOURISM

Australia's leading and most innovative ecotourism products that operate with minimal impact on the environment and provide opportunities to learn about the environment with operators who are committed to achieving best practice, using resources wisely, contributing to conserving the environment and helping local communities.





# Marina Bay Sands 'eco'? Really?

Not a tree in sight?

MBS doesn't even claim 'eco' on their website? Facts would be good.

A casino for Kuranda?

Integrated Eco-resorts

Have there been any other successful integrated eco-resorts?

The most well-known **integrated eco-resort** is the **Marina Bay Sands Resort** in Singapore. There are well advanced plans to develop and expand integrated eco-resorts in Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Australia.

## Marina Bay Sands

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Marina Bay Sands** is an **integrated resort** fronting **Marina Bay** in **Singapore**. At its opening in 2010, it was billed as the world's most expensive standalone **casino** property at **S\$8 billion**, including the land cost.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

The resort includes a 2,561-room hotel, a 120,000-square-metre (1,300,000 sq ft) convention-exhibition centre, the 74,000 m<sup>2</sup> (800,000 sq ft) The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands mall, a museum, two large theatres, "celebrity chef" restaurants, two floating Crystal Pavilions, a skating rink, and the world's largest atrium casino with 500 tables and 1,600 slot machines.



By far the biggest threats to the Kuranda Envirolink Corridor are 4000+ humans, their concrete-steel, traffic, pets and waste.

Occupancy

How many people will live there?

Maximum occupancy: 4000 following completion of Stage 3. Less than half would be permanent residents.

2151 Population Kuranda Urban Locality  
22 Endangered Species  
13 Threatened Species



# KURANDA ENVIROLINK CORRIDOR

BARNWELL  
12 RURAL TITLES

KUR-WORLD  
DEVELOPMENT  
SITE

+ 4000 people will triple the existing Kuranda township putting extreme pressure on the already fragmented World Heritage Wet Tropics corridors.

Helicopter traffic will now be concentrated in the “relatively undisturbed by earlier clearing...”

ie. in high value remnant forest.

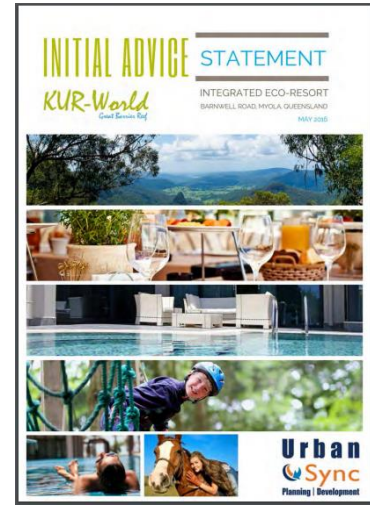
Very ‘eco’. Very ‘low impact’. Nice.

Traffic/transport – 11.54.

How are helicopters going to be managed? How many flights? How will flight path be managed?

Some guests are likely to arrive by helicopter. Emergency (medical) evacuation may also be by helicopter. Helipads will be located in the very south of the site so that helicopters can approach and depart from the south to avoid the main residential areas of Kuranda.

‘SPIRIT’, will be located in the southern portion of the site and in contrast to ‘SERENITY’, the land remains relatively undisturbed by earlier clearing associated with historical farming activities. Accordingly, the intention is to develop the ‘SPIRIT’ zone to enhance the environmental values of the area. Features within this zone will be limited to low impact adventure and nature-based activities, with the Rainforest Education Centre being located in an area free from ‘of concern’ remnant vegetation and essential habitat.



Master Plan footprint  
– pictured right - is  
230ha.

The following 3 Google  
Earth slides show the  
illegal land clearing on  
Barnwell from NOV  
2014 – OCT 2015.

The last slide shows  
the full extent of the  
clearing and the  
quality of the forest  
that was cleared.

Clearing

How much land was cleared in  
2015?

Approximately 60ha

\* Illegally without permits and appropriate soil and erosion control plans in place.

A Land Use Plan has been developed to identify development areas, proposed access and landscaping.

