

8.1 J FITZGERALD - RECONFIGURING A LOT - SUBDIVISION (1 INTO 2 LOTS) - LOT 142 ON NR506 - 374 HODZIC ROAD, BIBOOHRA - RAL/25/0012**Date Prepared:** 24 June 2025**Author:** Coordinator Planning Services**Attachments:** 1. Proposal Plan**APPLICATION DETAILS**

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	J Fitzgerald	ADDRESS	374 Hodzic Road, Biboohra
DATE LODGED	13 May 2025	RPD	Lot 142 on NR506
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Reconfiguring a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)		
FILE NO	RAL/25/0012	AREA	129.499 hectares
LODGED BY	Freshwater Planning Pty Ltd	OWNER	J Fitzgerald
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Rural zone		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Impact Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	Nil		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of a development application described in the above application details.

The application is impact assessable and no properly made submissions were received in response to public notification of the application.

The application and supporting material has been assessed against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 and does not conflict with any relevant planning instrument.

The level of assessment for the application was increased to impact assessable due to parts of the site falling within the Extreme Flood Hazard Area of the Planning Scheme's Flood Hazard Overlay. Notwithstanding, both proposed lots will contain significant area free from the mapped flood hazard to allow for future development.

Draft conditions were provided to the Applicant / care of their consultant and have been agreed.

It is recommended that the application be approved in full with conditions.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. That in relation to the following development application:

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and in accordance with the Planning Act 2016, the applicant be notified that the application for a development permit for the development specified in (A) is:

Approved by Council in accordance with the approved plans/documents listed in (B), subject to assessment manager conditions in (C), assessment manager's advice in (D), relevant period in (E), further permits in (F), and further approvals from Council listed in (G);

And

The assessment manager does not consider that the assessment manager's decision conflicts with a relevant instrument.

(A) APPROVED DEVELOPMENT: Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)

(B) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
Ref:9824	Plan of Lots 1 & 2 Cancelling Lot 142 on NR506	Twine Surveys Pty Ltd	16.04.2025

(C) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

(a) Development assessable against the Planning Scheme

1. Development must be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans and the facts and circumstances of the use as submitted with the application, and subject to any alterations:
 - found necessary by the Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and
 - to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.
2. Timing of Effect
 - 2.1 The conditions of the development permit must be complied with to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer prior to the endorsement of the plan of survey for the development, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

3. General

- 3.1 The development approval would not have been issued if not for the conditions requiring the construction of infrastructure or the payment of infrastructure charges/contributions within the conditions of approval.
- 3.2 The applicant/developer is responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.
- 3.3 All payments or bonds required to be made to the Council pursuant to any condition of this approval must be made prior to the endorsement of the plan of survey and at the rate applicable at the time of payment.
- 3.4 The developer must relocate (in accordance with FNQROC standards) any services such as water, sewer, drainage, telecommunications and electricity that are not wholly located within the lots that are being created/serviced where required by the relevant authority, unless approved by Council's delegated officer.
- 3.5 Where utilities (such as sewers on non-standard alignments) traverse lots to service another lot, easements must be created in favour of Council for access and maintenance purposes. The developer is to pay all costs (including Council's legal expenses) to prepare and register the easement documents.
- 3.6 Where approved existing buildings and structures are to be retained, setbacks to any new property boundaries are to be in accordance with Planning Scheme requirements for the relevant structure and/or Queensland Development Code.
- 3.7 All works must be designed, constructed and carried out in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements (as amended) and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.
- 3.8 Charges

All outstanding rates, charges, and expenses pertaining to the land are to be paid in full.
- 3.9 Bushfire Management

A Bushfire Hazard Management Plan for the development must be prepared by a suitably qualified person/s. The Bushfire Hazard Management Plan must demonstrate compliance with the relevant performance outcomes of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code.

The development must comply with the requirements of the Bushfire Hazard Management Plan at all times.
- 3.10 Hodzic Road road reserve

At time of survey of the allotments, additional road reserve is to be opened for Hodzic Road to ensure that the Hodzic Road road reserve achieves a

minimum width of at least ten (10) metres on both sides of the centreline of the existing Hodzic Road formation.

