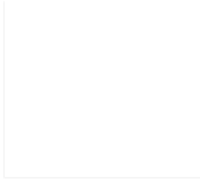


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Submission details

I am making this submission as	Other
Submission type	I am making a personal submission
Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	CEO
Consent to make submission public	I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story	I own a property names 'Kinabalu' which is surrounded by the 'Inner Pocket Nature Reserve'. This area affords some of the best views of the area and because of this has
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become more and more popular to nature based visitors.

The address of the property is 333 Skyline road, Middle Pocket. The northern boundary lies at the end of Middle Pocket Road. The southerly boundary is bordered by Skyline Road.

The access of Skyline road is being used presently by the community to access the Inner Pocket Nature Reserve. It is used primarily by horse riders, walkers, and mountain bike riders. At the moment I maintain this road which is a Crown Road Reserve. In the recent rains serious damage was done to this access. I believe as it is being used by the public that greater attention should be given to it especially due to the damage done by the recent floods.

I have been receiving requests from a number of visitors to walk to the waterfall. We have a situation where there are signs for the Public on Middle Pocket road and the only way they can access the Waterfall and the track on the Northern boundary is through my property. National Parks and myself share the right of way on the Northern Boundary. Up until now I have been maintaining this track for the benefit for the Public to access the waterfall and waterway. I believe this responsibility should be shared with National Parks.

To this date, they have no interest to contribute to the maintenance of the track (no money) I believe it is imperative that they contribute to the maintenance of the track because of safety and emergency reasons. The recent flooding seriously damaged the old road. This road has been in existence for nearly 100 years. In fact it was created by the first Shire President of the first Byron Shire Council. I believe it is necessary to maintain this track for safety reasons and in event of an emergency.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#)

1.1 Causes and contributing factors	Recent food events
1.2 Preparation and planning	Some basic funding to repair damage to the most afflicted areas ie the first steep section of Skyline road. Also to repair the track on the historical Inner Pocket Road, or also refers to the end of Middle Pocket Road.
1.3 Response to floods	Urgent funds required for repair works of both Skyline road and the end of Middle Pocket Road, (Inner Pocket Trail) . This is imperative for the safety of the community who are using these roads. In the event of a health, fire, emergency these roads should be maintained and repaired.
1.4 Transition from incident response to recovery	Funding is provided for both. This is a Public Interest and safety issue. Every governing body neglects important historical and safety issues.
1.5 Recovery from floods	Please act on this. For too long it has been ignored.
1.6 Any other matters	Please contact me if you require more detailed information.

Supporting documents or images
