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CURRUNDA CREEK TRADES & SERVICES REDLYNCH FNQ



COMMUNICATIONS REPORT



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Introduction

This report aims to explain the objectives and outcomes of the communication strategy implemented to support the Currunda Creek Trades and Services Precinct planning application.

Bengali Land Pty Ltd, a company owned by Pat and Karen Flanagan, long-term residents of Redlynch (the applicant) applied to Cairns Regional Council (CRC) for a Development Permit for the Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots and Access Easement), Preliminary Approval for a variation application and Preliminary Approval for Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 lot into 4 Lots; drainage and road reserves) – Lot at 626R Redlynch Intake Road, Redlynch, Described as Lot 2 on SP 106972.

The application was submitted to CRC on 25 March and revised on 27 March 2024. Council's Confirmation Notice was issued on 9 April 2024. Council issued an Information Request on 3 May 2024 to which the Applicant responded on 17 May 2024. Public notification was conducted between 20th May and 12 July 2024.

The applicant became aware that the revised application material was not uploaded to the CRC website until 30th May 2024. At that time, the applicant decided to extend the public notification period from the previously advertised date of 3rd July 2024 to 12th July 2024 to ensure the community had full access to the revised application materials for the statutory 30 Business days.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) confirms that 10,571 people reside in Redlynch, with approximately 2,869 families making up a large portion of the Redlynch population.

Methodology

The communication strategy aimed to provide an open, honest and transparent approach to ensure residents of Redlynch, the Valley and other interested parties were aware of the development application and were aware of the avenues to provide submissions to CRC .

This “no secrets” approach was taken as the applicant was aware that the Redlynch community would show considerable interest in the proposal.

Tools

- Project website www.currundacreek.com.au provides detailed description of the project and its benefits to the Redlynch community and beyond.
- Frequently asked Questions document / webpage provides further detail on the issues expected to be of interest including:

- Type of development
 - Traffic impacts
 - Flooding
 - Vegetation clearing
 - Environmental impact
 - Benefits
- Public notice by way of large signage was placed on the subject land on 19th May 2024.
 - An advertisement appeared in the Cairns Post on 20th May and 12th June 2024.
 - Adjoining owners were notified by letter of the proposal on 20 May 2024 and again on 11th June 2024.
 - Flyers advertising community drop-in sessions were posted in key public locations and across social media on 20th May 2024.
 - Community drop-in sessions were held 25th May and 15th June 2024.

Outcomes

Project Website

The project website, containing project description, details, development merits, and Frequently Asked Questions, served as the primary source for all project-related information. The Contact Us page included an email address for questions.

11 May to 9 June

515 visitors

421 new visitors

78.9% bounce rate - only 21.1% of visitors went beyond landing page

10 June to 9 July

151 visitors

145 new visitors

58.3% bounce rate – 41.7% explored beyond the landing page to the FAQ's

The direct email address mail@currundacreek.com.au received 7 direct questions, all were acknowledged and/or a detailed response provided.

Public notification signage

Public notification signage placed onsite on 19th May 2024 was vandalised on or about 1 June, the sign was immediately replaced with spare stock on hand.

Community information sessions

Two community information drop-in sessions were conducted during the public notification period. They were held on 25th May and 15th June.

The team encouraged attendees to sign in, however, some chose not to do so. The attendance sheet showed 20 residents present on May 25th and 27 on June 15th. It is estimated that a total of 80 residents attended, with approximately 30 on the first day and 50 on the second.

Residents who visited the community information sessions raised concerns around the following themes:

- Traffic impact
- Does not fit the planning purpose of CairnsPlan
- Flood potential
- Environmental impact
- Loss of Amenity

Community members seeking clarification on the project intricacies were guided to the Development Application Report on CRC's Development Applications Online service centre.

Social media campaign

To ensure all project information was kept in a single point of truth, the applicant determined it appropriate to provide a Project website and to refrain from using social media platforms to inform the community.

Despite taking this position, some members of Redlynch community engaged in an active social media campaign raising objections to the application. Some members of the Redlynch Valley community used social media activity over the 8-week public notification period to encourage submissions opposing the development. The applicant considers that campaign was misinformed, defamatory and one-sided. Members of the project team and supporters commenting or attempting to correct the misinformation were either blocked and removed from the pages, or bullied and harassed by the active contributors.

Template submissions were shared across the community to facilitate like submissions.

