
MAJOR AMENDMENT NO.1 OF 2023

**MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING
SCHEME 2016**

**Subdivision in the Rural zone
Consultation Report**



Public Consultation Summary

Mareeba Shire Council has carried out public consultation on Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 – Subdivision in the Rural zone in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*, the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules* and the Communications Strategy for Major Amendment No.1 of 2023.

The following specific public notice requirements were undertaken:

1. The consultation period commenced on 30 August 2023 and ended on 27 September 2023 (21 business days).
 2. A public notice was published in The Express newspaper on 30 August 2023 (**Attachment 1**).
 3. A second notice was published in the Kuranda Paper September 2023 edition (**Attachment 2**).
 4. The public notice, a copy of Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 and a fact sheet were made available to view and download from the Mareeba Shire Council website (**Attachment 3**) and maintained for the duration of the consultation period.
 5. A press release was published in The Express newspaper on 6 September 2023 and a post regarding the amendment's consultation period was made on Council's Facebook Page on 30 August 2023 (**Attachment 4**). The press release was sent to multiple local media outlets.
 6. A letter was sent to all adjoining Local Governments informing them of Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 (**Attachment 5**).
 7. Static displays were established at the Mareeba customer service centre, Mareeba and Kuranda libraries providing hard copies of the planning scheme amendment for viewing; information on how to prepare a submission; and fact sheet about the planning scheme amendment (**Attachment 6**).
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Consideration of Submissions

Nine (9) submissions were received about Major Amendment No.1 of 2023. A copy of each submission is included as **Attachment 7**.

The submitters are as follows:

1. Nadine O'Brien, 345 Fantin Road, Koah QLD 4881 nadine_obrien@yahoo.com.au
2. Cheryl Tonkin, 76 High Chapparral Road, Myola QLD 4881 cheryl.tonkin@gmail.com
3. Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery, 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda QLD 4881 kurandaconservation@hotmail.com
4. Luciano Ceciliot, 76 High Chapparral Road, Myola QLD 4881 johnnolad@gmail.com
5. John and Kathryn Edwards, 28 Monaro Close, Kuranda QLD 4881 jandkedwards@bigpond.com
6. Gianni Barbetti, 27 Clohesy River Road, Koah QLD 4881 john.barbetti@bigpond.com
7. Ray Ganley, 77 Monaro Close, Kuranda QLD 4881 jajanti1@bigpond.com
8. Johanna Martin, 451 Oak Forest Road, Kuranda QLD 4881 jo@ojoonline.com
9. Tammy Tiraboschi, PO Box 867, Mareeba QLD 4880 thelimeman@bigpond.com

Minister's Guidelines and Rules

Sections 18, 19 and 20 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules establish the process for public consultation and Council's subsequent consideration of submissions.

18. Public consultation

18.1. *The local government may only commence public consultation after-*

- a) *complying with the Minister's conditions, if any, that apply to the proposed amendment given under section 17.5; and*
- b) *if relevant, giving notice under Chapter 4, part 1, section 3.3(b).*

18.2. *Public consultation must be undertaken-*

- a) *for a period of at least 20 days; and*
- b) *in accordance with-*
 - i. *the public notice requirements prescribed in the Act;*
 - ii. *the public notice requirements prescribed under Schedule 4; and*
 - iii. *the communications strategy given by the Minister under section 17.5.*

18.3. *The local government must consider every properly made submission about the proposed amendment and may consider other submissions.*

18.4. *Following the end of public consultation, the local government must prepare a*

consultation report about how the local government has dealt with properly made submissions, which is-

- a) provided to each person who made a properly made submission;⁷ and*
- b) available to view and download on the local government's website; or*
- c) available to inspect and purchase in each of the local government's offices.*

18.5. If the local government proposes to make changes to the proposed amendment under section 19, the actions under sections 18.3 and 18.4 may be deferred until after all applicable actions under section 19 have been undertaken.

19. Changing the proposed amendment

19.1. The local government may make changes to the proposed amendment to-

- a) address issues raised in submissions;*
- b) amend a drafting error; or*
- c) address new or changed planning circumstances or information.*

19.2. The local government must ensure any changes continue to appropriately integrate and address relevant state interests, including those identified in the state interest review.

20. Effect of changes on public consultation

20.1. If the local government changes the proposed amendment and the change results in the proposed amendment being significantly different to the version released for public consultation, the local government must repeat the public consultation required for the proposed amendment.

20.2. The local government may limit the public consultation to only those aspects of the proposed amendment that have changed.

20.3. If consultation has been repeated, the local government must take the actions required under sections 18.3 and 18.4 for the repeated consultation.

Submission 1 – Nadine O'Brien

Summary

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The submitter believes there is a significant risk of negative impacts from the 12 listed *public reconfiguration purposes*.

The submitter further asks Council to acknowledge that code assessment is simply a decision by the CEO, and that impact assessment would allow assessment of these applications to benefit from community and other views.

Officer comments

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For majority of these public uses, the material change of use application process will provide the community with reasonable opportunity to make comment on the development.

Requiring a second public consultation process for the ancillary reconfiguring a lot application process is excessive and unreasonable.

In respect of the delegation of certain code assessable applications, there appears to be some misunderstanding regarding how delegated decisions are made.

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Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 1.

Submission 2 – Cheryl Tonkin

Summary

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Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 2.

