

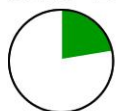


cassowary egg:  
14cm, granular  
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*The Writing  
On the Wall*

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rare ecological values.

### **NO MORE CONCRETE IN MYOLA VALLEY**

Myola Valley is not suitable  
for land developers  
or real estate speculators.

**WHAT IS YOUR  
CASSOWARY WISH?**

**PATRONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT:**

# **SAVE THE CASSOWARY CROWDFUND**

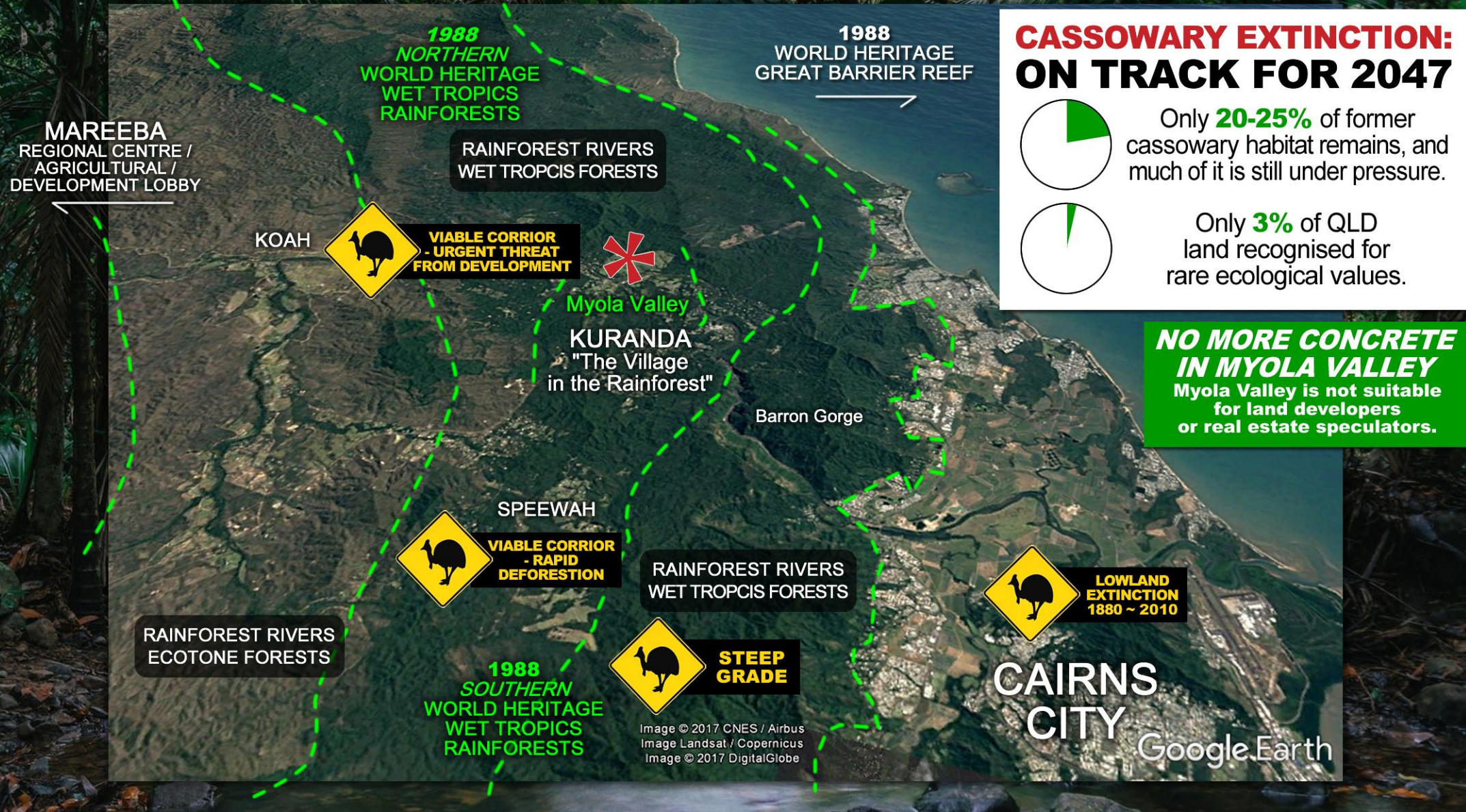
**MYOLA VALLEY, KURANDA  
RURAL LAND BUYBACK  
626ha (1545 acres)**



# PATRONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

*The Myola Valley is now under urgent threat from development*

## YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE ENDANGERED CASSOWARY





WET TROPICS  
RAINFORESTS  
KEYSTONE SPECIES



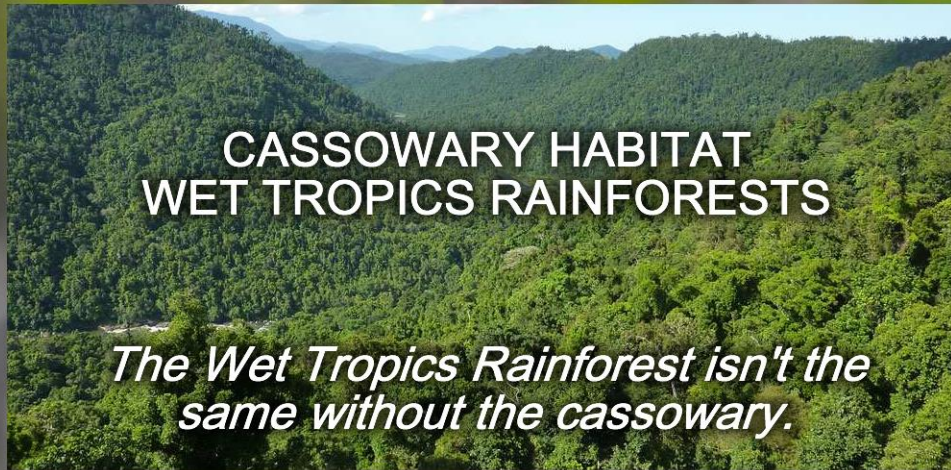
Sole seed disperser of at least  
70 known species of ancient  
rainforest tree giants and plants.

# Southern Cassowary

*Casuarius casuarius johnsonii*

(Linnaeus, 1758)

GLOBALLY RARE  
REMNANT SPECIES  
Early Pliocene  
4 million years old  
(aka dino-bird)



## CASSOWARY HABITAT WET TROPICS RAINFORESTS

*The Wet Tropics Rainforest isn't the  
same without the cassowary.*

AUSTRALIAN  
NATIONAL  
TREASURE

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TOURISM ICON





**The papers are shuffling in distant southern offices...** Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra...

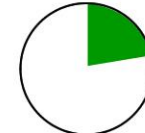
preparing to chop the Myola Valley, precious rainforest land, into tiny pieces, then:

- ➔ further deforestation of recovering rainforest (45 – 75+ years old)
- ➔ installation of road infrastructure increasing fragmentation of habitat and habitat linkages
- ➔ heavy vehicle traffic pollution during construction stages (6 years)
- ➔ add mega-tons of concrete and steel
- ➔ +4000 humans (Myola Valley current pop 368)
- ➔ introduction of chemicals in rainforest creeks
- ➔ domestic predatory animals (pet dogs and cats)
- ➔ exploding local traffic movements per day

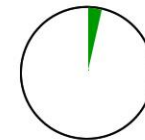
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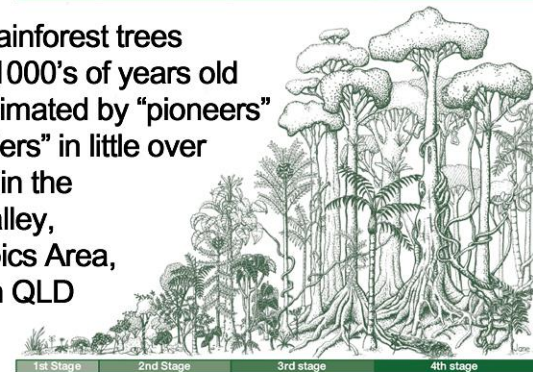
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# EMBEDDED PROTECTION & RECOVERY ORGANISATIONS

 **Queensland Government**  
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

 **Australian Government**  
Department of the Environment and Energy

 **WET TROPICS**  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
**WORLD HERITAGE AREA** 

 **terrain**  
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

 **birdlife**  
AUSTRALIA

 **RAINFOREST TRUST**



**cassowaryrecoveryteam**

Coordinating conservation of Australia's endangered Southern Cassowaries (*Casuarius casuarius johnsonii*)



 **KURANDA conservation**  
COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc.



Community for  
Coastal and  
Cassowary  
Conservation Inc.