Compliance with Condition 3.10 will offset the adopted infrastructure charge payable for this development.

4. Infrastructure Services and Standards

4.1 Access

New or existing access crossovers must be upgraded/constructed (from the edge of Hodzic Road to the property boundaries of Lots 1 and 2) in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

4.2 Stormwater Drainage

- (a) The applicant/developer must take all necessary steps to ensure a non-worsening effect on surrounding land as a consequence of the development.
- (b) All stormwater drainage collected from the site must be discharged to an approved legal point of discharge.

4.3 Water Supply

At the time of construction of a dwelling on proposed Lot 1, a water supply must be provided via:

- (a) a bore or bores are provided in accordance with the Design Guidelines set out in the Planning Scheme Policy 4 – FNQROC Regional Development Manual; or
- (b) on-site water storage tank/s:
 - (i) with a minimum capacity of 90,000L; and
 - (ii) which are installed and connected prior to the occupation of the dwelling; or
- (c) Water access rights to a perennial watercourse.

4.4 Wastewater Disposal

At the time of construction of a future dwelling or outbuilding on proposed Lot 1, any associated on-site effluent disposal system must be constructed in compliance with the latest version On-Site Domestic Wastewater Management Standard (ASNZ1547) to the satisfaction of the Council's delegated officer.

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

- (a) An Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice has been issued with respect to the approved development. The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice details the type of infrastructure charge/s, the amount of the charge/s and when the charge/s are payable.
- (b) The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice does not include all charges or payments that are payable with respect to the approved development. A number of other charges

or payments may be payable as conditions of approval. The applicable fee is set out in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule for each respective financial year.

(c) Endorsement Fees

Council charges a fee for the endorsement of a Survey Plan, Community Management Statements, easement documents, and covenants. The fee is set out in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule applicable for each respective financial year.

(d) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

The development must be carried out to ensure compliance with the provisions of Council's Local Laws, Planning Scheme Policies, Planning Scheme and Planning Scheme Codes to the extent they have not been varied by a condition of this approval.

(e) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The applicant is advised that referral may be required under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* if the proposed activities are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance. Further information on these matters can be obtained from www.dcceew.gov.au.

(f) Cultural Heritage

In carrying out the activity the applicant must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure that no harm is done to Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care"). The applicant will comply with the cultural heritage duty of care if the applicant acts in accordance with gazetted cultural heritage duty of care guidelines. An assessment of the proposed activity against the duty of care guidelines will determine whether or to what extent Aboriginal cultural heritage may be harmed by the activity. Further information on cultural heritage, together with a copy of the duty of care guidelines and cultural heritage search forms, may be obtained from www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au.

(g) Electric Ants

Electric ants are designated as restricted biosecurity matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

Certain restrictions and obligations are placed on persons dealing with electric ant carriers within the electric ant restricted zone. Movement restrictions apply in accordance with Sections 74–77 of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016*. Penalties may be imposed on movement of electric ant carriers and electric ants in contravention of the legislated restrictions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check if the nominated property lies within a restricted zone.

All persons within and outside the electric ant biosecurity zone have an obligation (a **general biosecurity obligation**) to manage biosecurity risks and threats that are under their control, they know about, or they are expected to know about. Penalties may apply for failure to comply with a general biosecurity obligation.

For more information please visit the electric ant website at [Electric ants in Queensland](#) | [Business Queensland](#) or contact Biosecurity Queensland 13 25 23.

(E) RELEVANT PERIOD

When approval lapses if development not started (s.85)

- Reconfiguring a Lot – four (4) years (starting the day the approval takes effect);

(F) OTHER NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND/OR COMPLIANCE PERMITS

- Nil

(G) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

- Access approval arising from condition number 4.1

2. That an Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice be issued for the following infrastructure charge/s for:

Development Type	Rate	Measure	Charge	Credit Detail	Balance
	\$ per Lot (40% reduction of standard charge for no town water/sewer)	Lots		Lots	
Rural	\$13,478.40	2 Lots	\$26,956.80	1 lot	\$13,478.40
TOTAL CURRENT AMOUNT OF CHARGE					\$13,478.40

THE SITE

The subject site is situated at 374 Hodzic Road, Bibbohra, and is more particularly described as Lot 142 on NR506. The site is irregular in shape with an area of 129.499 hectares and is zoned Rural under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

The site has approximately 2 kilometres of frontage to Hodzic Road which is formed to a rural gravel road standard for this entire frontage. Hodzic Road intersects the site separating it into two (2) portions. The site is accessed from Hodzic Road via existing crossovers.