Submission 3 – Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery

Summary

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Recommendation

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Submission 4 – Luciano Ceciliot

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Recommendation

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Submission 5 – John and Kathryn Edwards

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Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 5.

Submission 6 – Gianni Barbetti

Summary

The submitter opposes Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 and supports Council having the authority to approve rural reconfiguring a lot applications less than 60 hectares subject to:

- The land not being GQAL;
- The reconfiguration aligns with identified residential/commercial growth;
- Protection of regulated vegetation and biodiversity.

The submitter further proposes that land to the east & south-east of the Kennedy Highway between Speewah Road and Clohesy River Road be zoned Rural Residential.

Officer comments

The allocation of additional Rural Residential zoned land is beyond the scope of the current proposed amendment and would result in a major change to the amendment. A major change would require the amendment process to recommence from the beginning.

Council has the option of considering zoning allocation and rural precincts as part of the full review on the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 in the lead up to the ten (10) year anniversary of the planning scheme in 2026.

The Koah area has long been identified as a potential future urban growth area and this remains the case for the medium to long term.

Council officers have already included this matter on the list of items to be considered during the future planning scheme review.

Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 6.

Submission 7 – Ray Ganley

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Submission 8 – Johanna Martin

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Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 8.

Submission 9 – Tammy Tiraboschi

Summary

The submitter is supportive of Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 and its protection of rural zoned land (and GQAL) from loss through fragmentation and encroachment of inappropriate development.

The submitter has further proposed that Council review the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 in relation to large-scale manufacturing and medium-high density accommodation uses that can be established within the rural zone. The submitter believes that these uses also have the potential to fragment and adversely impact on the rural zone.

Finally, the submitter has raised the potential for the planning scheme to be amended to allow for an additional dwelling house/s to be constructed on rural lots to allow for “next generation farmers” to also reside on farms.

Officer comments

The submitter’s support for Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 is noted.

As with Submission 6, the other review suggestions are beyond the scope of the current proposed amendment and would result in a major change to the amendment. A major change would require the amendment process to recommence from the beginning.

The other review suggestions are certainly worthy of further consideration as part of the full review on the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 in the lead up to the ten (10) year anniversary of the planning scheme in 2026.

Council officers will include both suggestions on the list of items to be considered during the future planning scheme review.

It should be noted that the current planning scheme would allow for next generation farmers to reside on site by way of the caretaker’s accommodation/rural workers’ accommodation application process.

Recommendation

That Council make no change to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 in response to Submission 9.

Attachment 1

CLASSIFIEDS

POSITION VACANT

IMPACT ACCOUNTING NQ

BOOKKEEPER

We are looking for a Bookkeeper to join our growing firm in Atherton.

We are a firm focused on teamwork and value customer service. We understand the need for flexibility and the role is negotiable with casual, part-time or full-time hours that suit an employee's lifestyle. Our firm uses XERO software, so experience would be an advantage.

Role and Tasks

- Monthly and Quarterly BAS processing
- Manage workflow to ensure deadlines are met
- Direct contact with clients via email and phone for any queries

Skills and Experience

- Will enjoy meeting and communicating with clients
- High level of attention to detail
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Practical experience with bookkeeping software including Xero, MYOB
- Working in a team focused environment.

Please forward all applications to:
admin@impactnq.com

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ACCOUNTANT

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This role entails the preparation of tax returns and financial statements for a varied range of business activities and entity structures, with a focus on building relationships with clients. Our clients use a mixture of XERO, Quickbooks and MYOB accounting packages. To be successful in this role you will be able to work to deadlines and enjoy contributing to a professional team environment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Mareeba Community Housing Company invites tenders from suitably qualified trades for the exterior painting of 14 dwellings managed by the Company in the Mareeba Shire locations of Dimbulah, Mt Molloy, Kuranda and Mareeba.

The scope includes necessary preparation for clear access for equipment and supply of all materials to complete the works.

Tender documents are available on the Company website <https://www.mchc.org.au> and on request by contacting the office located at 212 Walsh Street, Mareeba 4492 6899 or email: reception@mchc.org.au.

The closing date for the tender is Friday 22nd September 2023 at 4.00pm. The lowest or any tender will not be necessarily accepted.

Patricia Goldfinch, General Manager



Mareeba Community Housing Company invites tenders from suitably qualified trades for multiple (6) kitchen replacements in the Mareeba Shire location of Mt Molloy, Kuranda and Mareeba.

The scope includes removal of existing and installation of new kitchens set out in the scope MCHC 001 to meet quality standards.

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NOTICE OF AGM Tablelands Outdoor Recreation Association Inc.

At 9 Main Street, Atherton
Monday 18 September, 2023 at 1.30pm
Enquiries: tora.enquiries@gmail.com

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MAREEBA A.G.M.

Saturday 2nd September at 10am
345C Byrnes Street, Centenary Park
Email: sec@mhahistoc.org.au
For catering purposes.

BINGO

WEEKLY SUNDAY BINGO

Doors Open 9.00am for a 9.30am Start
Bosca's Burger Bar (Old RSL Building)
80 Byrnes Street, Mareeba

Bring along your Mareeba Shire
History of the Hospital Campaign

hospital
campaign

MAREEBA GOLF CLUB Special General Meeting

AGENDA 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The committee of the Mareeba Golf Club will be holding a Special Meeting to discuss the membership fees for the 2023 - 2024 season.

To be held at the Clubhouse
on the 9th of September, 2023 at 9am

All members are urged to attend.