A few of the most active contributors to the social media activity have previously been active in and /or held positions where they may be perceived as having some knowledge and experience of the Planning and Development process. These contributors were in a

position where the community trusted and put weight on their opinions and supported their perspective of the project. The contributions by these individuals were not factual and were misleading including:

- Misrepresentation of the scope and scale of the proposal,
- Incorrect information regarding the types of land uses that could become code assessable should the application be approved,
- Overstating the impacts and ignoring the mitigation measures identified in technical reports,
- Providing outdated advice regarding the assessment process, Planning Legislation and Council's Planning Scheme.

As a result of the misinformation and misrepresentation of the application within the community, Cairns Regional Council sought to inform the community of the Planning and assessment process at a public meeting held during the Public Notice Period (see below).

Also during the extended public notification period, an additional Facebook page was developed. "*Redlynch Residents against Development 12781/2024*" has 379 members.

On 26th June, residents opposing the development created a petition called *Oppose Development Application 12781/2024 for rezoning at 626R Redlynch Intake Road*. As of 27th August, the petition had 1091 signatures. The petition summary starts with misleading information and shows no evidence of the development application material having been read and understood eg. "*As a local resident, the idea of rezoning land at 626R Redlynch Intake Road for potentially more than 21 lots disturbs me.*"

Council's Public Meeting

Cairns Regional Council held a public meeting at the Red Beret Hotel to discuss the application on Monday 8 July. The purpose of the meeting was to address allegations of potential conflicts of interest; explain what the application is seeking permission to do; the assessment process for this application and how to make a submission. There were approximately 150 members of the community in attendance. A number of attendees raised questions and concerns and indicated opposition to the proposal.

Media attention

Cairns Post

28th May 2024

Proposal to build industrial park in Redlynch Valley, Currunda Creek
<https://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/cairns/proposal-to-build-industrial-park-in-redlynch-valley-currunda-creek/news-story/021a69c7cec376b5cb399df4815ae99a>

31st May 2024

Plans to build industrial precinct in 'rural' zone (Cairns Post Facebook)

10th July 2024

Redlynch residents raise concerns over proposed development application
<https://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/cairns/redlynch-residents-raise-concerns-over-proposed-development-application/news-story/f857ec61e5dbb6b12f6c6ae98fc10123>

11th July 2024

Residents seeing red

Cairns Local News

5th July 2024

Residents alarmed over 'low impact' commercial precinct in valley - Taking industrial action

Channel 7

8th July 2024

News bulletin interview with an active social media contributor raising allegations of conflict of interest and advising of Council's response to those allegations.

Public Submissions

A total of 314 submissions were received during the extended public notification period, with 284 outlining objections, and 30 showing support. The analysis of objecting submissions were received from 4% of total residential addresses within the Redlynch and Redlynch Valley localities..

Submitters raised a variety of issues, including:

- Concerns regarding uses for which approval is sought;
- Complaints regarding the adjoining land use for extractive industry purposes, and comments regarding the longevity of that use;
- Merit of the proposed development, particularly in the context of stated conflicts with planning instruments.

Submitters also raised concerns regarding the potential "impacts" arising from the development approval including:

- Impacts on amenity and character for the Redlynch locality and Valley more specifically;

- Visual amenity impacts;
- Detrimental impacts on the ecology of the site and area more broadly;
- Negative impacts arising from future land use operations;
- Flooding and runoff impacts;
- Traffic and road infrastructure factors – vehicle size, numbers and off-site impacts.

A total of 196 submissions were lodged by residents within the Redlynch and Redlynch Valley localities residing at 145 individual addresses with multiple submissions received from a number of households).

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Community information session flyer



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

25TH MAY 2024
&
15TH JUNE 2024

10AM TO 3PM

CRYSTAL CASCADES HORSE
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626R REDLYNCH INTAKE ROAD
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Drop in session

15th June 2024

10am to 3pm

626R Redlynch Intake Road, Redlynch Valley

You are invited to learn:

Accurate information about the application

How to access further information

Ways to make a submission

Information on CRC's application process

Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated

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This information session is an opportunity to:
Obtain accurate information
Ask questions

We encourage you to consider the application and its supporting documentation and to form an informed opinion of the merits or otherwise. You should then make that opinion known to Council via the submission process.

