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# Approval for coast site plan

THE development permit for a controversial stretch of a land on the northern beaches has been extended by Cairns Regional Council.

The council's chief executive John Andrejic endorsed recommendations to extend the time allowed to develop on Taylor Point at Trinity Beach until June 9, 2025 at a general meeting yesterday morning.

Unity Team's Mayor Bob Manning, Cr John Schiling, Cr Terry James, Cr Richie Bates, Cr Max O'Halloran, Cr Jessies Richardson and Cr Brett Moller declared a conflict of interest in supporting the proposal after the group received a donation of \$500 in 2016 from S and A Ricketts of town planning firm Urban Sync, a consultant to the applicant.

The original application in 2012 to develop the Moore St site into 18 housing lots received 76 submissions raising concerns about loss of informal access to the site, scenic amenity, vegetation clearing, erosion and drainage impacts.

Developer Robert Prettejohn asked for the extension to investigate "an alternative proposal for the site".

Resident James Scott said: "It's the nicest spot in Cairns, no way should it be built on and destroyed for a few rich people."

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