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## **RE: Application to bring Barnwell Estate into conservation**

If this application is successful, the Bulwai Traditional Owners will work with local conservation and ranger groups to return this land to pristine condition: a plan that will take generations to recover the old-growth forests that were “removed” by colonisation less than 100 years ago.

This Nature Asset would become accessible rainforest for Domestic and International Tourism – one of the most precious World Heritage properties in the world – the Wet Tropics is a remnant Gondwana rainforest that is worth every conservation effort we can muster. This property in the “pinchpoint” of the Wet Tropics would be a Living Museum of Nature – where all visitors can experience the beauty, tranquillity and healing our forest offers – and to connect with the oldest continuous living culture on Earth!

Our people inhabited this land – we carry the stories to this day – of genocide, slavery and incarceration in the name of ‘colonialism’. We were a free people before – food and resource rich lands, culturally alive interconnected tribes by marriage, and sustainable living technologies. Our Bama people have always lived here in the Kuranda rainforest, displaced only in the last one hundred years by “timber-getters” and “pastoralists”.

Please review my video regarding the Barnwell Estate property and our connection to country.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHsc8gruPIY>



Yours sincerely



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***Bulwai Cultural Custodian***

***Djabugay-Bulway-Yirrgay-Nyakali-Guluy People (QC2015/005)***

***On behalf of Astro Brim, Aden Brim, Tanique Brim, Toby Brim, Billy Brim, Elvin Hobbler, Earl Hobbler, Dianne Brim, Cecil Brim, Mitchell Brim, Ivan Brim, Buster Brim, Ernie Brim***

### **ATTACHMENT 1**

RAINFOREST PEOPLE OF KURANDA REGION in relation to Bulway, Buluwai, Bulwai, Buluwandji

<http://bulwaicollective.org/content/uploads/2018/02/Kuranda-Region-Bama-Bulmba-Tribes-FINAL.pdf>

### **ATTACHMENT 2**

Buluwai Native Title Appeal Davies Creek National Park - January 2010

<http://bulwaicollective.org/content/uploads/2018/01/Buluwai-Native-Title-Appeal-Davies-Creek-National-Park-January-2010.pdf>