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Community Forum on coastal environment and development

A forum on environment, development, and community will be hosted by the Capricorn Conservation Council (CCC) in Yeppoon on Tuesday 25 February from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

“With major projects, such as the Iwasaki Capricorn Integrated Resort Project, proposed in the Capricorn Coast region, there is an urgent need for community, developers and government to cooperate to protect the unique environmental and cultural heritage values of this beautiful region”, said Ms Chantelle James, Project Officer.

“The purpose of the forum is to bring the community together to increase awareness, discuss current development issues and to establish a community working group” said Ms James.

“We aim for the community working group to be positive, proactive and informal and focus on planning and development, environment, recreation, culture and arts. This will increase the connection of people and community to the environmental, social and cultural values of the Capricorn Coast.”

“Part of the Forum will be dedicated to reviewing the Iwasaki Capricorn Integrated Resort Project. We will provide the community with information on the major environmental and community concerns we have regarding the project and it’s Urban Precinct between Barwell Creek and the existing resort”.

Ms James said “CCC has great concerns for the 497 hectares proposed to be cleared for the development, particularly endangered Littoral/Coastal Rainforest species on parallel dunes. Farnborough Beach and Iwasaki land contains the largest continual and intact example of this vegetation in Central Queensland. These greatly diminished remnants provide habitat for endangered species like Black Breasted Button Quail and protect against coastal erosion.”

“We invite all interested and concerned persons and community groups to attend the Forum and have a positive contribution” said Ms James.

The Forum will be held in Rooms A and B at the Community Development Centre in John St, Yeppoon. For more information phone CCC 4927 8644 during office hours.

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