 **Mission Beach Cassowaries**

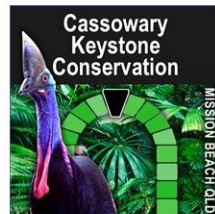


 **Reef & Rainforest**  
RESEARCH CENTRE

 **save the cassowary**  
.org.au

 **WET TROPICS PLAN**  
for People and Country

 **australian wildlife conservancy**



**Daintree Cassowaries**

 **kuranda envirocare** inc.

 **THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY**

 **rainforest rescue**

 **EDO Old.**  
Environmental Defenders Office  
Using the law to protect  
our environment.



 **Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife**

 **Friends of the Earth**  
Far North Queensland



**Southern Cassowary**  
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**RESEARCH  
SCIENCE  
FUNDING  
PROGRAMS  
CONSERVATION  
PLANNING  
STRATEGY  
TOURISM  
JOBS**





# THREATENED SPECIES COMMISSIONER PROGRAM 20 BIRDS BY 2020



Australian Government



Saving a keystone species: the southern cassowary  
Threatened Species Commissioner

751 views



SOUTHERN CASSOWARY

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EPBC Status	Endangered
Found in	Queensland
Main threats	Habitat loss, vehicle strikes and dog attacks
About	<p>The southern cassowary is a flightless bird and the largest native animal in Australian rainforests. Adults have a tall helmet on their head (called a 'casque') which may help them to sense low vibrating sounds made by other cassowaries and also acts like a bike helmet to protect their head when they are running through the jungle. Cassowaries are very territorial and mostly solitary. Cassowaries eat fleshy fruits of over 200 species of plants, dispersing seeds long distances in the process. This makes them a keystone species in the World Heritage listed rainforests of tropical Queensland.</p>
Action	<p>The Australian Government has secured over \$10 million in initiatives supporting the southern cassowary, including. Eighteen Green Army teams and \$6 million in projects that directly protect and restore its habitat.</p>



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**endangered  
under national  
environment law**

**MATTER OF NATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SIGNIFICANCE**

**Nationally threatened  
species and ecological  
communities EPBC Act**

**MATTER OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
SIGNIFICANCE**  
**Keystone species of World  
Heritage Wet Tropics**







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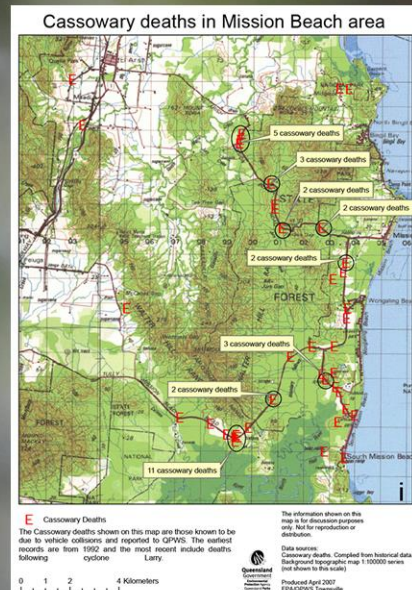
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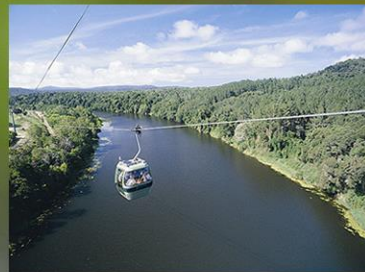
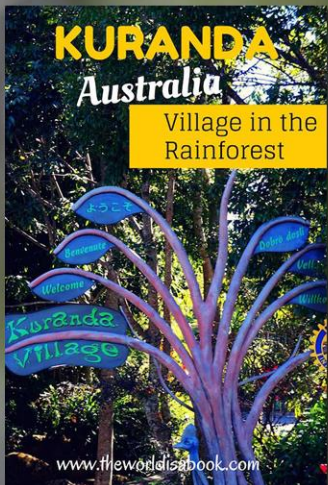
### MISSION BEACH AREA 30\* REPORTED VEHICLE COLLISIONS 1992 - 2017

*\* Does not include  
unreported vehicle collisions  
\* Does not include deaths  
from dog attack (largely  
unreported)*





# International Tourism Destination





# PROGRESS / URBANISATION DEFORESTATION / DESTRUCTION OF RAINFOREST HABITAT, NUMEROUS RAINFOREST CREEKS & HABITAT LINKAGES

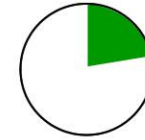
***WILL NOT SERVE***  
THE GREATER WORLD HERITAGE  
WET TROPICS RAINFORESTS

**22 ENDANGERED,  
13 THREATENED  
RAINFOREST SPECIES**

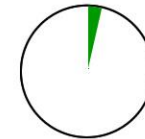
**"THE VILLAGE IN THE RAINFOREST"  
INTERNATIONAL TOURISM DESTINATION**

**BACKGROUND PICTURE:  
ACTUAL MYOLA VALLEY REGROWTH**

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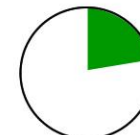




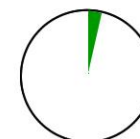


# NORTH QUEENSLAND WET TROPICS RAPID DEFORESTATION < 100 YEARS (INTENSIFIED SINCE 1970s)

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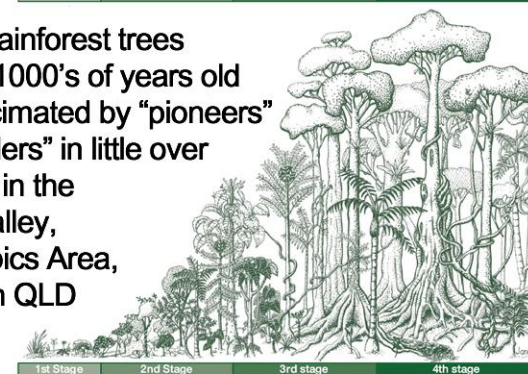
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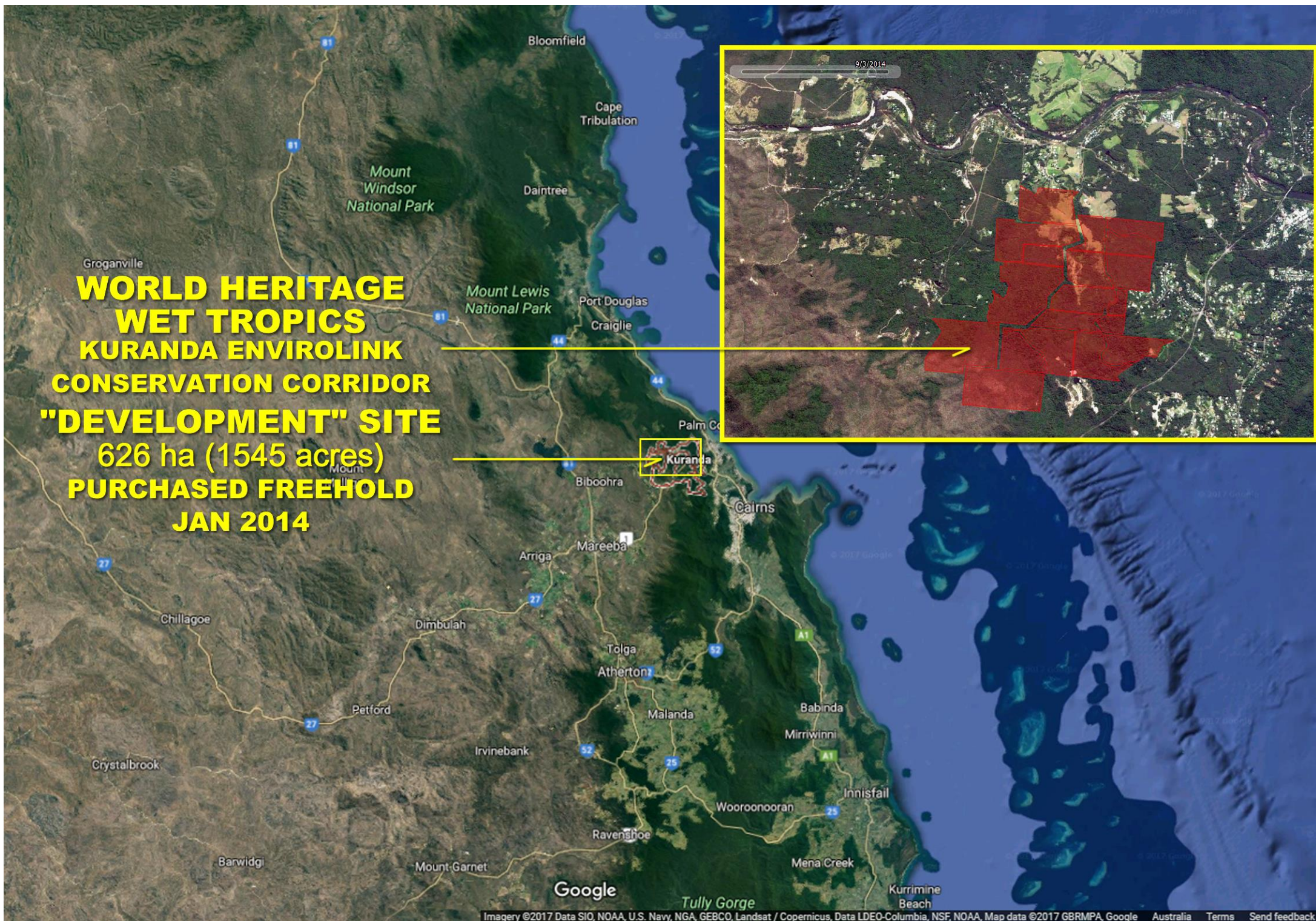
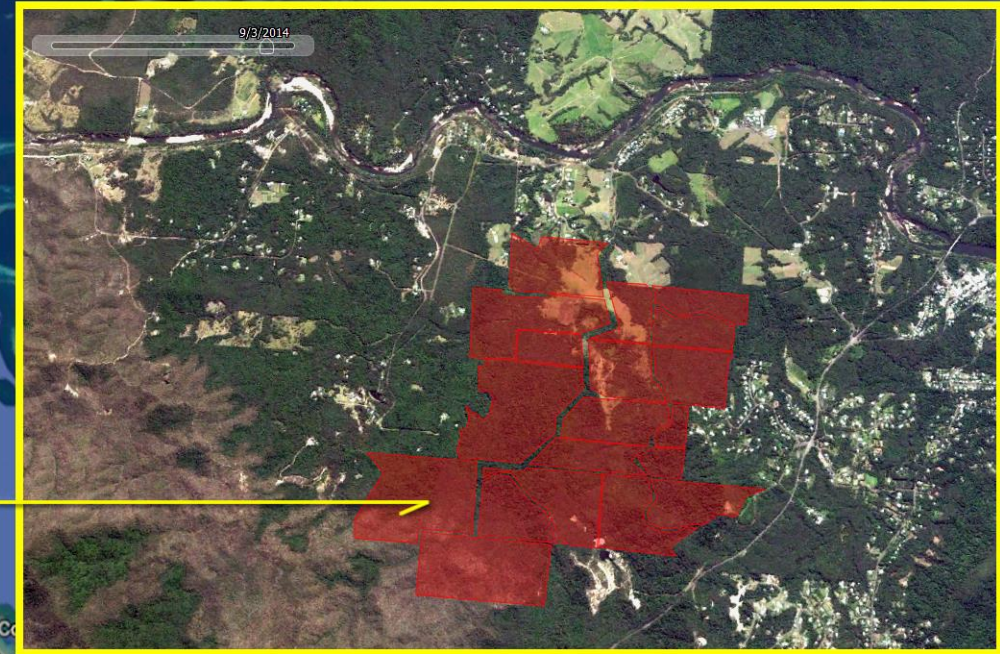
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**WORLD HERITAGE  
WET TROPICS  
KURANDA ENVIROLINK  
CONSERVATION CORRIDOR  
"DEVELOPMENT" SITE  
626 ha (1545 acres)  
PURCHASED FREEHOLD  
JAN 2014**





