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### **Support for development of a protected area through land purchased in the Myola area**

Kuranda Envirocare is a Kuranda-based organisation that has been established for over 20 years. We aim to conserve and repair biodiversity, as well as educate the community to value and protect biodiversity. The key values we seek to protect are landscape ecological integrity, biodiversity, high water quality, and clean air. The key threats to biodiversity in our neighbourhood are vegetation clearing, residential subdivision, weeds, feral animals, water pollution, air pollution and noise.

Kuranda Envirocare strongly supports calls for the Barnwell property to be converted to protected area in order to protect a range of threatened species in the Myola area.

These threatened species include the Kuranda tree-frog (*Litoria myola*) and the Myola palm (*Archontophoenix myolensis*). Both are local endemic species to the Myola area and both are endangered. The Barnwell property represents critical habitat for both these species as substantial populations of both species fall on this proposed development site.

The development of this site will likely reduce the resilience of this local species and potentially lead to the extinction of both.

For these reasons we strongly support the proposed purchase and protection of the Barnwell property.

We look forward to your support of this proposal.

Regards

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