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Dear Simon,

**RE: TMR PROJECT – DUPLICATION - PALUMA RD TO TROPIC RD:
- REMOVAL OF MATURE LARGE TREES - and LACK OF CONSULTATION**

Thank you for meeting with Whitsunday Conservation Council (WCC) member Helen Toy and myself so promptly after my initial inquiry made last Friday, 20 Aug 2021, to the overseer on site at the culvert adjacent to the Betta Electric premises on Shute Harbour Road. My inquiry was in response to a call made to us by a very concerned member of the public who saw mature trees on the creek banks being cut down. This is an indication of just how passionate and protective our community is towards our threatened environment.

Further to our initial discussion, WCC looks forward to receiving your letter of assurance regarding the protection of the large stand of mature gum trees near the culvert mentioned above. These trees are important as part of the urban food tree network for native wildlife as well as providing cooling in a warming environment for walkers and cyclists on the well-used footpath network. And we also look forward to further discussion in regards to the other large mature trees threatened by the current project, for which, although this project has been planned for several years, there has been no community consultation.

Traffic control and any proposed intersection treatments are not subject to WCC's mandate but as the majority of our members are local residents and frequent users of Shute Harbour Road, we feel compelled to mention that community sentiment is running high and that in the interests of everyone, you and TMR should endeavour to hold a large public meeting to discuss this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Faye C Chapman
Secretary