**Land speculation** is a financial activity that involves the purchase of real estate with the *hope* that the price will increase.

**DEVELOPER:**  
**"MACAU BUSINESSMAN"**

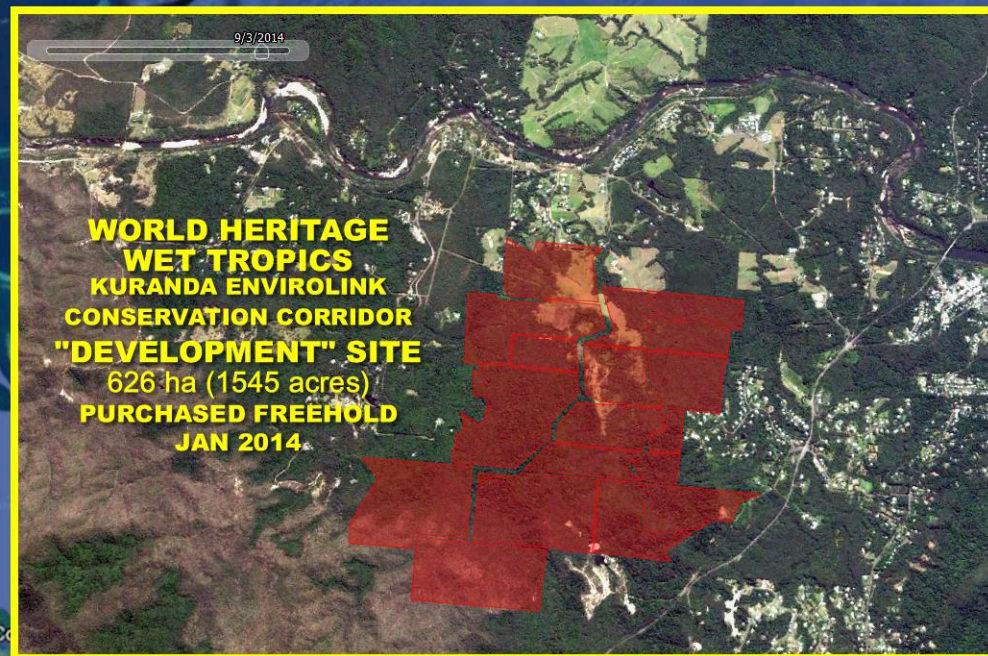
**PREVIOUS PROJECTS:**  
**NIL**

**PROPOSED PROJECT**  
**VALUE:**  
**\$650 MILLION**

**CHEAP RURAL LAND:**  
**626HA / 1545 ACRES,**  
**\$2 MILLION 2014**

**ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES:**  
**HIGH, WHWTA CORRIDOR,**  
**CASSOWARY COUNTRY**

**POTENTIAL FOR**  
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**Mareeba**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

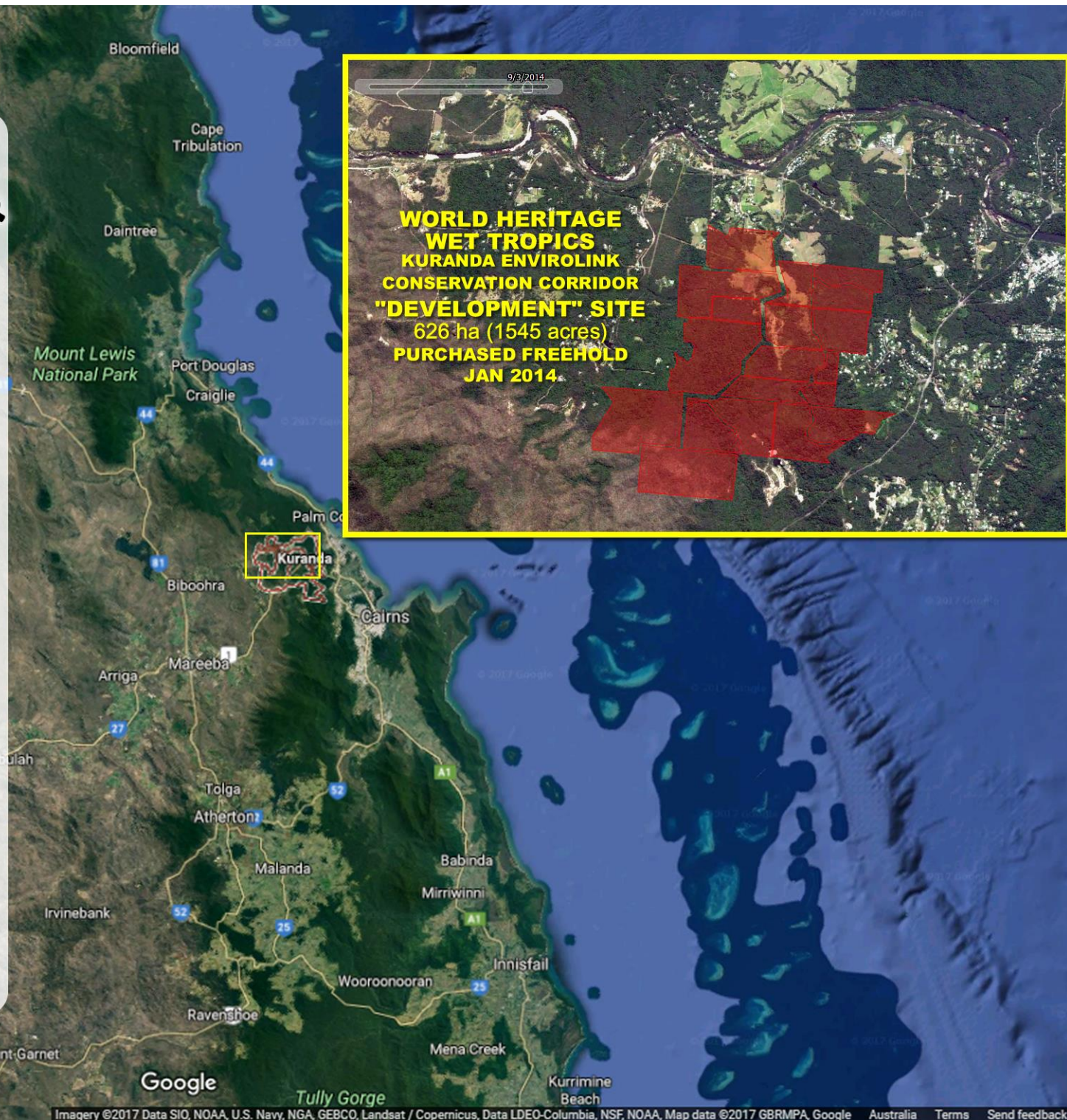
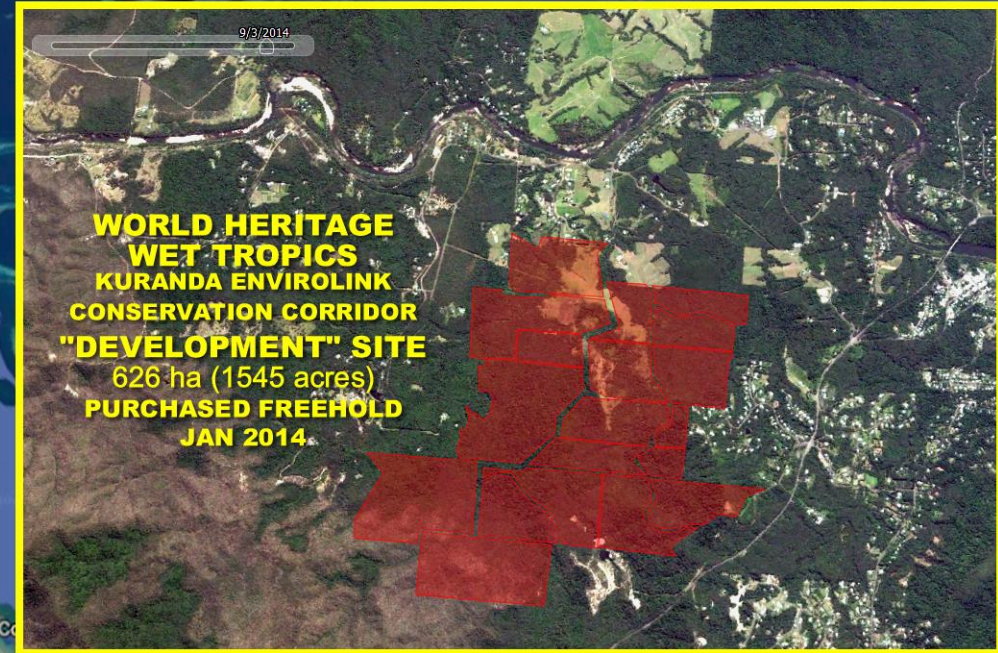
**PROVISION IN 2009 - 2031  
STATE FNQ REGIONAL PLAN:  
NO**

