

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/4903
Applicant:	OLY Homes Pty Ltd c/- Project Urban Pty Ltd on behalf of the Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust Tte
Proposal:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use
Description of the Development:	Rural Workers Accommodation
Street Address:	Unnamed Road Lakefield 4871
Real Property Description:	Lot 10 on SP208286
Planning Scheme:	Cook Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 v2.0
Land Zoning:	Environmental Management and Conservation Zone
Assessment Type:	Impact Assessment

DECISION DETAILS

Type of Decision:	Approval with Conditions
Type of Approval:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use – Rural Workers Accommodation
Date of Decision:	26 August 2025

ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

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

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
<i>Planning Regulation 2017</i> (Schedule 9)	Schedule 9 is not applicable as the application is not for building work under the Building Act.
<i>Planning Regulation 2017</i> (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State Planning Policy (SPP), Part E	Section 2.1 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the superseded version of the State Planning Policy is integrated in the Planning Scheme.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 (Agriculture and Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience) 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. However, amendments to any part of the SPP or supporting mapping may result in a local planning instrument no longer appropriately integrating a particular State interest. In these instances the SPP and/or the supporting mapping apply to the extent of any inconsistency.
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies.

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

- Environmental Management and Conservation Zone Code
- Biodiversity Overlay Code
- Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code
- Flood and Other Coastal Hazards Overlay 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

A review of Council's records determined no submissions were received.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

- a. An assessment was made against the applicable assessment benchmarks, including the Cook Shire Planning Scheme 2017 (v2.0) and relevant overlay codes, and the proposed development demonstrated compliance.
- b. The proposed development for a Development Permit for Rural Workers' Accommodation is an appropriate use to be located within the existing operational Laura Ranger Station complex and will have no adverse impact on the subject site or adjoining properties, with bushfire and flood hazard risks appropriately mitigated.

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.