

## NOTICE ABOUT DECISION – STATEMENT OF REASONS

*This Notice is prepared in accordance with s63(5) and s83(9) of the Planning Act 2016 to provide information about a decision that has been made in relation to a development application. The purpose of the Notice is to enable a public understanding of the reasons for the planning decision, specifically having regard to:*

- *the relevant parts of the Planning Scheme and Assessment Benchmarks against which the application was assessed; and*
- *any other information, documents or other material Council was either required to, or able to, consider in its assessment.*

*All terms used in this Notice have the meanings given them in the Planning Act 2016 or otherwise their ordinary meaning.*

### APPLICATION DETAILS

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Application No:	DA/4490
Applicant:	Gregory & Penny Johnson c/- U&I Town Plan
Proposal:	Development Permit for a Reconfiguration of a Lot
Description of the Development:	Reconfiguration of a Lot - one (1) into two (2) lots
Street Address:	27-33 Hutchinson Street, Cooktown 4895
Real Property Description:	Lot 2 on SP161235
Planning Scheme:	Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017
Land Zoning:	Rural Residential
Assessment Type:	Code Assessment

### DECISION DETAILS

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Type of Decision:	Approval with Conditions
Type of Approval:	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot
Date of Decision:	20 October 2022

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## ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

The following Assessment Benchmarks applied to the development from the following Categorising Instruments:

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
Planning Regulation 2017 (Schedule 9)	Schedule 9 is not applicable as the application is not for building work under the Building Act
Planning Regulation 2017 (Schedule 10)	The application did not trigger a referral under Schedule 10.
Regional Plan	Section 2.2 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the Cape York Regional Plan has been adequately reflected in the Planning Scheme. A separate assessment against the Regional Plan is not required.
State Planning Policy, part E	<p>Section 2.1 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the superseded version of the <i>State Planning Policy</i> is integrated in the Planning Scheme.</p> <p>A review of the current version of the SPP (July 2017) and mapping has determined that the state interests, namely Biodiversity and Bushfire are reflected in the Planning Scheme and no additional assessment provisions in the current SPP (part E) or updated mapping are applicable requiring further assessment against the SPP for these interests.</p> <p>However, the Planning Scheme does not reflect SPP Assessment Benchmark mapping for Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience – Storm Tide inundation areas. An assessment against the State Planning Policy was addressed as part of the assessment of the application.</p>
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies

### Local Categorising Instrument (Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017):

- Rural Residential Zone Code;
- Reconfiguring a Lot Code;
- Biodiversity Overlay Code;
- Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code; and
- Works, Services and Infrastructure Code.

**Local Categorising Instrument (Variation Approval)**

Not Applicable

**Local Categorising Instrument (Temporary Local Planning Instrument)**

Not Applicable

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

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Not Applicable

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

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The application is **approved** on the following grounds:

- a. An assessment was made against the applicable assessment benchmarks and the proposed development demonstrated compliance.
- b. The proposed development will have no detrimental impact on the property, surrounding properties, or the environment itself.

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL DESPITE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS**

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Not Applicable

**ADDITIONAL RELEVANT MATTERS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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Not Applicable

**OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE PLANNING REGULATION 2017**

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Not Applicable

**OTHER DETAILS**

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If you wish to obtain more information about Council's decision, including a copy of Council's Decision Notice and any conditions or plans relating to the development, please refer to Council's webpage.