Public notification period ends 12 July 2024

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Community information session attendee sheets



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Mainstream media articles – Cairns Post and Cairns Local News



LAND MOVE STIRS DIVISION

ANNABEL BOWLES

A bid to build an industrial park in Redlynch Valley has divided the community, with concerns the development would detract from nature-rich residential area.

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Proposal to build industrial park in Redlynch Valley, Currunda Creek

A proposal to build an industrial park in a rainforest-rich Cairns suburb has divided residents. Have your say.



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A development application seeking preliminary approval to build an industrial park in Redlynch Valley is lodged with the Cairns Regional Council. Picture: Emily Barker

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Bengali Land Pty Ltd is seeking preliminary approval from Cairns Regional Council to build an industrial precinct on its Redlynch Valley property that's currently home to the Crystal Cascades Horse Park. Map: Supplied

“Proposed uses have been selected to ensure that they support the Redlynch community, but do not create impacts such as noise, smell or significant additional traffic.

“There is no land available in Redlynch Valley to cater to the low-impact trades and services, which are necessary for the community of over 10,000 people residing there.”

Horse agistment and private riding coaching would be relocated to the western side of the property if the DA is successful.

The proposal – and in particular one design pulled from the 720-page application featuring a 22-lot industrial precinct – has caused a stir among residents who fear the area will lose its natural charm to urban encroachment.

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Redlynch Valley resident Chris Mason said he had concerns the development would threaten endangered frogs including the Waterfall Frog, Mist Frog and Australian Lace-Lid Frog as well as cassowaries, all of which have been sighted on or near the property.

“It is habitat to at least three or four endangered or near endangered species, you’ve got three frogs that have been sighted in the waterway or within 500m of the site,” Mr Mason said.

“I love this area for its natural beauty and the fact there’s so much untouched rainforest around ... we commonly see wildlife coming and going from properties which is something that’s hard to see these days.”



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Mr Mason said although the proposal was mainly set on already cleared land, the risk of

water run-off from industrial operations into Currunda Creek would be devastating for native wildlife.

"There are ample industrial spaces nearby, you've got Smithfield just 15 minutes up the road ... established industrial areas with access to major arterial roads that are not near residential areas or impacting ecological sites," Mr Mason said.

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The public has until July 3 to make a submission to council regarding the development.

A second information session will also be held at the property on 626 Redlynch Valley Rd on June 15, 10am to 3pm.

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Residents alarmed over 'low impact' commercial precinct in valley

Taking industrial action

Answers to some concerns

● REDLYNCH VALLEY

By Nick Dalton

IT is expected to be standing room only at meeting at Redlynch next week when Cairns Regional Council representatives will attempt to answer questions about a proposed industrial precinct which has residents up in arms.

The community requested the meeting on Monday before submissions about the proposal close on July 12. The application is due to be decided at the council's ordinary meeting on August 28.

Residents fear the proposal will change Redlynch Valley forever with concerns including environmental impacts, threats to cassowaries and at least three endangered frog species, hundreds of extra truck movement each day, damage to watercourses, roads and the semi-rural lifestyle, as well as possible increases in flooding during the wet season and in severe weather events.

Bengali Land Pty Ltd wants to transform the Redlynch Intake Rd property, currently home to the Crystal Cascades Horso Park and zoned rural, into a "low impact" commercial precinct, to include mini-storage facilities, contractors/builders yards, vehicle, caravan and boat storage, or bulk landscaping supplies and other light industry uses.

The preliminary application is for a material change of use to divide the property into four lots for the precinct to be built on 8ha of land beside the existing quarry and Currunda Creek.

Owner Pat Flanagan has declined to comment but has confirmed he will be attending the meeting as an observer. He has referred Cairns Local News to the Currunda Creek Trades and Services website (See side bar).



Residents outside the proposed industrial precinct proposed on Redlynch Intake Rd, Redlynch. Picture: Supplied

Objections to the proposal are growing and the room at the Red Heret Hotel where the meeting is to be held on Monday from 5.30pm is expected to be packed to overflowing.

Divisional councillor Kristy Valley said she would be at the meeting with senior council officers to answer as many questions as they were permitted to and to guide people on how to make submissions.

There are currently 19 submissions totalling more than 200 pages, including from high profile residents Dr Ken Chapman of Skyrail and pharmacist Nick Loukas. The developer's application covers 720 pages.

Resident Margo Dean said

she was being "selfish" about her reasons for objecting to the application, wanting to preserve the valley's beauty for her grandson's grandchildren.

