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To: Councilors - Cairns Regional Council

I have lived in Cairns for 25 years and I have seen all that the weather events can supply for our region.

I have a major concern as three arteries of Deep Creek passing through Paradise Palms Golf Course (PPGC) act as the water catchment for the 113-hectare site. As you know Deep Creek continues under the highway through Kewarra Beach housing (behind Cottesloe & Monterey Streets) and past the new Deep Creek Estate and into the ocean.

The bridge at Deep Creek is 2mts above the creek and there is a nursing home beside it. Kewarra Beach Resort is even lower and is in the transition stage from resort to retirement village. Kewarra Beaches' Kewarra Street, Chelsea Close, Clifton Beaches' Undine & Batt Streets flood in seasonal rain. Often it is the case when the mouth of Deep Creek is blocked by sand and silt. I would have thought that the open spaces grasses, gardens and trees of PPGC and Mangano's cane farm which existed prior the Golf Course construction in the 80s would have initially acted as a sponge and filter reducing the concentration and flow rates of rain and storms.

My question is what consideration has been undertaken that with the altered water catchment area consisting of 480 housing roofs, proposed schools etc, paths, driveways and roads with rapid collection and dispersing of water from a site 30-40 mtrs above sea level, delivering past housing downstream that is 2mtrs (from Deep Creek bridge to creek bed) above sea level in the newly constructed Deep Creek Estate, on a king tide with torrential rain?

The photos attached are of the arteries of Deep Creek during seasonal rain. When we get a large weather event which we do every year this will spell disaster for the residence of Kewarra and Clifton. It certainly will not affect the PPNQ planners as they live in Brisbane, it will not affect the Developer as he lives in Edge Hill and will not affect the financier as he lives in his penthouse on the inlet.

Does Cairns Regional Council have a plan to defend against litigation when this major flooding event occurs?

Also, the exit entrance proposed at the southern end of the Woods Housing Estate, 136-166 Moore Road Kewarra Beach, is thick with established vegetation including a large gum tree and is dangerously close to a Deep Creek artery. The erosion into Deep Creek adjacent to this proposed entrance is certain that the volume and concentration of water passing through it during wet season is underestimated.

If this Development proceeds it would spell a disaster for the residents of the northern beaches.

Regards

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Water flowing from MacAlister Ranges into the arteries of Deep Creek.





The above 4 photos are at the proposed entrance to the development on Moore Street Kewarra Beach



Water flowing from MacAlister Range into Paradise Palms Golf Course catchment.



The existing drainage easement on the other side of my backyard fence is where multiple housings sites are proposed as per the developers plans. Could you approve this as a suitable site for future homes?