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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

Application No:	DA/4874
Applicant:	L G Seccombe c/- Mark Cameron of JB Designs
Proposal:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use
Description of the Development:	Multiple Dwellings – 4 Units
Street Address:	70 Charlotte Street, Cooktown QLD 4895
Real Property Description:	Lot 505 on Plan C17912
Planning Scheme:	Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 v2.0
Land Zoning:	Low Density Residential Zone
Assessment Type:	Code Assessment

DECISION DETAILS

Type of Decision:	Approval with Conditions
Type of Approval:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use – Multiple Dwellings
Date of Decision:	20 June 2025

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)	This application did not require Referral to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA).
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State Planning Policy (SPP), Part E	Section 2.1 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the superseded version of the *State Planning Policy* is integrated in the Planning Scheme. A review of the current version of the SPP (July 2017) and assessment benchmark mapping applicable to Part E has determined that the state interests 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.
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies.

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

- Mixed Use Zone code
- Residential Use code
- Parking and Access code
- Works, Services, and Infrastructure code

Local Categorising Instrument (Variation Approval)

Not Applicable

Local Categorising Instrument (Temporary Local Planning Instrument)

Not Applicable

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

Not Applicable

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT MATTERS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not Applicable

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE *PLANNING REGULATION 2017*

Not Applicable

OTHER DETAILS

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.