#### POSITION OF BUILDINGS AND SETBACKS

Generally most buildings will be located within the disturbed and previously cleared areas of the site and will be set back from the site boundaries by a minimum of 10 metres.

#### BUFFER ZONES

As the tree frog population is primarily located in the north-western area of the site, riparian buffer zones of up to 100 metres may be established in that locality. These zones will be dedicated to the preservation of as much natural habitat as possible.

#### FLOODING/DRAINAGE

The areas of the site least impacted by flooding and drainage have been chosen for the proposed development. Natural flow paths will direct water away from buildings and the elevation ensures that the area will not flood.

#### SITE ELEVATION / CONTOURS

All buildings will be oriented to follow the existing site contours, reducing environmental impact and enhancing view aspects along the ridges.

The southern zone will remain largely uncleared, preserving native wildlife habitat and supporting nature based activities.

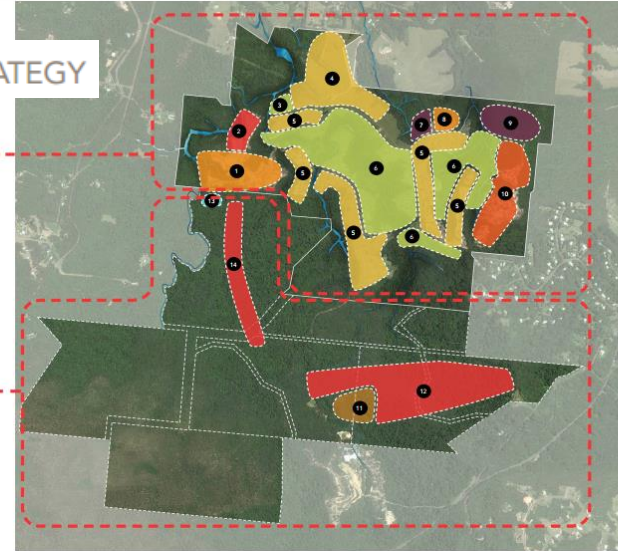
### LAND USE STRATEGY

#### NORTHERN ZONE "SERENITY"

- STRUCTURED
- LUXURIOUS
- RELAXING
- REHABILITATING

#### SOUTHERN ZONE "SPIRIT"

- WILD
- ADVENTUROUS
- CHALLENGING
- PRISTINE



#### LAND USE PLAN

#### LEGEND

1 - KUR-WORLD CAMPUS  
7.5ha, 300 dwellings

2 - SPORTING FACILITIES  
3.6ha

3 - KUR-WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE  
tba

4 - RESIDENTIAL LOTS - LIFESTYLE VILLAS  
13ha, 50 villas @ 2,000m<sup>2</sup>

5 - RESIDENTIAL LOTS - PREMIUM VILLAS  
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65ha

7 - KUR-WORLD VILLAGE  
0.8ha, day spa, restaurants, convention hall, retail

8 - 3-STAR LEISURE AND BUSINESS RESORT  
1.1ha, 270 dwellings/rooms

9 - KUR-WORLD MEDICAL RETREAT  
5.26ha, 70 suites

10 - 5 STAR RESORT  
13.1ha, 200 villas, rejuvenation spa, restaurants

11 - KUR-WORLD RAINFORREST EDUCATION CENTRE  
1.8ha, 14 boarding cabins

12 - KUR-WORLD ADVENTURE PARK  
19ha, ziplines, climbing bridges

13 - NATURAL LAGOON

14 - NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES  
horse riding, hiking