**PROVISION IN 2004  
MSC PLANNING SCHEME:  
YES**

**PROVISION IN 2012  
TRC PLANNING SCHEME:  
NO**

**PROVISION IN 2016  
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\* Mareeba Council meeting 19 July  
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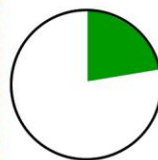




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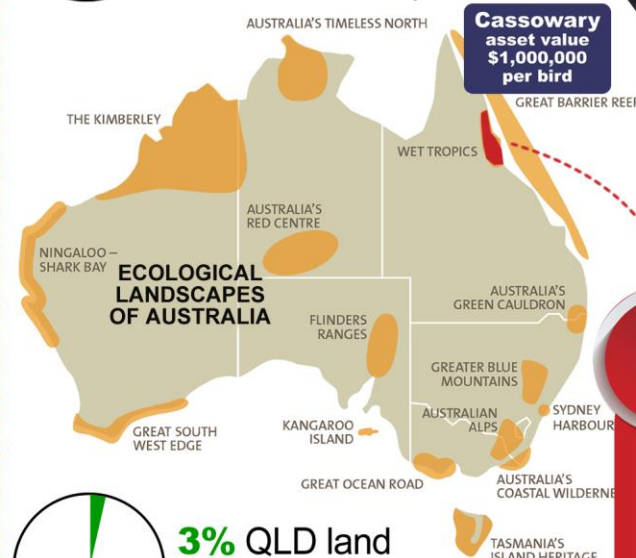
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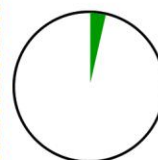


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## THREATS

**habitat loss**  
deforestation of habitats  
& habitat linkages  
**vehicle traffic**  
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**dogs,**  
which attack and kill  
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Send your info /  
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open-issues@kurandaregion.org  
or go to KRPG Facebook page  
to comment.

**We demand proper planning for  
Kuranda Region. Find out more.  
Get involved. Your concerns matter.**

Community Meetings  
FRIDAYS 2-4PM, 11 AUG, 25 AUG, 8 SEP, 22 SEP,  
6 OCT, 20 OCT, 3 NOV, 76 High Chapparral Rd

## MAREEBA COUNCIL FAILS KURANDA AGAIN

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4 Local government principles underpin this Act

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- (b) sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and
- (c) democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and
- (d) good governance of, and by, local government; and
- (e) ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees.

268 Process for administrative action complaints

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- (a) is about an administrative action of a local government, including the following, for example—
  - (i) a decision, or a failure to make a decision, including a failure to provide a written statement of reasons for a decision;

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Mareeba  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**OUTDATED**

1988

WORLD HERITAGE  
WET TROPICS DECLARED

2004 PUSH URBANISATION  
MYOLA VALLEY

2008 COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESIDENTS  
SAVE MYOLA VALLEY (MYOLA PRECINCT)

2008 TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
AMALGAMATION (PROPER PLANNING UNDERTAKEN)

2014 MAREEBA PUSH DE-AMALGAMATION

2014 PUSH URBANISATION MYOLA VALLEY  
(PRIVATE SALE BARNWELL 12 RURAL TILES)

2015 COMMUNITY GROUPS &  
RESIDENTS STILL FIGHTING

2016 TO SAVE MYOLA VALLEY

2017 (VIA PROPER PLANNING)





## ILLEGAL

Un-permitted dam without approved engineer design and sediment controls in place.

## BAD PRACTICE

Un-compacted dam wall, deeply eroded dam face dumping sediment in Barron River and on downstream to The Great Barrier Reef.

## NEGLIGENT

Mareeba Shire Council retrospectively approves Rural Dam on KUR-World site without structural, environmental or community concerns considered.

\* fine would have paid for council to hire an independent contractor to oversee the dam rebuild.

## ENDANGERED

Kuranda Tree Frog *Litoria Myola* two of six habitat water bodies destroyed, Myola Palm illegally cleared and habitat destroyed.

## DISRESPECT

No regard for impacts and effects on residents downstream.

# Backlash over developer dam

By Michael Serenc

THE developer behind a proposed \$650 million eco-resort at Myola has landed himself in hot water with Mareeba Shire Council.

Reever and Ocean Developments' chairman Ken Lee, who is behind the 626ha "KUR-World" development, began construction of a dam last December without prior approval from council.

Once made aware that same month, the developer was ordered to stop construction of the 1.3ha dam by council officers.

The structure was intended to be used by cattle on the property. Reever and Ocean subsequently made a formal application to council to build the dam in February.

Council voted unanimously at last Wednesday's meeting to retrospectively approve Reever and Ocean's application, subject to a strict set of conditions to bring the dam up to standard.

That includes finishing its construction in accordance with a design plan prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer (RPEQ) and implementing an effective erosion and sediment

control plan.

In response to a series of questions by *The Express*, KUR-World project manager Stuart Ricketts said Mr Lee believed the dam did not require council approval.

"Mareeba Shire Council has complex requirements in the Myola area which override normal farm activities," he said.

"As a result, council issued a stop-work notice and the landowner complied immediately and began working with council to resolve the situation."

Mr Ricketts said Reever and Ocean would comply with all conditions set by council for the remaining construction of the dam and he did not expect the issue to affect KUR-World's Environment Impact Statement process currently underway with the State Government.

KUR-World was given co-ordinated project status by the Queensland Coordinator-General



earlier this month.

A luxury 200-room hotel, three or four star resort, residential villa accommodation, education and business facilities and a health and wellbeing centre are all slated for the project.

But Kuranda Regional Planning Group (KPRG) spokeswoman Cathy Retter called for the immediate repair of all "environmental damage" done by KUR-World to the site so far.

"Mr Lee's site works have already polluted two creeks that run into the Barron River. These are two of only a handful of creeks in the world known to be habitat for the endemic and critically endangered Kuranda Tree Frog," she said.

"It stretches credulity to consider that the intensive residential development he proposes

could be "best practice" in terms of the conservation of biodiversity or treating the environment as an asset which is to be managed sustainably for future generations.

"Mr Lee has yet to carry out an EIS for his major development proposal, yet already appears to be degrading the local environment."

The Coordinator-General is expected to release a Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for KUR-World next month for comment by both the public and government agencies.

The project still has to jump through several hoops, including the publication of an Environmental Impact Statement, before the Coordinator-General can recommend approving or rejecting it.



Tableland

## Kuranda eco-resort under scrutiny by environment watchdog

Daniel Bateman, *The Cairns Post*  
August 10, 2016 9:03am

**The Cairns Post**

ENVIRONMENTAL officials are investigating new allegations of illegal tree clearing at the site of a \$640 million eco-resort at

The Department of Environment and Energy said it was looking into activities at the site.

Penalties of up to \$9 million could be imposed for any action "that has, will, or is likely to result in a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance without a relevant approval".

