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GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

Cairns Regional Council
119 - 145 Spence Street
Cairns, Queensland 4870

Attention:

John Andrejec - Chief Executive

Bob Manning - Mayor

Kelly Reaston - Head of Town Planning

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re - PARADISE PALMS GOLF COURSE

It has come to our attention that the future of one of our favourite courses is under threat. We are saddened to learn that Paradise Palms Golf Course, once Cairns' premier course, is in danger of being closed permanently. Golf courses are great community assets particularly when they are located on beautiful land such as the Paradise Palms example.

We are active in GEO (Golf Environment Organisation), the world's peak body on sustainable golf courses. Paradise Palms has potential to be sustainable on all levels - environmental, economically and socially. GEO emphasises the community benefits of golf especially the health and well being aspects of regular exercise within a supportive social group. The passion that the members have shown in endeavouring to save the course is exceptional and they deserve to be heard.

For many years, Paradise Palms was considered one of the best public access golf courses in Australia. The course has quite a rich history with hosting several men's and women's professional events with one of the premier events hosted there being the '91 Daikyo World Championship which was won by World Golf Hall of Fame member, Meg Mallon. Karrie, remembers fondly of being inspired by watching the best women play there and in a few short years later competed in a few of the other Daikyo sponsored events herself. Karrie vividly recalls the great challenge of the course while being set on such a beautiful property that is so close to the World Heritage Daintree Rainforest. There is nothing like it in FNQ.



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With a resurgence in golf following the Covid crisis with participation rates up in every state, Perrett Webb would welcome the opportunity to assist Council in restoring the status of the course while at the same time making it more appealing to a broader public.

We believe Paradise Palms Golf Course has the potential to be the standout tropical golf facility in Australia. We urge you to do everything in your power not to let such a great community asset go.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Perrett

Karrie Webb, AO