# FACT CHECK: LAND CLEARING

TO KUR-WORLD  
MASTER PLAN

10

MONTHS  
AFTER  
PURCHASE

RECOVERING RAINFOREST  
ON BARNWELL RURAL TITLES

REFERENCE POINT  
ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD

REFERENCE POINT  
HAREN CREEK

NOV 11 2014

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Google earth

# FACT CHECK: LAND CLEARING

TO KUR-WORLD  
MASTER PLAN

**BARNWELL** 12 RURAL TITLES 626HA

**KUR-WORLD** 230HA

**KUR-COW** ?\_HA

**16**

MONTHS  
AFTER  
PURCHASE

LAND CLEARING TO KUR-WORLD  
MASTER PLAN FOOTPRINT WELL  
UNDER WAY

REFERENCE POINT  
ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD

REFERENCE POINT  
HAREN CREEK

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MAY 6 2015

Google earth

Tour Guide

2002

Imagery Date: 5/6/2015 16°49'28.25" S 145°36'16.62" E elev 356 m eye alt 1.14 km

# FACT CHECK: LAND CLEARING

TO KUR-WORLD  
MASTER PLAN

**BARNWELL** 12 RURAL TITLES 626HA

**KUR-WORLD** 230HA

**KUR-COW** ?\_HA

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MONTHS  
AFTER  
PURCHASE

LAND CLEARING TO KUR-WORLD  
MASTER PLAN FOOTPRINT MOSTLY  
COMPLETED BY OCT 2015.

FLORA TRIGGER, FLORA SURVEY DATE  
NOV 2015.

REFERENCE POINT  
ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD

REFERENCE POINT  
HAREN CREEK

OCT 23 2015

Google earth



# FACT CHECK: ENDANGERED SPECIES

MATTERS OF  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
SIGNIFICANCE

**BARNWELL** 12 RURAL TITLES 626HA

**KUR-WORLD** 230HA

**KUR-COW** ?\_HA

**OVERLAY SHOWS \*ACTUAL  
CLEARING TAKEN PLACE  
PRIOR TO THE FORMAL  
REPORTING TO EHP  
- NOTE CLEARING ON PROTECTED  
CATEGORY A**

BARRON RIVER /  
GREAT BARRIER REEF

BARRON RIVER /  
GREAT BARRIER REEF

Immature  
regrowth  
colour

--- KUR-World project area  
--- Proposed road

## Legend

- Lot and Plan
- Category A area (Vegetation offsets/compliance notices/VDecs)
- Category B area (Remnant vegetation)
- Category C area (High-value regrowth vegetation)
- Category R area (Reef regrowth watercourse vegetation)
- Category X area (Vegetation not regulated under the VMA)
- Water
- Area not categorised
- Cadastral line
- Property boundaries shown are provided as a locational aid only

NOV 2014

Past, present,  
future...

Frog Habitat - 13.54, 13.46,  
13.47, 13.49.

Is the habitat of the Kuranda tree  
frog (*Litoria myola*), going to be  
destroyed?

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### Suggested rewording:

Yes, we have already destroyed one ENDANGERED SPECIES habitat location in **2015** when the illegal “rural” dam was built on ephemeral Kuranda Treefrog (*Litoria myola*) breeding habitat. This ACTION also destroyed the rainforest creek – also habitat - below the dam wall for “hundreds of metres” according to Dr. Conrad Hoskin’s JCU 2016 report.

If we had done the right thing at the time and put the paperwork in for the appropriate MSC permit we may have located the ENDANGERED SPECIES in time and averted this catastrophe.

Now, we’re saying we’re putting aside 50 hectares of habitat buffers even though that is the bare minimum required by law. Dr Conrad Hoskin JCU recommends 100m buffers on breeding creeks but that simply doesn’t fit in with the sardine style high-density suburb planned for KUR-World so we’re going to ignore that recommendation from a scientist who specialises in the Kuranda Treefrog which only occurs in the Myola Valley and nowhere else on Earth.