PETS

ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

NAME: Tyke DOB: 26/11/2010
BREED: Jack Russell

My mum went into a meringue home and I couldn't go with her. I have been with my mum for 11 years, I am looking for a new elderly woman or elderly couple who I can give my love too for the remainder of my life. I need to be an only pet, I am very affectionate, have a beautiful nature, love people, I come vet checked, vaccinated, microchip #19100105236167, de wormed, flea & tick treated, my adoption fee is \$100.

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TYKE - please call
0487 430 443. ETPOS Available

Proposed Development

Make a submission from:
30th August, 2023 to
20th September, 2023

Material Change of Use Dual Occupancy

Where: 32B Charlotte Street, Cooktown
On: Lot 8 on SP208169

Approval Sought: Development Permit -
Material Change of Use

Application Ref: DA/4646

You may obtain a copy of the application
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mail@cook.qld.gov.au
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Public notification requirements are in
accordance with the Planning Act 2016.



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Attachment 2



Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE DEPUTY MAYOR CR. KEVIN DAVIES
Kuranda Tourism, Parks and Open Spaces Upgrades

I would like to take the time to thank residents who attended our recent community consultation sessions in Kuranda.

We used this time to talk about improvements planned for footpaths and lighting in Coondoo Street, as well as a refresh of Anzac Park. Thank you for taking time to come and talk to us about this very special project. The design options are currently under review and we look forward to sharing more information in the coming months.

Waste Management and Illegal Dumping

Council continues to take a strategic and regional approach to waste management to ensure that our practices are leading the way into the future, at the lowest possible cost to residents and ratepayers.

This strategy will see us moving towards a circular economy and we want to become less reliant on landfill. I would like to thank residents who are doing the right thing and continuing to reduce their waste or looking at ways to reuse and recycle items no longer needed.

Unfortunately, we have experienced an increase in items being illegally dumped across the Shire. Illegal dumping is against the law and there are penalties in place for those found to be doing the wrong thing. You can help to keep our Shire clean by reporting illegal dumping to Council on 1300 308 461.

Community Events

With Spring approaching, it is wonderful to know many events in our annual calendar will once again be back in the spotlight. I look forward to the upcoming Kuranda Colour Fest, taking place on Saturday 9 September 2023 and I am sure you do too.

Mareeba Shire Council is a proud supporter of this event and many other events across the Shire. Events make a significant difference to our towns, and I thank the Kuranda Traders Association and many other groups for their outstanding efforts.

Are you planning a community event and want to spread the word? Council offers an online Events Calendar that allows community event organisers to advertise their events on Council's website for free. Submit your event online or email info@msc.qld.gov.au.

Deputy Mayor Cr. Kevin Davies
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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE



NEW MURAL UNVEILED IN KURANDA



The Kuranda community is now home to a new colourful and dramatic mural, Bulmba Ngirra, which incorporates traditional Djabugay language (Ngirra) and symbols.

Local artist Connie Rovina has taken inspiration from the natural surroundings of Kuranda and the artwork features the Barron River, fish, birds and plants found in the Kuranda area.

Ms Connie Rovina said, "I thoroughly enjoyed researching and connecting with traditional history, language and culture of Kuranda while creating the artwork."

Mayor Angela Toppin congratulated Connie and members of the community for working together. "Ms Rovina worked with the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation and traditional owner, Bada Djaygul (Dennis Hunter) around the inclusion of Djabugay cultural heritage within the artwork."

The project was made possible with funding from the Mareeba Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program. RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Mural is the fifth artwork under the Public Mural Action Plan with a total of eleven public murals planned throughout the Shire over three years.

Visit Council's website for more information.

LAND PROTECTION PRIORITISED

Mareeba Shire Council continues to prioritise land protection and weed management activities across the Shire.

Land protection generally takes on some form of partnership, whether that is with neighbouring local government authorities, residents or traditional owner groups. We are seeing more and more evidence that working together results in much greater outcomes for the land.

Land protection is critically important to this Council and a total of twelve wild pigs were trapped and put down in July 2023.

Pig traps were provided to landholders in Kuranda and Speewah. A landholder in Speewah held concerns that the pigs are competing for the cassowary food supply and, as it is the nesting season for cassowaries, the pigs prey on the cassowary eggs. The pig traps provided to landholders are designed to be cassowary safe.

Community members are invited to visit Council's website to know their biosecurity obligation with the aim of identification, removal and eradication of invasive plants and animals. Access Council's Community Biosecurity Plan online.



Cash Donation for the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society.
Pictured: Troy Cassar Daley playing at the Understage.

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT

105 Community Groups and organisations received support from Council in the 2022/23 financial year, valued at over \$380,000.

This significant level of community support was provided through a number of ways including cash and in-kind assistance, rate rebates, interest free loans, discounted hall hire fees and arts and cultural project grants.

Community groups and events make a significant difference to our Shire and our residents, and Council supports the volunteer efforts of groups to enhance the liveability of our towns. By working in partnership, we can achieve so much more than by working alone.

Customers and Community Service Officers are available to provide grant assistance for groups applying for funding. Visit Council's website for more information.



