

Sometimes there can be serendipity through investing and preserving our precious environment. One of those times is here with the chance to buy a 24.5ha parcel of critical rainforest corridor, not to keep, but to pass on to the national estate as a bridge between the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and the Mission Beach coastal wetland reserve.

Lot 66 was planned as a 40-lot residential development but in 2008 the proposal was rejected by then Environment Minister Peter Garrett because it formed part of a vital corridor used by cassowaries to travel between important feeding areas.

Now the owner of the property has offered to sell it to Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation (C4) as part of a proposal to gift the land to the Queensland Government so it can become National Park.

Thanks to the generosity of locals and visitors from Australia and overseas who have realised the importance of cassowary survival, C4 has raised \$260,000 for the purchase of Lot 66.

We invite you to be a part of this project, creating the Wet Tropics' longest and widest corridor for wildlife, including the endangered cassowary, between the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park World Heritage Area.

This ambitious plan has the active support of Terrain NRM, which compiled the scientific basis that established the critical importance of the corridor, conservationist Bob Irwin, Rainforest Rescue, the Wet Tropics Management Authority and local community groups including Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Mission Beach Community Association and Mission Beach Business and Tourism. All we need is a major injection of funds to reach a total which we can persuade the owner to accept.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. THE OWNER WANTS TO MOVE ON AND UNLESS WE GRAB THIS OPPORTUNITY THE LAND WILL BE PUT ON THE OPEN MARKET OR RELISTED FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Please donate by direct debit to ECU C4 Grant Account, BSB 654019, Ac 1000674888 or by cheque to C4, PO Box 165, Mission Beach, Qld. 4852.

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<http://c4communityconservation.weebly.com/lot-66-buy-back.html>



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