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Mr. Mark Callaghan
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EMAIL: Mark.Callaghan@whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au

Hi Mark,

**RE: RELOCATION and/or REPLACEMENT PLANTING of TREES/SHRUBS/et al
TMR - SHUTE HARBOUR ROAD - DUPLICATION**

Some months ago members of Whitsunday Conservation Council (WCC) met onsite with Neil Ryan from Mackay TMR to discuss tree management along the route of enabling roadworks on Shute Harbour Road between the Paluma Rd and William Murray Drive intersections and including the pathway to the Tropic Road roundabout.

It was a very satisfactory meeting and concessions were made by both TMR and WCC resulting in most of the mature trees along the route being left in situ and agreement reached on those which could not be saved.

During our inspections along the route several mature trees and palms were identified which could be relocated to adjacent areas closer to the existing boundary with the industrial area.

We further discussed that it would be beneficial if these relocations/replacement plantings could be done prior to the actual road widening to allow them to be well established before it becomes necessary for the screening plants in front of them to be removed.

Neil was supportive of this idea and said he would raise the matter with Whitsunday Council.

This letter confirms that WCC is also supportive and considers that to have new gardens/trees established then there will be less agitation from the public when the duplication of Shute Harbour Road necessitates the removal of several large gardens/trees/and shrubs now providing visual amenity along this road.

Of course, it would be expected that advanced local indigenous species be used for replacement plantings which we believe are available from the Mackay Tree Farm.

If more detail of this proposed action is required, please contact WCC member and qualified horticulturalist, Cath Campbell - 0407 308 972

In conclusion WCC respectfully requests, that in public amenity and environmental interests, WRC work together with TMR to achieve the best possible results for our community.

Sincerely,

Faye C Chapman
Secretary
Whitsunday Conservation Council