Bilboora Water Tanks



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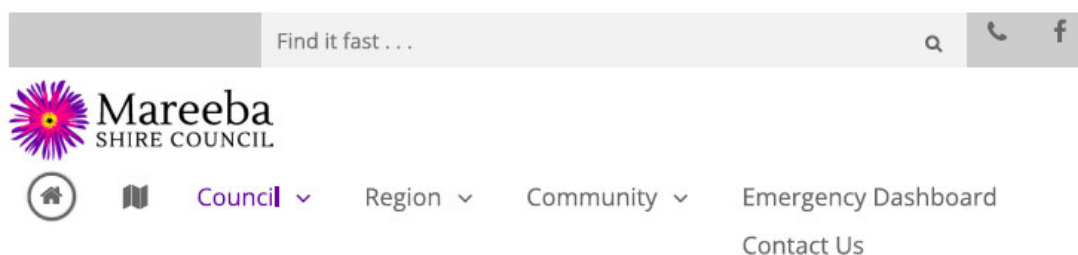
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The subdivision of lots with the Rural zone less than 60 hectares in area would be incompatible with the existing and intended character of the Rural zone and undermine the FNQ Regional Plan. The FNQ Regional Plan aims to protect Rural zoned land from further fragmentation or

encroachment by inappropriate development, particularly urban or rural residential development.



Council is required to amend the planning scheme to address the concerns raised in the making of TLPI 01/2021.

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Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 and related documentation is downloadable below:

[Major Amendment No.1 of 2023](#)

[Fact Sheet](#)

[Communications Strategy for Major Amendment No.1 of 2023](#)

[Temporary Local Planning Instrument No.01 of 2021 \(Subdivision in Rural zone\)](#)

Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 – Subdivision in the rural zone

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 - (viii) a renewable energy facility; or
 - (ix) a substation; or
 - (x) a telecommunications facility; or
 - (xi) a utility installation other than a transport service,
 - (xii) a wind farm.

With the exception of boundary realignments and subdivisions to accommodate a public reconfiguration purpose, subdivisions to create new lots less than 60 hectares within the Rural

zone are not supported by the planning scheme amendment.



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What does Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 change in the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016?

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Attachment 4

Brian Millard

From: Lindie Boonzaaier
Sent: Wednesday, 30 August 2023 3:08 PM
To: Brian Millard; Carl Ewin; Dee Petersen
Cc: Rochelle Harding
Subject: FW: MSC Media Release - Subdivision in the Rural Zone
Attachments: MSC Media Release 30 August 2023 - Subdivision in the Rural zone.pdf

Good afternoon Brian,

- Please see attached media release that has been sent to our 'media release group' this afternoon.
- The website page has been created, and [Public Consultation of Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 - Mareeba Shire Council \(msc.qld.gov.au\)](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au/public-consultation/).
- The Facebook post has been published.



Please let me know if any additional communications is required.

Kind regards,

Lindie Boonzaaier
Corporate Communications Officer



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From: Communications
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MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 30 August 2023



PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT TO PROTECT RURAL ZONE

30 August 2023

An amendment to Mareeba Shire Council's planning scheme is being made to protect the Rural zone from unintended fragmentation through subdivision to create lots less than 60 hectares in area.

Mareeba Shire Council Mayor, Angela Toppin, said, "The amendment to the planning scheme strengthens the provisions relating to subdivision in the Rural zone."

"Under the amendment, a subdivision to create a rural lot less than 60 hectares will require impact assessment except for where no additional lot is created (boundary realignment), or where one additional lot is created to accommodate a public reconfiguration purpose."

Mayor Toppin explains, "Council tabled the amendment at the June Council meeting after the unintended fragmentation concern was identified by the Deputy Premier through the making of *Temporary Local Planning Instrument No. 01 of 2021 (Subdivision in Rural zone) (TLPI)*".

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In general, a subdivision to create a new rural lot less than 60 hectares in area will not be supported under the amended planning scheme.

"I acknowledge the State's concerns with the existing planning scheme and recognised the importance of strengthening the planning scheme's protection of the Rural zone."

On 18 August 2023, the Deputy Premier gave permission for Council to proceed to the public consultation of the planning scheme amendment.

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Planning amendment to protect rural zone

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A photograph of three students in school uniforms sitting at a table. From left to right: a boy with brown hair, a girl with long brown hair, and a boy with brown hair. They are all wearing white short-sleeved shirts with dark blue ties. The boy on the right is holding a pen and looking at a piece of paper. The background shows other students and tables in a school setting.

Classmates from St Stephens Catholic College were among just over 100 school students who attended the Legal Studies Conference at James Cook University in Cairns recently.

The students attended sessions ranging from criminal law to law reform and the proposed changes to the constitution to allow an Indigenous voice to Parliament.

Associate professor and head of law at JCU Jamie Fellows said the annual event attracted students who were interested in the law, whether as a career or as an important institution.

"Like most of us, school students are interested in how the law works, how it might affect them, and how the law can be changed over time," he said.

"Students are engaging with legal issues all the time. This year they had lots of interesting questions on current topics, including social media, vaping, and artificial intelligence."

