

**DELEGATED REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** C MCCONAGHY – RECONFIGURING A LOT – SUBDIVISION (1 INTO 2 LOTS) – LOT 3 ON SP190078 – 22 MEADOW ROAD, JULATTEN – RAL/25/0001

**DATE:** 10 February 2025

**REPORT OFFICER'S**

**TITLE:** Supervisor Planning & Building

**DEPARTMENT:** Corporate and Community Services

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	C McConaghy	ADDRESS	22 Meadow Road, Julatten
DATE LODGED	10 January 2025	RPD	Lot 3 on SP190078
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Reconfiguring a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)		

FILE NO	RAL/25/0001	AREA	2.966 hectares
LODGED BY	C McConaghy	OWNER	C McConaghy
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Rural Residential zone		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Code Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	n/a		

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Proposal Plan/s

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The application is code assessable and was not required to undergo public notification.

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.

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 lot into 2 lots)

(B) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
-	Proposed Lot Layout	-	-

(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 within the conditions of approval.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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 Any existing buildings or structures and/or incidental works that straddle the new boundaries must be altered, demolished or removed, as required, to align with the new property boundaries and/or be wholly contained within a new allotment, unless approved by Council's delegated officer.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 All works must be designed, constructed and carried out in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.
- 3.9 Charges

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

### 4. Infrastructure Services and Standards

#### 4.1 Access

The existing access crossovers must be upgraded/constructed (from the edge of Meadow 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

A water supply must be provided for each proposed lot 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.
- (c) Water access rights to a perennial watercourse.

#### 4.4 On-Site Wastewater Management

All on site wastewater disposal associated with the approved development must be in compliance with the latest version of On-Site Domestic Wastewater Management Standard (ASNZ1547) to the satisfaction of the Council's delegated officer.

#### 4.5 Electricity provision/supply

The applicant/developer must ensure that an appropriate level of electricity supply is provided to each allotment in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards (as amended) to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

Written advice from an Electricity Service Provider is to be provided to Council indicating that an agreement has been made for the provision of power reticulation.

#### 4.6 Telecommunications

The applicant/developer must demonstrate that a connection to the national broadband network is available for each allotment, or alternatively, enter into an agreement with a telecommunication carrier to provide telecommunication services to each lot and arrange provision of necessary conduits and enveloping pipes.

## (D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.qld.gov.au](http://www.dcceew.qld.gov.au).

(d) 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](http://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au).

(e) 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](http://Electric ants in Queensland | Business Queensland) or contact Biosecurity Queensland 13 25 23.

**(F) RELEVANT PERIOD**

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

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

**(G) OTHER NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND/OR COMPLIANCE PERMITS**

- Nil

**(H) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL**

- Access approval arising from condition number 4.1

**THE SITE**

The subject site is situated at 22 Meadow Road, Julatten and is more particularly described as Lot 3 on SP190078. The site is irregular in shape with an area of 2.966 hectares and is zoned Rural Residential under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

The site includes approximately 104 metres of frontage to Meadow Road which is constructed to bitumen sealed standard with a varying width. Access is gained from Meadow Road via two (2) existing crossover.

The site is improved by two (2) dwelling houses and multiple outbuildings which are located in two (2) clusters, centrally separated by dense rainforest type vegetation.

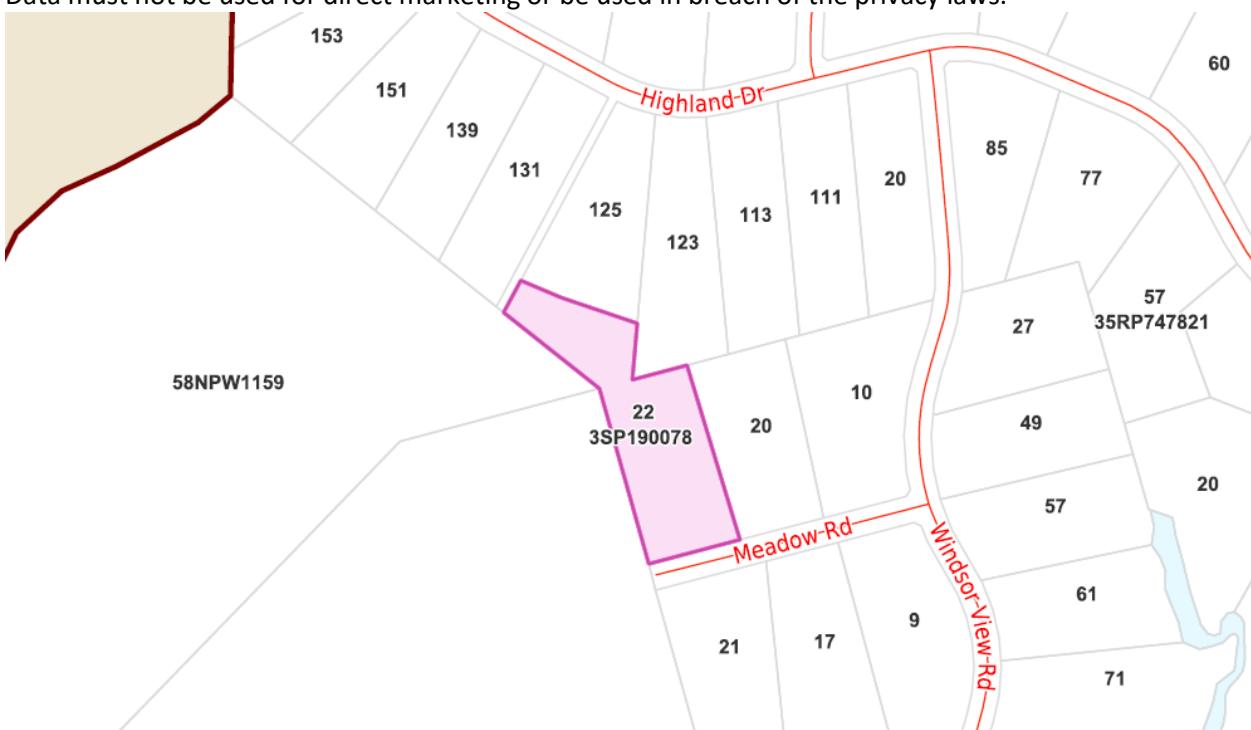
Onsite water supplies and wastewater disposal systems are in place for each dwelling house. The subject site is connected to the electricity grid and telecommunication services.