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Thursday, July 27, 2016

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COMMUNITY  
OPPOSITION  
FROM  
THE OUTSET





# COMMUNITY OPPOSITION





# Residents fired up

## Residents rage against development

KURANDA residents appear set to dig in for a long fight over a proposed \$640 million eco-resort at Myola after a fiery meeting last week.

Mareeba Shire councillor Nipper Brown, CEO Peter Franks, Barron River MP Craig Crawford and representatives from the proposed KUR-World development fronted residents at a meeting organised by Kuranda Region Planning Group at Kuranda State College last Wednesday.

The atmosphere was palpable as each group of representatives explained their role and position regarding KUR-World, which is currently going through the State Government's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process overseen by independent Coordinator General Barry Broe.

"It's going to be a 12-month long process for us and over that 12 months we're going to do a whole lot of baseline studies and identify all the potential impacts that this project could create on the land and in the community," said KUR-World project and development manager Mark Lawson.

Mr Lawson admitted at the meeting he and his team still "didn't have all the answers" regarding the project, saying it was still in the early stages of the EIS process with the final size and scope still to be decided.

Several residents who spoke up at the meeting, including Cheryl Tonkin and Lisa Serpa, were scathing of KUR-World's consultation process so far and believed the development was not wanted in the area.

"We're all expected to wear the costs of this one way or another and yet you're brazenly still going ahead with this as a fait accompli," Ms Tonkin said to Mr Lawson.

Mr Lawson replied there was no assumption by KUR-World that the development would be approved and they were continuing to work through the EIS process.

Ms Serpa said she was "offended" by the develop-

**FEEDBACK:** KUR-World project and development manager Mark Lawson speaks at last week's residents meeting in Kuranda.



ment.

"I moved here and I spent half a million dollars of my hard earned money, like many other people here, to have a rural-residential lifestyle," she said.

"It's not an eco-resort, they don't care about the environment and they're destroying it before it's even started."

Mr Franks said if council took a stand against the development now before the EIS process was complete, and then subsequently voted against KUR-World when developer Reeve and Ocean eventually made a formal application to council, the Planning and Environment Court could overturn their decision on the grounds that council pre-empted a decision on the project.

Speaking to *The Express*, Mr Lawson acknowledged KUR-World could have done more to engage with the community earlier on, but said residents would be kept informed through every step of the EIS process.

"We understand that the community engagement process with regards to this project in Kuranda is probably the most important part of the entire thing," he said.

The 626ha development still has several hoops to jump through before it is either recommended for approval or rejected by the Coordinator-General.

If eventually approved by the State Government and Mareeba Shire Council, KUR-World could feature a 3.5 and 5 star resort, 18 hole golf course, residential villa accommodation, education and business facilities and a health and a wellbeing centre.

The entire development is expected to generate 545 jobs during construction and 600 jobs once operational.

A start date for Stage 1 of KUR-World is pencilled in for June 2018 at the earliest.

By Michael Serenc

RESIDENTS concerned about a proposed \$650 million eco-resort near Kuranda have lashed out against the development in their area.

More than 150 people attended an information session about "KUR-World" run by Kuranda Region Planning Group (KPRG) last Thursday night.

KPRG opposes KUR-World in its current form, which is the brainchild of Reeve and

Ocean Developments' chairman Ken Lee.

If eventually approved by the State Government and Mareeba Shire Council, the 626ha development would feature a luxury 200 room hotel, three or four star resort, residential villa accommodation, education and business facilities and a health and a wellbeing centre.

Myola residents Cheryl Tonkin and Geoff Van Koevorden, who live near KUR-World's Barnwell Rd site, said they had put up with relentless noise since land clearing of the site had begun.

"We've heard machinery run for weeks, day and night. Huge windrows have been put in and just burnt," he said.

"There's still so many questions unanswered like sewerage infrastructure, emergency services and the cost to ratepayers - are we going to be billed for this?"

Mr Van Koevorden said he was also concerned about the plight of existing wildlife in the area.

"Since the land clearing started, I've had herds of wallabies on my property, they access the small

clearing that I've got, I've had birdlife I've never heard of in there too," he said.

"It makes you wonder with displaced wildlife - where do they go? There's only a certain area they can occupy until it reaches an overload point."

KPRG liaison and Kuranda Envirocare president Cathy Retter challenged Mr Lee to meet directly with her and other concerned residents about the project.

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## Residents fight back

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"We know this is not a sustainable development. It's an inappropriate location in a highly sensitive environmental area," she said.

But a KUR-World spokeswoman said Mr Lee or one of his representatives would "meet with a wide variety of community groups and individuals over the course of the coming months, including KPRG".

"We have met or been in communication with a number of stakeholders including representatives from Kuranda Envirocare, Tourism Kuranda, Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation, local businesses and tourism operators, the media and several local residents," she said.

"As soon as the Draft Terms of Reference is released by the Coordinator General's office, we hope to meet with various stakeholders and community groups to find out if they believe the ToR sufficiently addresses their concerns."

Mr Lee recently landed himself in trouble with council, after being ordered to rectify a 1.3ha dam which was con-

structed without approval last December.

The dam will now have to be brought up to council standard, which includes having a design plan prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer (RPEQ) and implementing an effective erosion and sediment control plan.

KUR-World was given coordinated project status by the Queensland Coordinator-General in July, with a Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) expected to be released this month for comment by both the public and government agencies.

The project will need to clear several hurdles, including the publication of an Environmental Impact Statement, before the Coordinator General can recommend approving or rejecting it.

"The community consultation phase will continue throughout the EIS process, which is anticipated to be around 18 months," the spokeswoman said.

"We don't see this as being a linear process. It is one we want to approach in a structured and inclusive manner to ensure we are consulting with a diverse group of stakeholders who all have valuable feedback."

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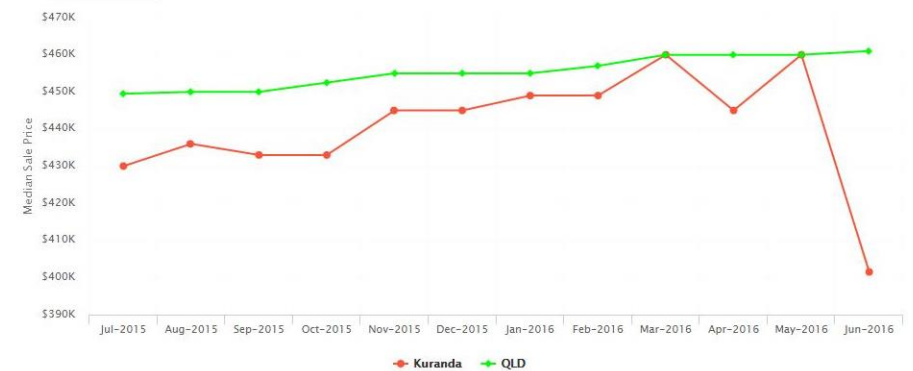
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# Kuranda battlelines

DEVELOPMENT | Katherine Kokkonen

**FRUSTRATED** residents have slammed politicians for not fighting for their community against a proposed \$600 million development at Myola.

More than 100 residents attended a public meeting about the proposed KUR-World on Wednesday.

Residents raised concerns ranging from rates through to the project's potential impact on the Kuranda Range Road

and the possible negative effects on their rural lifestyle. Member for Barron River Craig Crawford and representatives from the Mareeba Shire Council and KUR-World made presentations and answered questions at the meet-

ing at Kuranda District State College. Mr Crawford said developers had a right to propose to build, but they were required to go through a process. "We put everyone through the wringer," he said.

"There is in no way shape or form any shortcuts or any deals done or any fast-tracking or any other words that you might like to use to push these forward to cut any corners. "Everyone is entitled to step forward and say, 'I want to build something' and they have a right to go through the process. "I will not be out there saying, 'thumbs up, I'm going to approve it' or 'thumbs down I'm not'."

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Friends of the Earth member Margaret Pestorius asks what support is available for the community.

Kuranda resident Syd Walker questions Member for Barron River Craig Crawford.

Kuranda resident Lisa Serpa (in black) raises her concerns at the meeting.

## Frustration boils over at KUR-World meeting

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THE Member for Barron River came under fire once his presentation ended and the floor was opened to questions from the residents.

Friends of the Earth member Margaret Pestorius asked Mr Crawford how he would support the community if they came together against the proposed development.

Mr Crawford said he would not go on the public record as opposing KUR-World. "Will I stand there and say, 'I won't support Kur-World' - No, I won't," he said.

"It is not my role to get involved in processes.

"I'm quite happy to attend any rallies that you want and I'm quite happy to attend any events that you want."

Residents also questioned Mareeba Shire Councilor Blipper Brown and chief executive officer Peter Franks about the construction of a dam on the proposed development site.

"The dam was being built without the application," Cr Brown said.

"When we became aware of it, we went out and stopped it.

"They put an application in and there's been lots of conditions put on."

Kuranda resident Lisa Serpa said the developers had already shown disregard for the environment and the community's way of life.

She said she had moved to Kuranda and spent \$500,000 to create a family home in a rural residential area.

"They've already been doing all this destruction," Ms Serpa said.

"It shows they don't care because they haven't done the proper procedures and the proper approvals.