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Attachment 5



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28 August 2023

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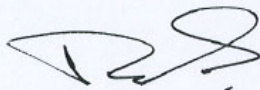
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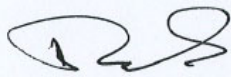
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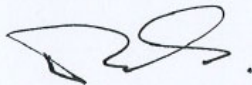
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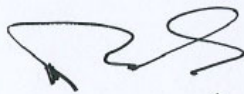
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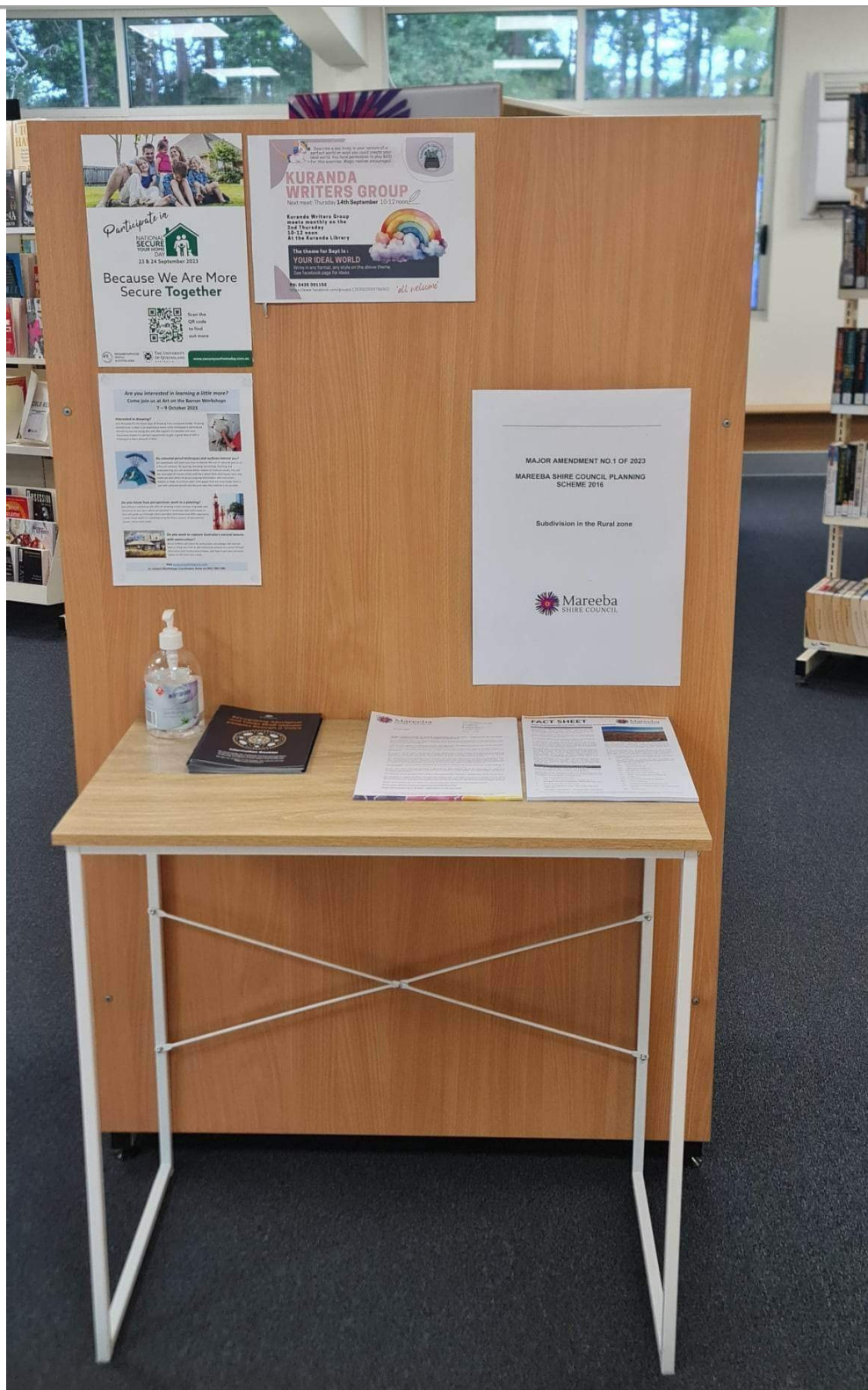
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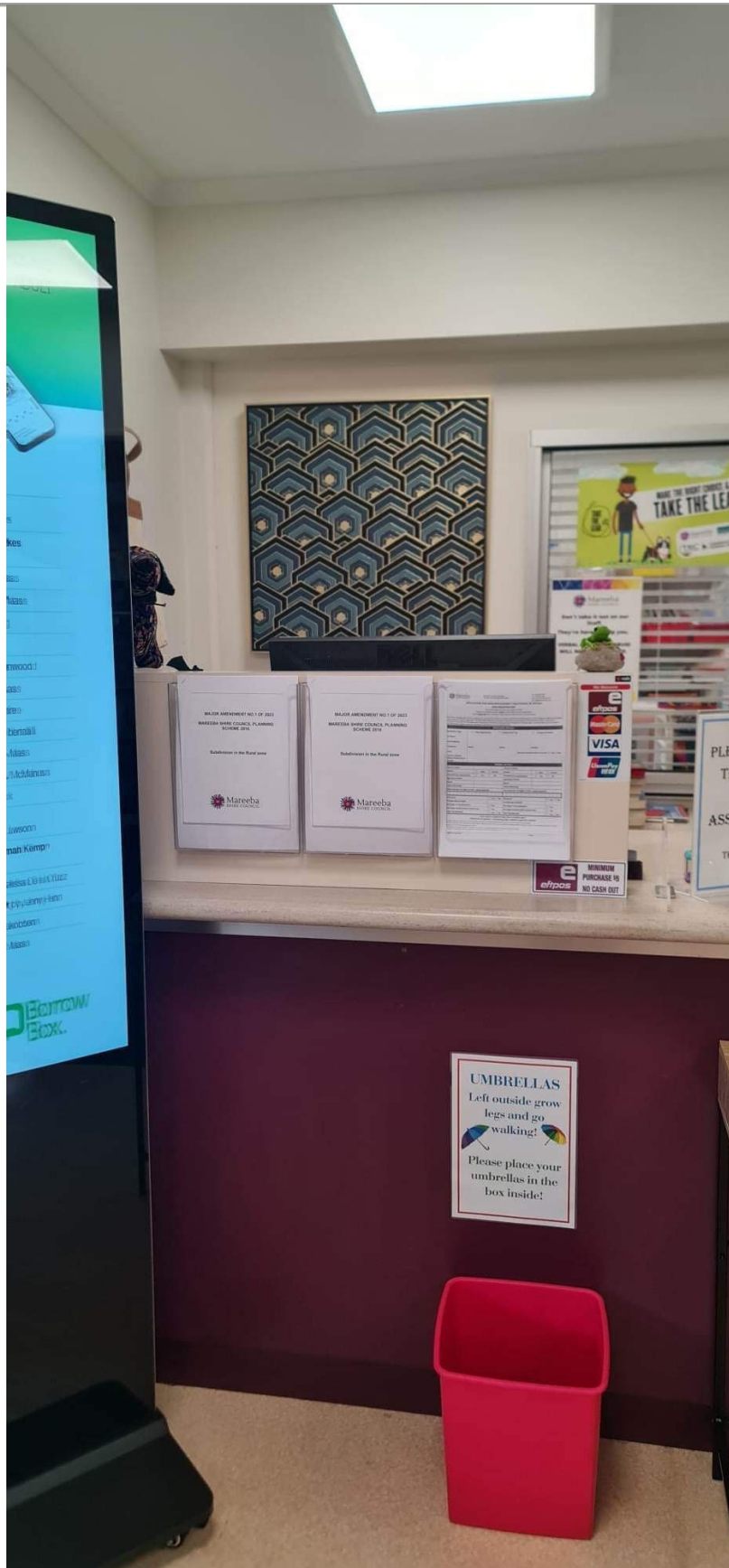
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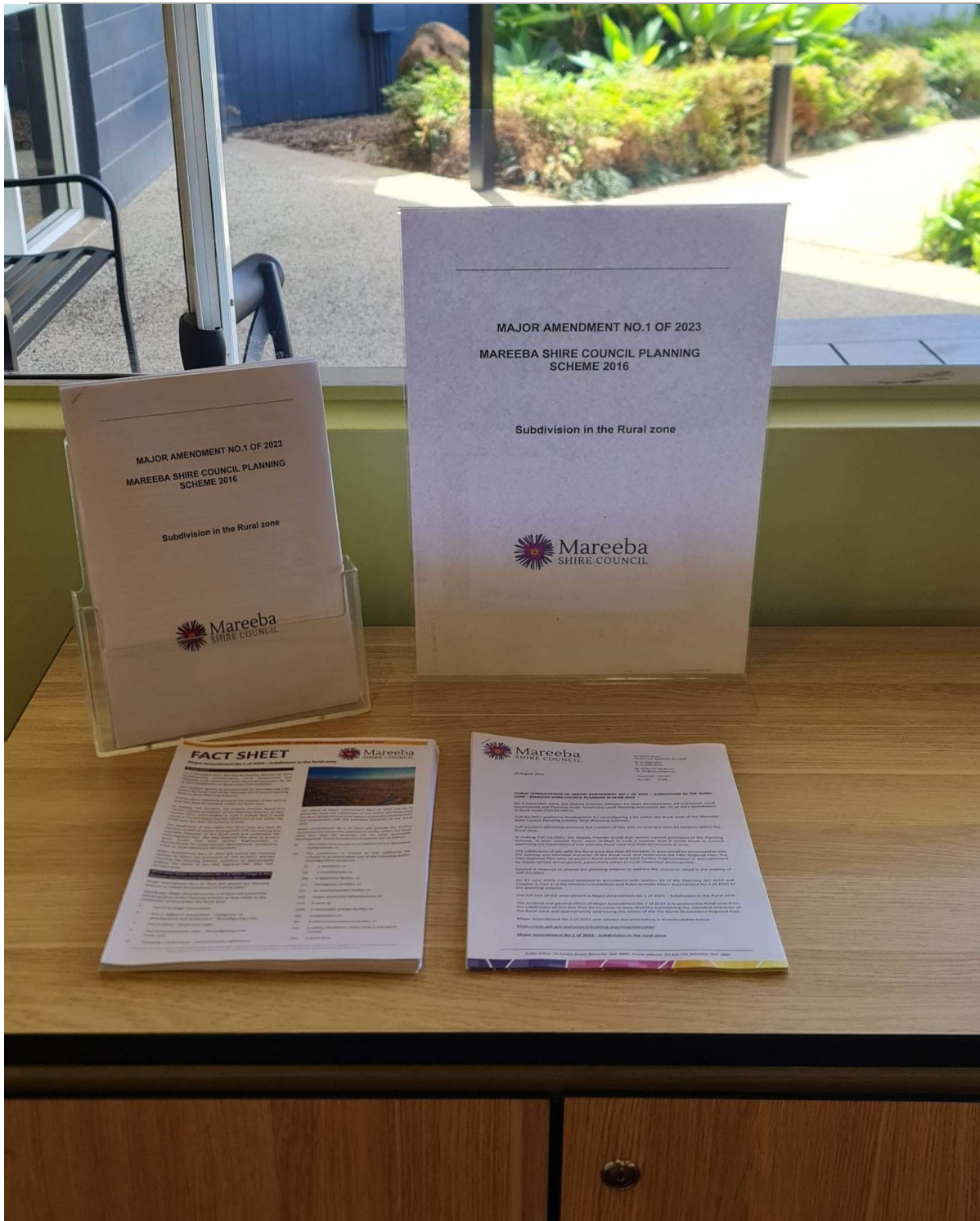
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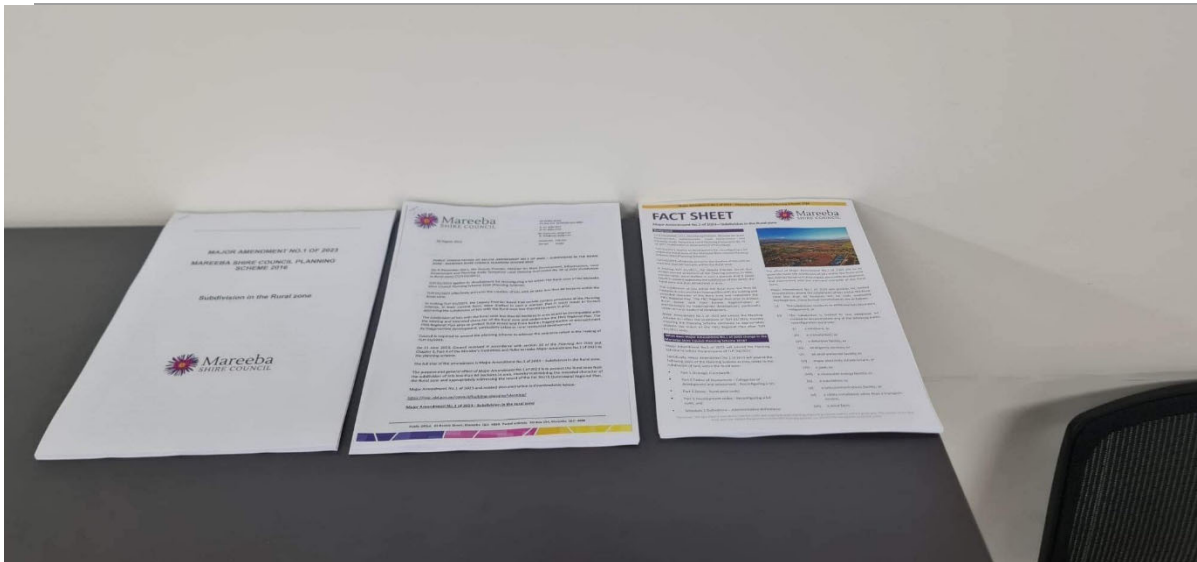
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Mareeba Customer Service Centre – Photo 1