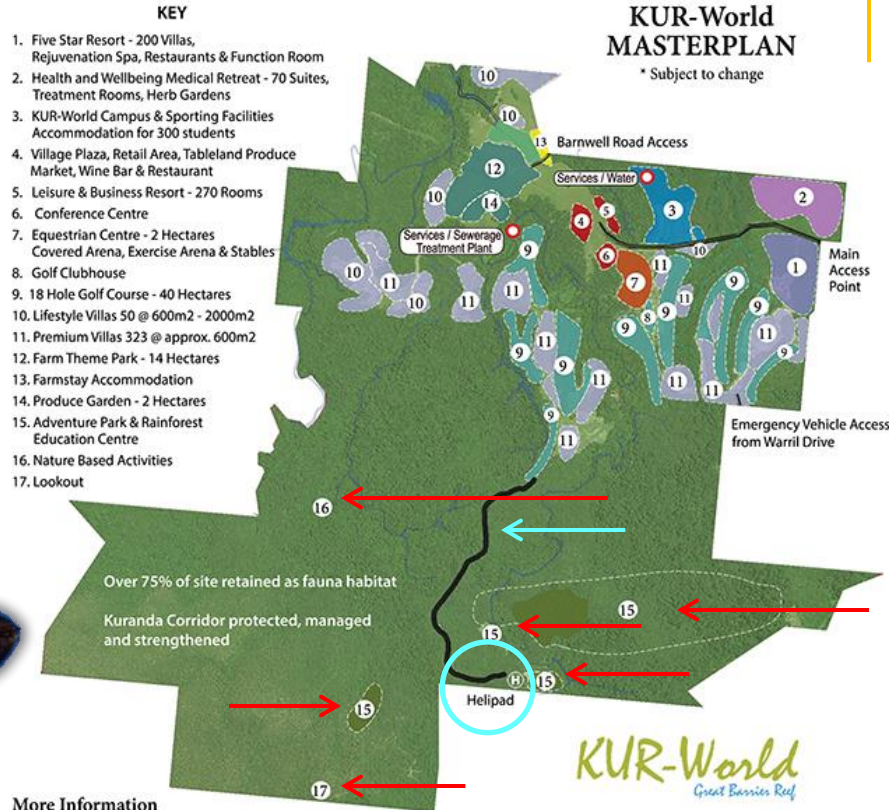
Planning any unnecessary built human environments and thoroughfare access in the middle of the corridor IS NOT “protected, managed, strengthened.”

Just writing that on the marketing material does not make it so.

Wildlife Corridors - 11.14, 11.17, 11.18.

Is the Kuranda Corridor going to be destroyed?

No, over 75% of the property will remain vegetated. This includes the Kuranda Corridor areas. Feral cattle have been removed from this area and pig and feral dog removal is underway.



BARNWELL 12 RURAL TITLES = 626ha  
KUR-World Master Plan Footprint = 230ha  
= REMAIN VEGETATED 63%  
= KUR-WORLD MASTER PLAN 37%

The helipad (not on the original Master Plan) is on the Southern titles which will mean the low-impact dirt roadway will need to be formalised. This roadway cuts the existing habitat corridor for Cassowary.

Unnecessary built human environments, helicopter traffic, terrestrial traffic on new roadways on previously quiet Cassowary country.

**More Information**  
If you have any questions, or would like to register to receive updates on the project, visit our website [www.kur-world.com](http://www.kur-world.com) or email [info@kur-world.com](mailto:info@kur-world.com)



If we use the Adani IO Analysis example as a guide for producing **JOB NUMBERS** that have ‘overstated the benefits’... then KUR-World could produce as little as 120 jobs.

Employment - 7.5, 11.4, 11.33, 11.40, 11.51, 13.18

How will young people benefit?

The proposed development at completion will create 800 FTE job opportunities and will preferentially employ local and young people who are actively seeking work. It also has the potential to provide opportunities for people wishing to start their own business which will be another positive local outcome.

## EDO QLD: 1st Economic Impact Guidelines for Qld Major Projects Released 27 APRIL 2017

Before now, the lack of robust guidelines led to patchy quality of economic impact assessment methodologies in EIS and the frequent overstatement of benefits by using Input-Output Analysis (**IO Analysis**). IO Analysis has been long rejected by economists, including many government Treasury offices across Australia, as unsuitable for project assessment as it is certain to overstate benefits.

IO Analysis was relied on in the EIS for the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project, with the proponent claiming 10,000 jobs and over 20 billion in State taxes and royalties. These claims were tested in the Land Court by conservation group Coast and Country, represented by EDO Qld and with the assistance of independent expert economic evidence from Dr Richard Dennis and Rod Campbell. In 2015 the Court concluded that the economic impact assessment in the EIS overstated the benefits of the mine, (i.e. not **10,000** Queensland jobs rather **1,464** net jobs pa for mine and rail Australia wide or 1,206 net Queensland jobs) based on evidence by Adani’s expert Dr Jerome Fahrer and agreed with the Australia Institute economists.