She said the valley was not the place for a light industry precinct and there were other far more suitable locations in Cairns.

Ms Dean said the precinct would "change the whole area", and flooding in Currunda Creek would be exacerbated.

She said she feared chemicals used in the industrial park would also leak into the waterway and continue into Freshwater Creek and down to Goombourga Park.

Ms Dean said it would endanger cassowaries, platypus as

well as three frog species: waterfall frog, mist frog and Australian lace-lid frog. She said she hoped the meeting would clarify the "unknowns" and provide direct answers to questions.

Another resident Ken Dalton said he did not believe the developer had addressed the impacts on cassowaries, flooding or landslides.

He said he feared the development would increase runoff and flooding in Currunda Creek. The valley had already witnessed two major flooding events after Cyclone Jasper in December last year and in 2018.

Mr Dalton said a 1999 council report identified Redlynch Valley as one of highest risks in

Cairns for landslides.

He said the application also allowed for further subdivisions on the property, putting more pressure on the road network and the environment.

"The increased traffic would be 236 trucks a day, passing three schools in the area," he said.

Planning consultant Kristy Gilvear on behalf of the applicants has written to the council saying: "To assist in this assessment, the applicant confirms it will work to have a formal and robust response to matters raised in submissions lodged with council as a priority following the conclusion of public notification."

THE developer's website has some answers to frequently asked questions.

Why not a residential project?

The project site is beside Baral's Redlynch Quarry and is included in the "quarry exclusion zone" in council's planning scheme. The exclusion zone does not allow sensitive development such as dwellings and accommodations facilities. Subdivision of the project site for house lots or rural lifestyle blocks would result in unacceptable noise, dust and vibration experienced by near neighbours.

What can be developed on site?
The project proposes low impact industry uses and may include mini-storage facilities, contractors/builders yards, vehicle, caravan and boat storage, or bulk landscaping supplies and other light industry uses.

What about noise and odours?
Storage and warehouse facilities will not create noise or odours likely to be experienced external to the site.

What about traffic impacts?
It is expected that traffic coming from the north, including areas such as Redlynch, Hainshead, Cairns, and the northern beaches, will not have a significant impact on peak hour movements.

Will there be traffic lights?
No. The existing cuty to the oceanfront facilities was upgraded in 2021 to provide a turning lane for traffic turning right into the site.

What about flooding?
Extensive flood modelling has been carried out to determine the extent of earthworks without resulting in increased flood levels and velocities. There will be some filling of 2ha on the north side of Currunda Creek to ensure acceptable flood immunity with extra drainage.
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Douglas Shire gets \$10m for Mossman River second intake

FROM PAGE 1

"I thank everyone for their patience - we want to get this right, we want to make sure we have water security for our residents and our important tourism industry moving forward," Cr Scomazzon said.

Member for Cook Cynthia Lui said she was proud to work alongside Cr Scomazzon to get the funding.

"I want to thank Douglas residents for their patience and I'm looking forward to seeing construction kick-off as soon as

possible," she said.

Federal Environment and Water Minister Tanya Plibersek said "this critical funding for the Mossman River intake will help make the Douglas Shire and surrounding areas more resilient to climate change, while benefiting

locals and the many visitors the region attracts."

Senator Nita Green said the project would strengthen water security for the Douglas community after a tough recovery from Cyclone Jasper.

State Water Minister Glenn

Butcher said the second intake wasn't just water infrastructure, "it's a tourism asset and it's a cost-of-living measure. This funding is helping to put downward pressure on rates and water bills - and it's really important to Port Douglas' tourism

industry". "I'm proud to work alongside the Member for Cook Cynthia Lui - whose advocacy has ensured the delivery of this funding," he said. "It was great to be with the mayor and local member recently to discuss this critical project."

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RESIDENTS SEEING RED

CATHERINE DUFFY

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Redlynch residents raise concerns over proposed development application

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Council chief executive John Andrejic and town planner Ed Johnson said Mr Flanagan had stood down from his position on the board while the application process on the development was under review.

“In relation to the complaints received, the preliminary assessment is council officers don’t have a conflict of interest in this matter,” Mr Andrejic said.

“Mr Flanagan has chosen to step down while he has a live application.”

Other concerns raised included the project’s potential environmental impact on endangered fauna and flora, including native frogs and cassowaries, traffic congestion, community character and waterway strain.