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To the Chief Executive Officer

08 September 2023

Submission to Major Amendment No.1 of 2023

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Submission 2

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Submitted by:

Name: **Cheryl Tonkin**

Address: 76 High Chapparral Rd., Myola.

Signature: *Cheryl Tonkin*

Dated: 11/9/2023

The grounds for my submission are as follows:

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Submission 3

Brian Millard

From: Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery <kurandaconservation@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 1:26 PM
To: Cr Angela Toppin; Cr Kevin Davies; Cr Locky Bensted; Cr Danny Bird; Cr Mary Graham; Cr Mario Mlikota; Cr Lenore Wyatt; Info
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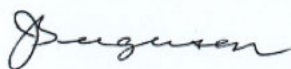
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Name: **Luciano Ceciliot**

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Dated: 12/9/2023

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Submitted by:

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(Street Address:) 28 Monaro Close, Kuranda. Qld. 4881.

(Signature:) John Edwards and Kathryn Edwards

(Dated:) 12 September, 2023.

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PO Box 154
Mareeba
QLD 4880 Dated: Wednesday 20th September 2023

Subject: Public Consultation - Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 – Subdivision in Rural Zone

Dear Sir

My name is Gianni (John) Luigi Barbetti of 27 Clohesy River Road. I am the owner of the property described as LOT 37 on RP 48312 (15 Hectares) on the corner of Kennedy Highway and Clohesy River Road.

My submission is based on, the Mareeba Shire Council having the authority to able to approve the undertaking of subdivisions on areas less than 60 Hectares (Eg lot 37), to create additional rural residential lifestyle lots. The granting of such approval would be based on and subject to the following.

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With respect I Gianni Luigi Barbetti make this submission to support the Mareeba Shire Council having the authority to make such decisions.

Thank You for the opportunity.
Yours Sincerely
G.L.Barbetti

Signed copy delivered to MSC office Mareeba.

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Submitted by:

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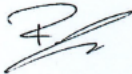
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Submission 8

Please find my/our submission re changes to MSC Planning Scheme, Major Amendment No. 1 of 2023.

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27 September, 2023.

The grounds for my submission are as follows:

THIS SUBMISSION REQUESTS THAT **ALL** SUBDIVISIONS IN THE RURAL ZONE INCLUDING THOSE FOR PUBLIC RECONFIGURATION PURPOSES, CREATING A LOT SMALLER THAN 60 HECTARES ARE IMPACT ASSESSABLE.

I ask that all development should be impact assessable or be inconsistent with the planning scheme if proposed lots are smaller than 60 hectares.

