



**RAPID CREEK LANDCARE GROUP INC.      JUNE 2014**

**SUBMISSION TO: APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT**

**LOT 5694 (41) BOULTER ROAD, HUNDRED OF BAGOT  
44 x 2 BED ROOM MULTIPLE DWELLINGS IN 26 SINGLE STOREY BUILDINGS**

Section 5694 falls within the upper Rapid Creek catchment which includes the headwaters of Rapid Creek. The area is the subject of increasing development which is encroaching on the important wetland/swamp communities and is likely to be affecting the slow flow drainage characteristics of the upper catchment.

The *Rapid Creek Management Plan* states '... maintenance of the swamps .... is critical in providing flood attenuation downstream, and also to recharge ground water and maintain stream flows until late in the dry season' and the *Plan* has a high priority strategy for 'maintaining wetlands and slow flow areas in the upper catchment in the present undeveloped state'. The increasing infrastructure density in the Boulter Road area is likely to change the hydrology and have a detrimental impact on the important role of the upper catchment.

We refer you to our other recent submissions which are available on our website ([http://www.rapidcreek.org.au/Rapid\\_Creek\\_Landcare\\_Group/Documents.html](http://www.rapidcreek.org.au/Rapid_Creek_Landcare_Group/Documents.html)). These submissions provide detail about our concerns in this area and we ask that the Development Consent Authority take them all into account when addressing this current development proposal.

- Fact sheet - Boulter Road clearing (April 2014)
- Darwin Regional Land Use Plan submission (March 2014)
- 47 Boulter Road rezoning submission (February 2014)
- Knuckey Lagoons paper submission (August 2013)

Our group was shocked when most of the native vegetation at 1 Boulter Road (Section 4106) that we referred to in these earlier submissions was allegedly illegally cleared in April. We urge the Development Consent Authority and the Minister not to consider this or any other development or rezoning applications in this area until the Berrimah North Area Plan, the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan and the Rapid Creek Floodplain Management Action Plan are complete.

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