"It shows it's not an eco-resort because they don't care about the environment.

"They are destroying it before it's even started and people are offended by it. I'm offended by it."

Ms Serpa said she would have to move if the development went ahead.

"It's not acceptable. Why is it that all these people here are not in approval but we don't get to have a say," she said.

Mr Franks said the key message was that anybody who owned land had a legal right to make any application.

"If you agree with it or disagree with it - it's irrelevant," he said.

"They [the developers] are entitled to make an application. That's not to say it's going to be approved."

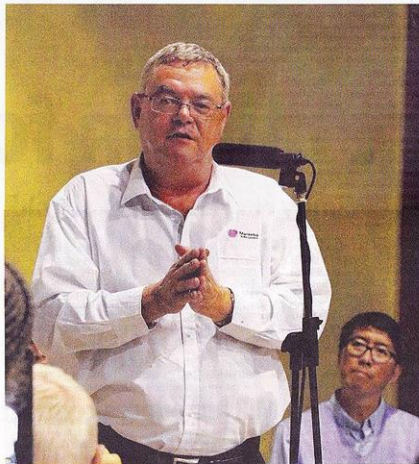
Mr Franks said while residents might like councillors to voice opposition to the project, doing so would jeopardise the process and possibly lead to legal action.

"If these councillors said that, they would be shooting you in the foot," he said.

"If the councillors today say, 'we don't support it', in 18 months time when KUR-World puts the application in to council and council refuses it... KUR-World will walk into the planning court and say these councillors, 18 months ago without all the information in front of them, made a decision.

"The court will turn around and say the position is irrelevant and the court will make the call."

KUR-World chief operations officer Harry Sou said he would bring the concerns raised at the meeting to the attention of KUR-World developer Ken Lee.



Mareeba Shire Council chief executive officer Peter Franks answers questions from residents at a public meeting about the proposed KUR-World development, while KUR-World chief operations officer Harry Sou looks on.

Pictures: Katherine Kokkonen

Mr Sou said he was putting together the best possible team to make sure "what we are going to do is not going to destroy this place."

He said Mr Lee might attend future public meetings. "We are here to make the best of it," he said.

"My job is to collect all the

information and bring the best possible professionals to assist to look after everyone's interests."

"My job is to report to him and express all the concerns and work with everyone in this room to produce the best possible result."

"Hopefully in the next cou-

ple of meetings, Mr Ken Lee would be able to share with everyone, take questions, listen and assist with all the concerns you have."

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## We've got lots to lie about Let's get retarded



There's no doubt Wan-KUR-World has got everyone complaining. There's a lot of issues to consider and a lot to complain about. So let's start the conversation by making sure you have the right facts and the chance to effectively contribute relevant information to stop the approval of the proposal.

It's a FACT that Wan-Kur-World will definitely have negative environmental, social and economic impact on Kuranda locals, bringing increases in the average price of rental properties including business rental, and general cost of living. The only economic advantage is to the developer, Reeve and Ocean, who are conveniently also responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). That's obviously in the developers favour. An internally conducted EIS won't truthfully respond to the matters set out in the Terms of Reference (ToR), which have just been released for public feedback in draft format with little time allocated for locals to read and respond, hey it's the least we could do!

To find out more about how to stop Wan-KUR-World, go to [www.kurandaregion.org](http://www.kurandaregion.org) and fill out a residents Questionnaire/Survey to 'Have your Say' or provide feedback directly go to [www.KUR-World.com](http://www.KUR-World.com) and click on the 'Approval Process' link.

Feedback deadline is 26 September 2016

In the meantime we'll keep scheming  
[info@KUR-World.com](mailto:info@KUR-World.com)

**Wan-KUR-World**  
*Great Barrier Reef*

[www.wan-kur-world.com](http://www.wan-kur-world.com)

**PLEASE HELP US SAVE THE HEART OF KURANDA**

**12 "HISTORICALLY ZONED" RURAL TITLES  
MUST REMAIN RURAL TITLES**

**MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PLEASE DON'T REZONE  
THIS LAND BELOW THE CURRENT 12 RURAL TITLES**

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The 100 year gold rush is over.  
The free-land and  
free-old-growth timber  
is no more.

This place was declared  
World Heritage for a reason.  
Ancient rainforests and all their  
natural treasures will become  
extinct, if we don't stop now.

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The Myola Precinct was not a  
suitable development for this land.

KUR-World is not a suitable  
development for this land.

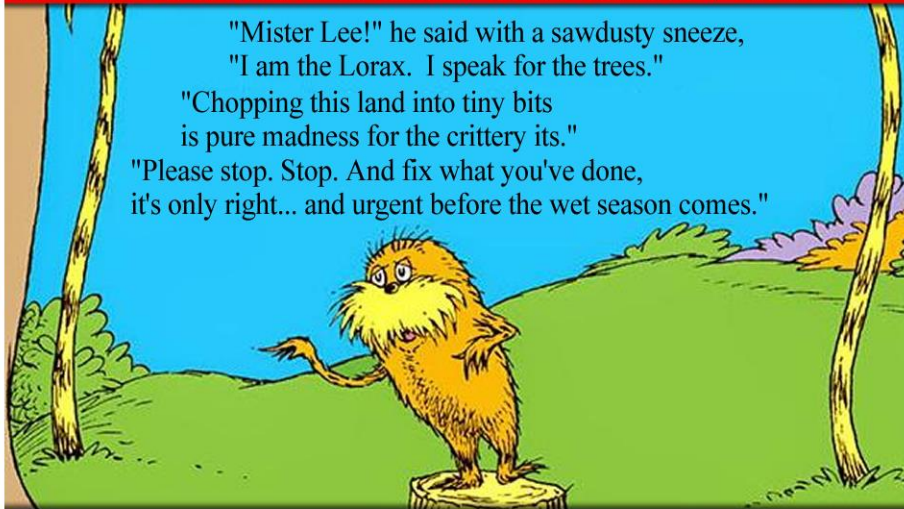
The KUR-World project area of  
626ha is currently 12 rural titles.  
This land must never be re-zoned.

**stay informed...**  
[www.kurandaregion.org/kur-world](http://www.kurandaregion.org/kur-world)



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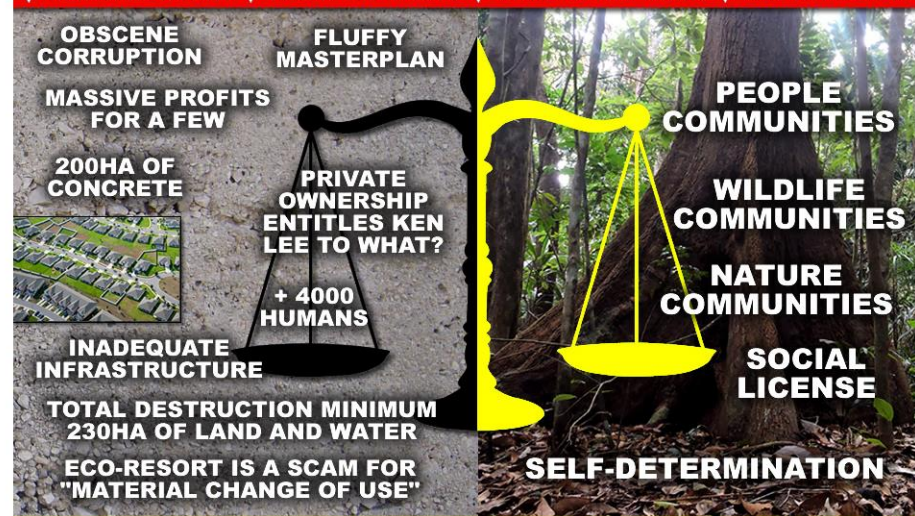
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KUR world 库林世界 生态灾难 这里的人们不希望

EVERYONE KNOWS THE **FREE \$\$** ARE IN **URBAN SUBDIVISION** - NOT TOURISM  
SCAM FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE ON LAND

MAGIC NUMBER IS... **\$650 MILLION**

SURE MATE, THE LOCALS WON'T MIND A BIT!

IF WE CALL IT "REGROWTH" NO ONE WILL NOTICE

I'LL BE MEDIA CHAMPION

KEN LEE STUART RICKETTS SIMON DANIELSEN HARRY SOU

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THERE IS NO AMOUNT OF PROFIT THAT IS WORTH WHAT WILL BE LOST IN THIS PLACE

\*not thin veneers of remnant rainforest

**UNSUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT.**

full stop

BARNWELL 12 RURAL TITLES 626 HA | 1545 ACRES PRIVATE SALE \$2MILLION KUR-PLONK KUR-WORLD KUR-COW

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> 100 YEARS ALL RAINFOREST LOST, MASSIVE LOCALISED SPECIES EXTINCTIONS

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## The Cairns Post



Macau developer Ken Lee, seen here scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, is behind a \$650 million integrated resort at Kuranda. PICTURE: SUPPLIED

## \$650 million integrated resort revealed for Kuranda

The Cairns Post  
June 8, 2016 10:00am

A MACAU developer has revealed plans for a \$650 million integrated resort at Kuranda with construction slated to start mid-2018. Reeve and Ocean Developments chairman Ken Lee has signed off on a master plan for KUR-World, an integrated eco-tourism and innovation hub set on 626ha at Barnwell Rd, Myola, after almost two years of site assessments, planning and evaluating ideas.