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Submission 9

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Attention: CEO – Peter Franks

Dear Mr Franks

RE: SUBMISSION in relation to MAJOR AMENDMENT NO.1 OF 2023 – SUBDIVISION IN THE RURAL ZONE – MAREEBA SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME 2016

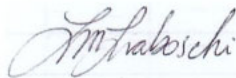
Reference is made to the above-described major amendment that is currently on public notification until 27 September 2023.

In this regard, please find **attached** my Submission (Aspects for Discussion) dated 27 September 2023 in response to the above major amendment.

Please confirm that this letter and the attached Submission (Aspects for Discussion) are considered by Council as a "properly made submission".

I await Council's further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,



TAMMY TIRABOSCHI

**SUBMISSION in relation to MAJOR AMENDMENT NO.1 OF 2023
– SUBDIVISION IN THE RURAL ZONE – MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2016
- Submitted 27 September 2023 -**

This major amendment has certainly provided a stronger basis in which to further future secure our Rural zones productivity and amenity, which is reflective of the Far North Queensland Regional Plan (FNQRP). I commend Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) on this major amendment becoming a part of the shire's Strategic Framework and Planning Scheme.

Reading through, I believe the major amendment to Subdivision of Lots achieves the goal to protect Rural zoned land from further fragmentation and encroachment by inappropriate development, particularly urban or rural residential development, by limiting the subdivision of lots within the Rural zone.

However, additional to implementing this Subdivision amendment to protect Rural zoned land, I strongly believe MSC should also look to amend zone codes, definitions and impact assessment tables around any large-scale manufacturing, or medium to high-density settlement style accommodation site developments (being defined as for a 'rural use') in Rural zones, as our Shire progresses. Such developments are definitely urban and or residential in their very nature, and therefore have the potential to encroach into the Rural zone without Subdivision. In my opinion, such extensive developments in Rural zones would certainly challenge the fragmentation and encroachment principles being adopted through this major amendment.

The particular aspect of the amendment that drew my attention to this further concern I have for our Rural zones was:

CLAUSE 6 Amendment of Part 3 – Strategic framework
(1) Part 3, 3.3 Settlement pattern and built environment, 3.3.1 Strategic outcomes

"...including but not limited to subdivision that results in a detrimental impact on rural productivity or fragments rural land."

"The valued, relaxed rural lifestyle, character and scenic qualities of the rural area are preserved and enhanced."

I would like to see the MSC Strategic Framework / Planning Scheme further develop clear guidelines, definitions and zone codes around any built or settlement development eg. a residential / accommodation site, or large-scale manufacturing (being defined as for a 'rural use' in a Rural zone) also be considered as impacting / fragmenting / encroaching on Rural areas, as comparable in nature to 'Subdivisions' when the land use area of such developments is significant enough to change the valued, relaxed rural lifestyle, character and scenic qualities of the Rural area. The development may not warrant a Subdivision Application, but such developments would be, in effect, 'subdividing / fragmenting / encroaching' the Rural area with built structures (urban) and/or larger populations (residential), just without a subdivision line (additional Lots).

I strongly believe that development proposals such as those I have mentioned above (not requesting a Subdivision), will certainly fragment and encroach upon Rural areas and impact productive agricultural land, as well as the rural lifestyle, scenic quality and character of the Rural zone if Council does not aim to address this issue as well. I believe all current and future development application reviews, decision notices, conditional approvals etc should consider this aspect of impactable development in Rural zones with great importance and assess them as another form of fragmentation and encroachment into the Rural areas of which the Strategic Framework is aiming to "preserve and enhance".

Perhaps such development applications as mentioned above, defined as for a 'rural use' within a Rural area, could be rigorously considered and redirected by Council as more appropriately located to areas within Industrial zoning or Residential zoning as these zones can better service such developments, as they suit the character, lifestyle and scenic quality of those particular zones. However, if such development applications are rigorously considered by Council and are deemed to be appropriate development in the Rural zone, that they only be permitted in areas of less arable, less agriculturally viable land, as near to other established buildings / structures, infrastructure and amenities as possible and most definitely to a scale conducive to the minimal urban and residential amenity of Rural areas.

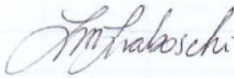
Finally, in certain circumstances I believe the smaller subdivisions that were approved in the past were possibly done to assist family farming with being able to build another residence on the farm and the next generation of farmers could live and continue to work on the same area of land.

With this major amendment changing the smaller Subdivision option, I wonder what options or considerations might exist or could be generated (be they amendments to definitions, zone codes, definitions etc) that may be made to the Strategic Framework / Planning Scheme by Council, in line with FNQRP, that would allow family farming to have such options as adding an additional residence to properties (in lieu of Subdividing), so that the "next generation farmers" have the option, should they so choose, to build their family home upon the same Lot / property, without actually Subdividing the property, and therefore alleviating, to some extent, the next generation farmers having to outlay additional capital (away from the family farming enterprise) to buy, build or rent somewhere away from the family farm or, perhaps they may even move away from the region to seek other employment because they cannot afford to stay and farm whilst their parents live out their days on the property.

Is it currently possible, or could it be possible in future planning schemes, for the number of residences permitted on rural properties to be reviewed to allow for a family residence to be added, without subdividing?

Once again, I commend Mareeba Shire Council on the progress made with this major amendment for Subdivision in the Rural Zone and I thank you for reviewing my submission.

Sincerely,



TAMMY TIRABOSCHI