**Jo Bragg, CEO of EDO Qld, says “The misleading job figures produced and quoted for major projects undergoing assessment highlighted to us the need for strong guidelines to improve economic impact assessment in Queensland. Coordinated Projects have some of the largest impacts on Queensland’s environment, community and economy- so decision-makers and the public need accurate predictions of jobs not overblown industry modelling.”**

SOURCE: <http://www.edoql.org.au/news/eiq-guidelines-for-qld-major-projects/>

	EIS Actual		%
Adani	10,000	1,464	15%
KUR-World	800	120	15%



Thanks. But no thanks.

**Lifestyle** *noun*

Way of life

Way of living

Manner of living

The people of Kuranda Region are **proud of our low-impact lifestyle** that treasures our **native forests and it's animals**. Mega-concrete-steel development is the last thing the Myola Valley needs.



Lifestyle	This will destroy our lifestyle?	The proposed development may change things in the region, however, KUR-World will attract people that are interested in the environment including locals who can also enjoy nature based eco-activities on site.
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KUR-Anda Region – without KUR-World - already “attracts people that are interested in the environment”.

KUR-Anda Region residents appreciate low-impact lifestyles. We are currently, and always have, enjoyed nature based eco-activities for free – in our own backyards – and in the existing facilities and nature-places-without-fences on offer in our region.

<b>PRE 2014</b>	<b>2016 &gt;</b>	<b>LAND USE: NO CHANGE</b>
<b>LOW-IMPACT RURAL</b> <b>HISTORICAL BARNWELL</b>	<b>HIGH-IMPACT RURAL</b> <b>KUR-COW</b>	<b>INAPPROPRIATE HIGH-IMPACT RESIDENTIAL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Family-owned cattle farm</li><li>■ A low-impact operation with less than 100 head.</li><li>■ No bores</li><li>■ Low chemical load, if any</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Intensive cattle grazing</li><li>■ Common-use agricultural chemicals</li><li>■ Water taken from rainforest creek habitats</li></ul>	<b>KUR-WORLD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Mega-tons of concrete-steel</li><li>■ Thousands of humans, and their traffic, pets and waste.</li></ul>

See previous slides – KUR-World IS NOT an ‘eco’-resort.

It is a fluffed up ecotourism venture by a “Macau businessman” with high-density residential.

Planning Scheme

Is a subdivision by stealth?

The primary aim of Reeve & Ocean (R&O) is to develop an integrated eco-resort with an ongoing diverse revenue stream from the proposed activities. The option to develop a subdivision was available when the property was purchased but was not taken up by R&O.

All alternative uses including current existing uses (farming) and alternative new uses (residential development) need to be considered as part of the EIS.

**KURANDA REGION LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR LAND SPECULATORS OR DEVELOPERS**  
 We demand proper planning for our region in line with recognised ecological values

# suburbs by stealth

**Q. Where *is the money* for land developers these days?**

**A. High-density residential**

**Q. How much of the KUR-Tourism components will we actually ever see? Are there any guarantees?**

**A. Who knows.**

Find out more about how developers actually behave in the KUR-MYTH: KUR-World Fluffy Master Plan Series

featuring local developments

## Paradise Palms

KUR-MYTH: KUR-World Fluffy Master Plan Precedent Series - KAIRORA BEACH - Paradise Palms

MASTER PLAN PROMISES VS WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED

**PROMISES:**

- High-density residential development
- High-density residential development
- High-density residential development

**ACTUAL:**

- High-density residential development
- High-density residential development
- High-density residential development



## Port Hinchinbrook

KUR-MYTH: KUR-World Fluffy Master Plan Precedent Series - PORT HINCHINBROOK - Integrated Resort

MASTER PLAN PROMISES VS WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED

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## Reef Cove

KUR-MYTH: KUR-World Fluffy Master Plan Precedent Series - FAIRBAIRN - Reef Cove Resort

MASTER PLAN PROMISES VS WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED

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- High-density residential development
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