The site is improved by a dwelling house and multiple outbuildings, most of which are clustered around a farm dam in proximity to site's western boundary. An onsite water supply and effluent disposal system are connected to the dwelling. Electricity and telecommunication services are provided to site.

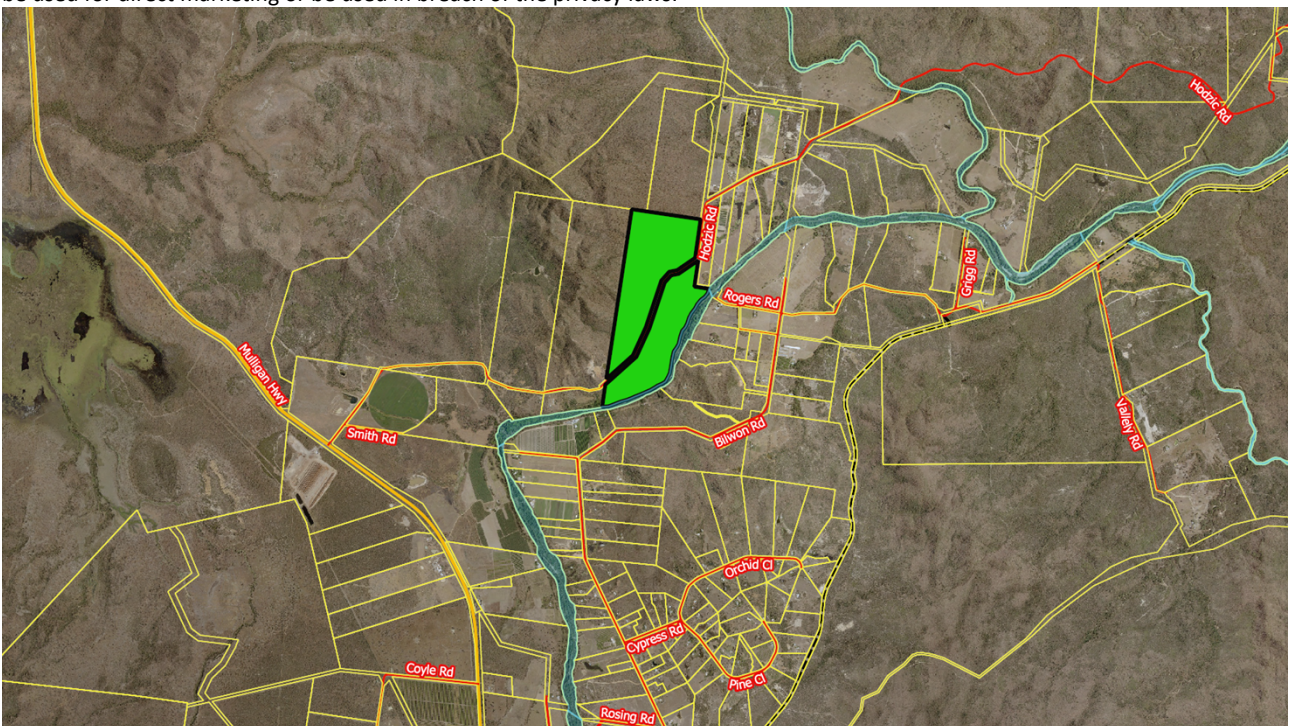
The site is primarily used for animal husbandry purposes.

The south-eastern boundary of the site adjoins the Barron River. All adjoining lots are zoned rural.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Nil

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS & APPROVALS

Nil

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The development application seeks a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 lots) in accordance with the plans shown in **Attachment 1**.

The applicant proposes the subdivision of the subject site into the following allotments:

- Proposed Lot 1 - area of 68.54 hectares, frontage of approximately 843 metres to Hodzic Road;
- Proposed Lot 2 - area of 60.96 hectares, frontage of 1,188 metres to Hodzic Road.

