

Beach needs plan

COUNCILLOR Jennifer Downs has suggested a "master plan" be developed for Mission Beach's cassowary habitat in a bid to save the rare birds.

Two cassowaries have been killed on the road in the past few weeks – the most recent being last Sunday.

"A comprehensive plan to manage both cassowary and habitat preservation has been drawn up in draft form," Cr Downs said. "When the plan is finalised, the (Mission Beach Habitat Action Network) will be seeking federal funding to achieve the aims of the plan.

"In conjunction with the plan, I question whether a 'master plan' under the Integrated Planning Act should be drawn up for the whole area from the Bruce Highway east to cover the whole region in need of habitat and cassowary management."

Cr Downs said the lowering of speed limits in some areas should also be considered.

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