He said he had taken into account the environmental sensitivity of a large section of the former farm so that 37 per cent, or 225ha, would be developed, leaving the rest untouched, including the habitat of the rare Myola frog.

The seven-year project is expected to provide up to 1830 construction jobs and 600 when operational.

"This work has inspired our vision to create a destination which focuses on four key themes being: luxury eco-tourism, education and business, rejuvenation, health and wellbeing and adventure and recreation," Mr Lee said.

"We are confident KUR-World's unique mix of accommodation and complementary facilities, unconstrained by space limitations, will take the best characteristics of the site and transform them into a place of relaxation and rejuvenation."

The name Kur is the first dragon in Sumerian mythology and also German for rejuvenation.

Mr Lee said the master plan identified two distinct zones on the site: "Serenity" and "Spirit".

Mr Lee said it was unparalleled in the region and would expand the current tourism offerings.

KUR-World will include a university campus, a world class equestrian centre, indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, an 18-hole golf course, a health and wellbeing medical retreat with bioresearch facility and an outdoor adventure park.

The development will include 373 residential lots for permanent residents and short term accommodation ranging from 200 five-star luxury villas and a three or four-star 270-room resort, medical suites, farm stay villas, student apartments and boarding cabins.

Project manager Stuart Ricketts of Urban Sync said the project would target Asian, European and American guests. Once fully operational, an average of 550 day visitors are expected on top of about 1000 overnight guests.



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## Short term jobs for a few...

are there any guarantees the TOURISM components will ever eventuate, eg. downturn in tourism, and this will just turn out to be another HIGH-DENSITY SUBDIVISION?

how many residents really came to live in Kuranda *expecting local jobs*?

MEGA-TONS OF CONCRETE-STEEL, THOUSANDS OF HUMANS, THEIR TRAFFIC AND PETS ARE THE LAST THINGS THIS SLEEPY, LOW-IMPACT RURAL CONSERVATION LAND NEEDS.

## Long term consequences for all...

what is the likelihood locals will get jobs when the tender will go to a large development company?

knowing the tourism component may never eventuate, our population is doubled in 5 years - won't those people need jobs too?

with [eco@jumrum.com](mailto:eco@jumrum.com), Christensen Drive, Morton St subdivisions - do we really need more land released for urbanisation?

will 457 visas be used to import cheaper International labour?

what kinds of jobs are worth concreting World Heritage Wet Tropics recovering rainforest land?

EASY \$\$ chopping up cheap rural land and flogging it off.  
 HARD \$\$ building a tourism complex and hoping they will come...

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GAULP... WHO AM I?  
 I LIVE ONLY IN THE MYOLA VALLEY  
 I HAVE NO OTHER HOME!!!  
 I AM CRITICALLY ENDANGERED KURANDA TREE FROG.

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## Nancy Reagan's advice on the 'Kur-World' Proposal







# WE KINDLY ASKED INVESTORS NOT TO INVEST IN THIS PROJECT *(video, including all the reasons why)*

亲爱的潜力KUR-World / KUR-Cow投资者，

有了所有应有的尊重，我们的社群要求你离开KUR世界项目。

肯尼购买了非常便宜的历史上划定的农村土地，他计划在这片土地上最大限度地发展：与我们的库兰达人民社区想要的，完全不符合我们的政府规划计划，没有证明需要，将毁了珍贵的世界遗产湿地热带库兰达环境走廊。

大吨的混凝土钢，成千上万的人，他们的交通和宠物是最后的东西这困，低影响的廉价农村保护土地需求。

肯·李已经在发展现场打破了地方，州和联邦法律。

爱的后代...那些尚未出生...他们可能有一个未来，我们的自然世界被保存...通过几个人的惊人的事迹，像你，谁实际上决定什么是被毁坏为金钱和什么是保存为人类。

人类已经清除了世界上半的森林...足够了。

没有数额的利润值得我们称为Kuranda, Bulwai国家的这个地方会损失什么。

谢谢您的考虑。

请从澳大利亚远北昆士兰库兰达的KUR-World / KUR-Cow / Reeve和Ocean Pty有限公司开发。

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### Factual response to letter

I refer to an article in a recent Murdock newspaper on Friday May 26, 2017. A letter to the paper's editor, from Tolga's Peter Campion in regards to KUR-World. I expect this is as a response to a concerned letter written two weeks ago by M Zehntner from Kuranda.

This letter deserves a factual response from people who live here in Kuranda. Campion's letter demonstrates that his worldly knowledge on the subject is derived only from KUR-World's marketing website. It could be suggested that such information is limited and one sided.

KUR-World suggests that they are going to develop this land as a world class eco development. Campion may need to research the meaning of 'eco'. Just because the developer uses the word 'eco', it does not mean everything will be OK.

To date there have been illegal construction works which without community intervention, could have resulted in significant environmental disaster. These continue to impact on the properties of long term local residents and the local environmental ecosystems. And these problems have come well before the project is approved.

Yes, KUR-World does own the land and yes, they have the right to develop it. However, they also must respect the current legislation and the rights of adjoining neighbours and community. This developer needs to be kept within the boundaries allowed by the legislation. Campion's comments regarding busybodies and activists is an insult to those responsible people in our community who acted in a voluntary capacity for the well-being of all. If such damage was to happen at Campion's back door, I wonder what hot air he would be blowing off. Campion lives in Tolga, well away from any effect from KUR-World to his land.

This writer is not against development. The Kuranda region deserves quality development which aligns with current legislation.

**Katie Ward, KURANDA**





# Premier of Queensland

Annastacia Palaszczuk MP

## Premier visits Far North Queensland





**On 11 July 2017 at the Community Forum (Brother's Leagues Club, Anderson St.) local resident Keila put this question to the premier **Annastacia Palaszczuk** (awaiting reply):**

I live in Kuranda, a destination for many visitors to this region because of its rainforest backdrop. It is the destination of Queensland Rail's scenic rail trip, and of the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway's rainforest experience. Many residents have chosen to live in this 'village in the rainforest' because of its environmental attributes, which also provide economic opportunities. However, Queensland is ever prey to killing the goose that laid the golden egg. A development proposal for the Myola valley, a development which sounds more like a theme park - Kur-World - than an Eco-tourism venture, is before your State Government. Although the FNQ Regional Plan 2009-2031 states that the Myola Valley is not supported for urban or residential development, and although this land is zoned rural and provides a corridor for the endangered cassowary, and although the Kuranda Range Road is already under stress from tourism and waste traffic, your government is being asked to approve the construction of

- 373 high density residential homes
- A university campus for 500 students
- An 18-hole golf course
- A 270-room hotel
- 200 double storey resort accommodation units
- A 300-bed education centre
- A 60-bed health spa
- A shopping centre, amphitheatre, day spa and 500-person capacity convention centre, and....
- An adventure park

**Premier of Queensland**

Annastacia Palaszczuk MP

**Premier visits Far North Queensland**

This totally self-contained and so-called Eco-tourism resort will double the population of Kuranda and increase pressure on the range road. It has already destroyed a seasonal breeding habitat for the endangered Kuranda tree frog and damaged the forest bridge that joins the north and south World Heritage Wet Tropics Forests.

**My question is: will the State Government respect the current FNQ Regional Plan, developed with residents. If so, you must reject this inappropriate development proposal.**

**If not, why do we bother???**



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Laurance received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1989. His research focuses on the impacts of intensive land-uses, such as habitat fragmentation, logging, hunting and wildfires, on tropical forests and their biodiversity. He is also interested in protected areas, climatic change, the impacts of roads and other infrastructure on biodiversity, and conservation policy. His research over the past 35 years spans the tropical world, including the Amazon, Africa and Asia-Pacific regions. To date he has published eight books and over 400 scientific and popular articles.

A leading voice for conservation, Laurance believes that scientists must actively engage policy makers and the general public, as well as other scientists. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and former president of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation.



## The Authors Dr Cameron K. Murray Professor Paul Frijters

Saturday, July 8, 2017

### Game Of Mates: Nepotism Is Costing The Economy Billions

It is no secret that increasingly, workers are no longer enjoying the fruits of their labour as a smaller and smaller group of people and companies come to share the returns of (slowing) economic growth across developed nations such as the US, the UK and Australia.

The 'jobs for the boys' model is having a tangible and outsized impact on inequality and it is killing the economy.

It is so tangible you can measure it. And measure we did.

In our book, *Game of Mates*, I and my colleague, Professor Paul Frijters explore insights from the science of human cooperation and raw metrics of economic costs and benefits, melding this information together to paint a picture of how a nation's wealth can become siphoned off by a well-connected network of powerful individuals.