Proposed Lot 2 will contain the existing dwelling house and outbuildings. Access to this lot will continue via the established crossover onto Hodzic Road.

Access to proposed Lot 1 will be via a new crossover onto Hodzic Road.

REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject site is included within the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area land use category in the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031. The Regional Plan Map 3- 'Areas of Ecological Significance' also identifies the site is:

- *Strategic Rehabilitation Area*
- *Local Conservation Corridors*
- *State & Regional Conservation Corridors*
- *Wetland Area of General Ecological Significance*
- *Terrestrial Area of High Ecological Significance*
- *Terrestrial Area of General Ecological Significance*

PLANNING SCHEME DESIGNATIONS

Strategic Framework:	Land Use Categories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural other Natural Environment Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biodiversity Areas• Habitat Linkage Other Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major Watercourse
Zone:	Rural zone
Overlays:	Bushfire hazard overlay Environmental significance overlay Flood hazard overlay Hill and slope overlay Transport infrastructure overlay

RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

Assessment of the proposed development against the relevant planning instruments is summarised as follows:

Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031

Separate assessment against the Regional Plan is not required because the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme appropriately advances the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031, as it applies to the planning scheme area.

State Planning Policy

Separate assessment against the State Planning Policy (SPP) is not required because the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme appropriately integrates all relevant aspects of the SPP.

Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

Strategic Framework

3.3 *Settlement pattern and built environment*

3.3.1 Strategic outcomes

- (9) New subdivisions which propose lots less than the minimum lot size of 60ha are not supported within the Rural zone, except for where:
 - (a) The subdivision results in no additional lots (boundary realignment) and does not create an additional *rural lifestyle* lot or *rural residential purposes* lot; or
 - (b) The subdivision is limited to one additional lot created to accommodate a *public reconfiguration purpose*.

Comment

Both proposed rural lots will exceed 60 hectares in area. The development complies with the strategic outcome.

Relevant Developments Codes

The following Development Codes are considered to be applicable to the assessment of the application:

- 6.2.9 Rural zone code
- 8.2.3 Bushfire hazard overlay code
- 8.2.4 Environmental significance overlay code
- 8.2.6 Flood hazard overlay code
- 8.2.8 Hill and slope overlay code
- 9.4.2 Landscaping code
- 9.4.3 Parking and access code
- 9.4.4 Reconfiguring a lot code
- 9.4.5 Works, services and infrastructure code

The application included a planning report and assessment against the planning scheme. An officer assessment has found that the application satisfies the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome applies) of the relevant codes set out below, provided reasonable and relevant conditions are attached to any approval.

Relevant Codes	Comments
Rural zone code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Bushfire hazard overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Environmental significance overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Flood hazard overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Hill and slope overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Landscaping code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Parking and access code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Reconfiguring a lot code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Works, services and infrastructure code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.

Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

All development works will be conditioned to be designed and constructed in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual.

Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice

In accordance with Council's Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 1) 2025, a standard charge of \$22,464.00 applies to each additional residential allotment created, where serviced by the following five (5) trunk infrastructure networks:

- Transport network (roads);
- Public parks and land for community facilities network;
- Water supply network;
- Sewerage network; and
- Stormwater network

Part 4.1(d) of Council's Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 1) 2025, a 40% discount will be applied to development charges where no connection to Council's reticulated water and sewer network exists.

- \$20,768.00 - 40% = \$13,478.40 per additional allotment.

The application proposes the creation of one (1) additional lot; therefore, the applicable charge is **\$13,478.40**.

REFERRAL AGENCY

This application did not trigger referral to a Referral Agency.

Internal Consultation

The Hodzic Road constructed pavement is off alignment in multiple sections along the frontage with the subject site. To correct the alignment issue, it is proposed to require the applicant to open new road reserve to extend the Hodzic Road road reserve to at least 10 metres from the existing constructed road centreline.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The development proposal was placed on public notification from 28 May 2025 to 20 June 2025. The applicant submitted the notice of compliance on 23 June 2025 advising that the public notification requirements were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

No submissions were received.

PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nil

