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## COMMUNITY MEETING

- WHEN:** 3 January 2021
- WHERE:** Ulysses Park (following the market)
- WHAT:** Aviation Facility information  
Including guest speakers

# **NO TO HELICOPTER BASE HERE!**

## **What is the Aviation Facility?**

Mission Helicopters has applied to develop an aviation facility in the centre of Mission Beach.

This a large private company using MB's good agricultural land cheaply acquired and rezoned by a compliant local council to build a private industrial airport to serve private interests, including overseas.

***This is the start of the industrialisation of Mission Beach***

***and the end of our peaceful village life***

The proposed Aviation Facility premises are intended to be used for any of the following:

- The arrival and departure of aircraft;
- The housing, servicing, refuelling, maintenance and repair of aircraft;
- The assembly and dispersal of passengers or goods on or from an aircraft;

Any ancillary activities directly serving the needs of passengers and visitors for;

- Associated training and education facilities; and
- Aviation facilities.

Associated uses including medical transfers, aerial fire fighting and search and rescue operations will also be undertaken on an as required basis.

## **What is being proposed is NOT based on tourism**

The proponent has confirmed that most of the helicopters to be stationed at the proposed facility are highly specialised multi-role craft capable of aerial fire-fighting, heavy-lift and aerial crane, and reconnaissance missions. It is proposed the hours of operation (including take-off, and landing) will be '**limited**' to 6:00am – 6:00pm seven days a week with flight activities limited to 3 aircraft at any time. (except for emergencies)

## **Council decision deferred until January 21**

55 submissions against the proposal were lodged during the public comment period in May 2020 . The proponent then asked for 120 day extension of the assessment process.

Responding to a large number of community concerns the CCRC voted to defer their decision until 21st January 2021.

## **Community Concerns not considered**

The CCRC Planning Department recommended approval describing the proposal as 'low impact'. The Planners report doesn't consider the full impact of the proposal or address any of the community's concerns.

Commercial helicopter flights from the proposed facility will cause multiple daily disturbances, impacting on:

- Residents surrounding the proposed facility (dust, noise and real estate value)
- The location's relaxed and intimate village setting
- Community sense of place and identity
- Djiru traditional owner native title directly beneath the flight path
- The network of cassowary corridors surrounding and through the proposed site, and, will contribute to;
- The incremental loss of Good Quality Agricultural Land

## **No demonstrated Need**

Search and Rescue services are currently available in the Cassowary Coast with excellent medivac services in operation from Tully Hospital under registered satellite guidance. Marcs Park and Frogs Hollow are available for helicopter landing and take off for any emergencies. It is understood that there has only been 2 such emergencies in Mission Beach in the last 20 years.

## **Tourism economy reliant on tranquility**

The Mission Beach tourism economy relies on it's reputation as a quiet village, nature based destination. Tropical Coast Tourism promotes Mission Beach as "*a popular base for exploring the surrounding World Heritage listed Wet Tropics rainforest, quiet beaches and the Great Barrier Reef. Many people come to experience the peace and quiet, relax and do nothing much, it's that kind of place...*"

## **Inappropriate Location**

If this proposal is considered within the Cassowary Coast, it should be at a more appropriate location

***NOT IN THE WILDERNESS HEART  
OF MISSION BEACH***

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