



Mission Beach Community Association

Representing Residents & Ratepayers of the villages of Mission Beach

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Mayor Mark Nolan
Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Via email

c.c. Cr Barry Barnes, Cr Teresa Millwood, Cr Trudy Tschui, Cr Nicholas Pervan, Cr Jeff Baines, Cr Kylie Farinelli

12th Jan 2021

Re: Development application for a Material Change of Use for Air Services (Aviation Facility) on land described as Lot 3 on RP732964, situated at 2224 Tully-Mission Beach Road, Mission Beach.

Dear Mark,

Mission Beach Community Assn. (MBCA) is the largest community group within the Mission Beach region with a membership base of more than 800.

We have recently canvassed our members with regard to the application for a MCU for the creation of an Aviation Facility (helicopter facility) in Mission Beach. **It is clear that a large majority of our members are strongly opposed to such an application being granted.**

Our members' concerns are numerous but can be broadly lumped into three primary issues;

1. Concern about the impact on **residential amenity**. There are real concerns that the type, and size, of helicopter being considered for use would cause significant noise issues not only for nearby residents but more broadly across the region.
2. Concern about the negative impact that such a development would have on **tourism** in the area. The potential for the noise from helicopters to seriously impinge on the quiet village atmosphere, that many visit Mission Beach for, would be compromised.
3. Concern about the impact such a development would have on the **environmental values** of the area. The positioning of such a facility on land currently zoned agricultural, and so close to known Cassowary habitat, would clearly diminish those environmental values.

I should also note that many members expressed a view that while they were not opposed to such a facility *per se* they felt that the proposed location was clearly the 'wrong place'. The potential for such a facility to be based at Tully, where an aerodrome already exists, was mentioned by many.

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MBCA is certainly not, and never has been, a group that stands in the way of appropriate development of Mission Beach. Our members recognise the need for development to allow the area to grow but they also appreciate the need to maintain the unique qualities, values and natural assets that make Mission Beach so special. **They do not wish to see those values sacrificed on the altar of inappropriate development and we therefore ask you to reject the application for a MCU for this proposal.**

Yours sincerely,

Pete Faulkner, President

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