Adjoining lots to the north, south and east are zoned Rural Residential and are used as lifestyle lots and generally include single dwellings and outbuildings. Land to the west comprises of National Park and a large rural grazing lot.



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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:

- Lot 1 - area of approximately 7,900m<sup>2</sup>, frontage of approximately 56 metres to Meadow Road; and
- Lot 2 - area of 2.176 hectares, frontage of approximately 48 metres frontage to Meadow Road.

Both proposed lots will contain one of the site's existing dwelling houses. Access and servicing arrangements will be altered where necessary to ensure services are within their respective lot, or otherwise secured by easement.

Both lots will continue to be serviced with onsite water and wastewater systems, reticulated electricity and NBN services.

## REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject site is included within the Rural Living 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:

- *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:	<b>Land Use Categories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rural Residential Area</li></ul> <b>Natural Environmental Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biodiversity Areas</li></ul>
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Zone:	Rural Residential Zone (2 Hectare Precinct)
Overlays:	Agricultural Land Overlay Environmental Significance Overlay Residential Dwelling House and Outbuilding Overlay Transport Infrastructure Overlay

## RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

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

**(a) 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.

**(b) 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.

**(c) Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016**

### Relevant Development Codes

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

- 6.2.10 Rural residential zone code
- 8.2.1 Agricultural land overlay code
- 8.2.4 Environmental significance 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 did not include a planning report and assessment against the planning scheme. An officer assessment has found that the application satisfies the relevant acceptable outcomes contained within the codes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome has been provided). Where the proposal does not satisfy an acceptable outcome, it has been demonstrated that compliance can be achieved with the higher order performance outcome/s. It is considered the proposed development can comply with the relevant development codes provided reasonable and relevant conditions are attached to any approval.

Relevant Codes	Comments
Rural residential 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.

Agricultural land 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.
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 apart from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptable Outcome AO1.1</li> </ul> Further commentary is provided in the planning discussion section of report.
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.

**(e) Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan**

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

A condition will be attached to any approval requiring all development works be designed and constructed in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards.

**(f) Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice**

No additional vacant allotment will be created.

**REFERRAL AGENCY**

This application did not trigger referral to a Referral Agency.

**Internal Consultation**

Not applicable.

**PLANNING DISCUSSION**

Compliance with the Performance Outcomes and Purpose of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code is summarised as follows:

## Reconfiguring a Lot Code

### **PO1**

*Lots include an area and frontage that:*

- (a) *is consistent with the design of lots in the surrounding area;*
- (b) *allows the desired amenity of the zone to be achieved;*
- (c) *is able to accommodate all buildings, structures and works associated with the intended land use;*
- (d) *allow the site to be provided with sufficient access;*
- (e) *considers the proximity of the land to:*
  - (i) *centres;*
  - (ii) *public transport services; and*
  - (iii) *open space; and*
- (f) *allows for the protection of environmental features; and*
- (g) *accommodates site constraints.*

### **AO1.1**

*Lots provide a minimum area and frontage in accordance with **Table 9.4.4.3B**.*

### Comment

The subject site is within the 2 hectare rural residential precinct and the proposed lots would fail to comply with Table 9.4.4.3B. Assessment is therefore required against PO1.

The proposed lot sizes are smaller than the predominant 2 hectare rural residential lot size, however they are not unique in the Julatten locality.

Both proposed lots will allow the desired amenity to be maintained.

Both proposed lots have sufficient area to accommodate an established dwelling house and associated outbuildings.

Both proposed lots will continue to be accessed via there existing dwelling house accesses.

The proximity of both lots to services/facilities is consistent with every other rural residential lot in Julatten.

The proposed subdivision will not result in further vegetation loss or habitat impacts.

Both proposed lots are have adequate constraint free building area and already accommodate a dwelling house.

The proposed lots are considered to comply with PO1.

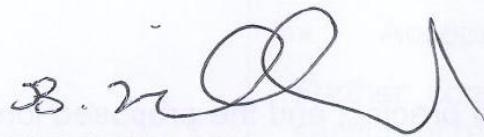
**Date Prepared:** 10 February 2025

DECISION BY DELEGATE

DECISION

Having considered the Supervisor Planning & Building's report detailed above, I approve, as a delegate of Council, the application subject to the conditions listed in the report.

Dated the 10th day of FEBRUARY 2025



**BRIAN MILLARD**  
**COORDINATOR PLANNING & BUILDING**

MAREEBA SHIRE  
AS A DELEGATE OF THE COUNCIL

## ATTACHMENT 1

## PROPOSAL PLANS



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