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Subject: Attn: Mila Sudarsono – Director, Compliance and Enforcement

Good Morning, Ms Sudarsono.

RE: Volt Advisory Group *individual exemption application* .

In 2021 for Daintree National Park was handed back to its Eastern Kuku Yalanji traditional owners. Jabalbina is the registered native title body corporate responsible for this area.

Returning traditional owners to country is a key objective for Jabalbina and the EKY people it represents.

Jabalbina has a strong working relationship with Volt advisory group. In 2022 a cultural heritage clearance assessment was undertaken and the traditional owners who have the cultural authority to speak for country were unified in their wish to see the Daintree Micro Grid completed. All agreed it is needed to protect their country from the current overuse of diesel fuel generators currently powering most homes and businesses between Cow Bay and Cape Tribulation, which is hurting their country. Establishing the solar farm and making available grid power, will allow not only themselves but other Eastern Kuku Yalanji families to live on their country with a basic necessity that most others across the continent take for granted. Given Daintree's environmental and economic importance grid power should have been a priority many years ago as it is not all that remote.

In addition to assisting traditional owners in returning to country, the microgrid will also be a valuable tool in enabling the Jabalbina Cultural Centre to rely on clean and affordable power rather than diesel generation.

Jabalbina supports the microgrid as it is proposed.

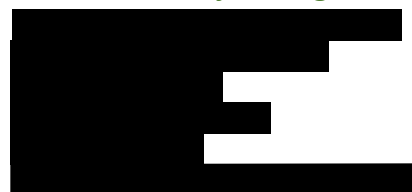
Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to this important project.

Kind regards,



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Yalanji people stand strong together for our people and our land