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Mossman Botanical Gardens Inc.

Via email mbg.qld@gmail.com

Dear Committee

Thank you for providing the opportunity to input into the planning and development of the Mossman Botanical Garden.

Members of Douglas Shire Sustainability Group Inc. congratulate you on progress toward a centre of excellence and Botanic Gardens at Mossman. We believe the project is exciting and will provide a new tourism attraction and research opportunities.

Some members are concerned that MBG Inc. are planning on the gardens being a mix of 80% native and 20% non-native rainforest plants. The reason for this concern is that there is a significant risk of invasive species being introduced to the area.

Whilst acknowledging that obviously you do not intend to allow invasion by non-native rainforest plants, we are concerned about the garden's proximity to the Mossman Gorge World Heritage Area.

We have invited John Anich, a member of DSSG, to address our next general meeting on the garden's development and look forward to hearing more about it.

Regards

Laurene Hull

Secretary