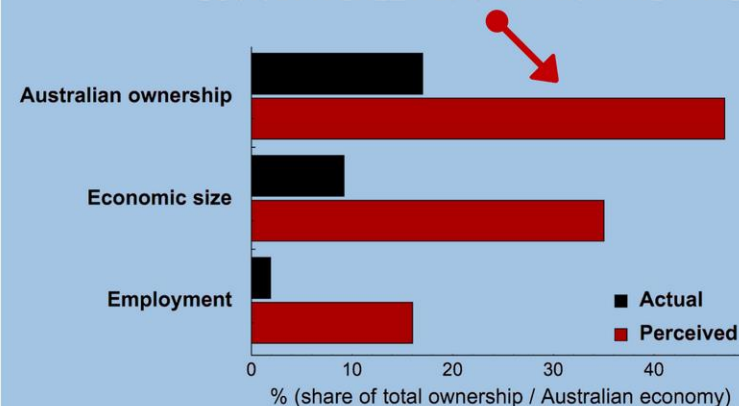
Drawing on our own research and that of others, we find that those outside the game are being bled dry, with hundreds of billions of dollars a year of hidden theft taking place.

The book helps to frame a discussion on 'grey corruption' – the type of unethical political favouritism that is economically costly to the unfavoured, but that is not necessarily illegal – that is brutally honest about human nature. We look at how the Game of grey corruption in played, how much it costs, and what to do about it.

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT

# GAME OF MATES

MATES CREATE MYTHS ABOUT HOW  
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# PATRONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT: SAVE THE CASSOWARY CROWDFUND

**WHAT IS YOUR  
CASSOWARY WISH?**

**MYOLA VALLEY, KURANDA RURAL LAND  
BUYBACK 626ha (1545 acres)**

**FUNDS WILL BE USED  
FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**STOP UNNECESSARY,  
UNPLANNED & UNWANTED  
DEVELOPMENT IN MYOLA VALLEY**

*Secure 626ha (1545 acres) Myola Valley  
Wet Tropics Rainforest Corridor land  
for conservation, for perpetuity.*

*Relaunch Kuranda:  
The Village in the Rainforest.*

*Regeneration of Myola Valley Wet Tropics Rainforest  
Corridor, bridging northern and southern forests,  
constraining devastating fragmentation.*

*Develop a place of such natural, wild and tranquil beauty that  
global tourists will come to enjoy for generations  
- walking amongst the diverse array of wildlife.*

*Preserve the Cassowary,  
keystone species of the Wet  
Tropics Rainforests, for  
generations to come.*

*SET PRECEDENT: Define our region  
and planning in terms of the "Natural  
Assets" and strengthen global  
recognition of the importance of  
preserving the oldest plants on Earth.*

*Wet Tropics Species Research and Recovery Centre:  
create educational facilities for universities, schools,  
ranger & conservation programs, domestic and  
International scientists to study the unique Wet Tropics  
ecosystems, flora, fauna, and climate change.*

**"The Wet Tropics is the oldest surviving  
tropical rainforest in the world,  
at 135 million years, give or take a month."**

**PLEASE HELP US SAVE THE HEART OF KURANDA**

Shall we reflect for a moment...  
on our recently extinct New Zealand  
Gondwana cousin... the MOA!

Cassowary are **ENDANGERED**  
because of **HUMAN ACTIVITY** -  
**NOT** because they are a frail species.

**HABITAT LOSS, ROAD KILLS,  
ROAMING PETS**

**POST JURASSIC**

GONDWANA RAINFOREST OF THE WORLD  
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: GONDWANA (currently New Zealand)  
SPECIES: MOA  
STATUS: EXTINCT  
CAUSE: TASTY FOR HOMO SAPIENS

LOCATION: GONDWANA (currently Far North Queensland)  
SPECIES: CASSOWARY  
STATUS: ENDANGERED: EXTINCTION < 50YR  
CAUSE: HOMO SAPIENS FAILING TO SHARE





*The Writing On the Wall*

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Myola Valley is not suitable for land developers or real estate speculators.

**WHAT IS YOUR CASSOWARY WISH?**

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**MYOLA VALLEY, KURANDA RURAL LAND BUYBACK**  
626ha (1545 acres)

**Pozible**  
[www.pozible.com/project/save-the-cassowary](http://www.pozible.com/project/save-the-cassowary)

## Cassowary population estimates

Only found in a few rainforest areas of northeast Queensland, Australia

- Rapid decline since the 1970s
- An estimated 2,500 birds in 2010; population declining

## Make a wish for our surviving cassowaries!

All Patrons of the Environment: Save the Cassowary crowd fund campaign will receive:

- Beautiful collectible digital certificate to print and hang on your wall
- Regular updates on cassowary progress in the Wet Tropics Rainforests of Far North Queensland

**\$1**

**2017 CASSOWARY WISH**



**Fingers crossed Stay informed Share**

**Make a wish for our surviving cassowaries:** may their eggs be bright green and numerous, their chicks well fed on fruits of the rainforest, the impacts of deforestation for profit, traffic strikes, roaming predatory animals (pet cats and dogs) be constrained by proper planning on cassowary waterways, forest habitats and habitat linkages.

**\$20**

**2017 CASSOWARY WISH**



**Cost effective Stay informed Share**

**Share with others!** To achieve our goal we will need wealthy patrons too! *Send this cassowary wish* to your favourite environmentally focused celebrities via Social Media - who may be interested in saving the cassowary like you are!

How else will they know about the cassowary's dire situation if you don't tell them?

**\$100**

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**\$100,000**

**2017 CASSOWARY WISH**



**Investment Offer input, advice**

**What do you wish for?** You believe in the science of conservation and that:

- there is much to be learnt through the act of conservation.
- communities of people, properly supported and guided by science, will save the cassowary from extinction.

**\$1,000,000**

**2017 CASSOWARY WISH**



**Participation**

**What do you wish for?** You believe in the science of conservation and that:

- rapid decline of cassowary species is due to human impacts only - not due to an inherent weakness of the bird species itself (Pliocene, 4 million year survivor).
- 30 - 80 years of wholesale deforestation in FNQ Wet Tropics forests (20-25% cassowary habitat left) has pushed the cassowary to the edge of extinction.
- over-development of ecologically sensitive land for mass profit is immoral in 2017.
- the cassowary is Australia's "canary" for the current the state of our Nation's ecological woes via poor policy.



**Welcome to Kuranda.** The Village in the Rainforest. Far North Queensland (opposite The Great Barrier Reef)

In just over 100 years we have cleared so much of our precious native forests in FNQ. The **cassowary only has 20-25% of its original habitat** left – most impacted in the last 50 years.

East, Cairns City deforested lowlands to the coast for human settlement. West, The Tablelands deforested for regional agriculture on high rainfall “rainforest land”.

Kuranda Region falls in a “narrow-neck”, “pinch-point” or “wasp waist” of the greater Wet Tropics rainforests **forcing our wildlife through a congested narrow corridor** of roads and enough Rural / Rural Residential land in 2017 to keep the forest intact.

Mega-development by clearing recovering rainforests, adding mega-tons of concrete and steel, roadway networks, +4000 humans (pet dogs and cats), water usage from rainforest creeks, aquifers and the Barron River, waste and limiting access via fencing will cut the corridor in half for the first time in 1000's of years.

This effect is called “**fragmentation of the conservation corridor**”.

The problem for Kuranda Region (rainforest / ecotone forests) is early settlement cleared the forest and built a town here – on the railway line from Cairns inland to The Tablelands.

In 1988 when the Wet Tropics native forests were declared World Heritage – only the remaining intact forests minus freehold, state forests, etc were inscribed on the maps. The **implementation of this mapping failed to recognise the importance of the “connectivity”** of the greater forest areas and the interplay required for species to survive longer term.

Luckily, these days' scientists and Wet Tropics Management Authority **understand that conservation of the Vital Kuranda Envirolink Corridor is critical** for the survival of many endangered Wet Tropics fauna and flora species – including our **keystone species** the Cassowary!

Our community has been working to save the Kuranda Region – **current home of approximately 30 cassowaries** – from **high-density urbanisation**. The cassowaries stroll through our forests and backyards (if you're lucky enough to have good tucker trees). **Cassowaries have always lived here** on the Barron River, its tributaries and Wet Tropics rainforest land. **This is the wrong development on the wrong land.**

**Living in Kuranda is not for everyone!** It can be a hostile environment with mould, high rainfall, snakes eating pets, biting insects and lots of rainforest critters. The Kuranda Region should never be deforested / denuded for comfortable high-density human habitation. Some places need to be left for the forests.

**Visiting Kuranda is most definitely for everyone!** Walk along the Barron River and enjoying the serenity. The spectacle of The Mighty Barron Falls. Walk Jum Rum through the rainforest understorey boardwalks. Visit our quaint Village in the Rainforest for shopping and refreshments – a step back in time. Ancient forests and its rare species are what make the visit to our Wet Tropics region worthwhile. And the butterflies.

**Thank you from all of us in Kuranda x**

*(2,766 people, minus approx.50 adults who already have jobs, or under the impression they \*might get one)*

Campaign Web Page: [www.kurandaregion.org/kur-world](http://www.kurandaregion.org/kur-world) | Youtube: [search kur world](#) | Facebook: [KUR.Alert](#) | Twitter: [kuralert](#)



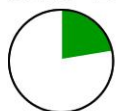


cassowary egg:  
14cm, granular  
surface and bright  
pea-green



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