

To: Rous Country Council

Attention: Sam Curran

From: The SHIFT Project, Byron Ind.

Re: Water exemption

Date: 23rd August, 2021

The SHIFT Project is a registered charity with the ACNC. We support women through the challenges they face moving from homelessness to independence. We strive to create along term sustainable shift towards stability and reconnection with the community.

As part of the SHIFT Project, we have established a social enterprise, Linen SHIFT, laundry with a conscience, providing employment opportunities for women who are experiencing homelessness or at risk.

We established Linen SHIFT in Acacia Street in the Byron industrial estate in March 2020 and have employed over 20 women to date. Rous water were gracious enough to provide an exemption for this property. Unfortunately, we were given notice to vacate and had to move our premises in June this year.

We have an approved DA to run the laundry at 2/83 Centennial Circuit.

Byron Shire Council are supporting our activities by deferring s64 contributions via Clause 2.7 Exemption in their current Development Servicing Plan. Please refer to Dean Baulch Principal Engineer Byron Shire to confirm.

We write to Rous County Council to request a similar exemption as outlined in the Rous Water Development Servicing Plan Clause 2.5 Exemption.

With thanks

Julie Wells Co-Founder