



Bangalow Chamber Of Commerce Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern

This is a letter of support for: The Northern Rivers Rail Trail Inc

From: The Bangalow Chamber of Commerce Inc.

The Bangalow Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Northern Rivers Rail Trail because we feel it is important to preserve the rail corridor as a community asset.

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail has a multi-use function, it can be utilised for marathons and fun runs, eco-tourism, festivals and events and workplace training in tourism, construction, engineering, environmental science and a host of other disciplines. This facility will enhance village and add to our local business economic sustainability.

Locals and visitors to our area will be able to use the rail trail to link up with neighbouring towns, without using their cars and children will be able to walk and ride safely encouraging a family friendly environment.

With sufficient funds The Northern Rivers Rail Trail will also enhance the experiences of our disabled community both for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail will encourage sustainable transport, reducing the number of cars on the road and the need for more car parking spaces in the busy towns. This Rail Trail will create a beautiful pathway through some of the most scenic country in Australia. It will promote indigenous awareness and education and provides access to world heritage areas.

Redeveloped Town centres bring beautification and public amenity, and railway infrastructure liabilities are converted into valuable working heritage assets with the preservation of historic bridges, tunnels and station buildings. It will provide jobs, new businesses can be created and existing businesses have the opportunity to grow.



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The Northern Rivers Region attracts thousands of visitors a year and a rail trail would encourage healthy, outdoor activities into the smaller towns and villages of the area. Rail Trail surveys show that they attract higher yield and longer staying visitors.

This Rail Trail between Casino and Murwillumbah will be the “Jewel in the Crown” of sustainable living and sustainable tourism in the Northern Rivers, a linear Nature Reserve and Botanical Garden designed to demonstrate the diversity of the ecosystems of the region, a “Hallmark” attraction.

Preserving the rail corridor as a public asset would enable the possible future use of commuter transport. A shared use, possibly solar electric vehicles or light rail.

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all yours