



2 March 2016

General Manager

Tweed Shire Council

PO Box 816

Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

Dear Madam/Sir,

ACCnet21 are requesting Council approval for a Right of Carriageway for access to **Lot 12 DP 1003644 Terranora Road, Banora Point NSW** from Curtawilla Street, Banora Point in the event that ACCnet21 purchase this property.

Accommodation Network Pty Ltd trading as ACCnet21 was founded in 1993 to provide support services to people with disabilities. Services are provided in rural NSW, with Corporate and Management support teams located in Tweed Heads, Ocean Shores and Coffs Harbour. Services are also provided on the Gold Coast. ACCnet21 is a not-for-profit company with extensive experience in the provision of Disability Services and Housing.

As a Disability Support Provider and Community Housing provider, we share a concern with other groups and individuals with the lack of progress in satisfying the need for specialised housing.

This 7,053 square metre property presents an ideal opportunity for ACCnet21 to construct purpose built disability housing for up to nine participants with high physical disabilities spread over two buildings. Five of these participants are currently located at 21 The Grove, Nunderi which will be sold, once alternative accommodation can be developed.

The other four participants are currently living in Aged Care Facilities. The *Housing for Young People in Nursing Homes – A report from a Social Finance Think Tank* quotes the *Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2015* stating that there are over 6,000 people under 65 living in nursing homes. See attached graph.

NDIS have identified this group of people as a high priority for relocation to appropriate housing models.

Lot 12 DP 1003644 Terranora Road, Banora Point NSW lists the property as Terranora Road, however, early indications from Tweed Shire Council's access engineer is that it would be unlikely that approval would be granted for access to the property from Terranora Road. This is due to bends on that part of the road and the steepness of access to the property from this section of the road.

The only other feasible access to the property could be from Curtawilla Street. The terminating end of Curtawilla St is separated from Lot 12 by a **Public Reserve, owned by Tweed Shire Council**.

ACCnet21 is keen to secure the property, but without a commitment from Tweed Shire Council in regard to access, we feel this property would not be suitable for our purposes.

ACCnet21 acknowledges that an Engineering Design and Survey would need to be completed and submitted and all other fees to Council at a cost to ACCnet21.

Accnet21 also acknowledges that the 49m² access through the Public Reserve would need to be independently valued an agreement made between Council and ACCnet21 in regard to the transfer of the proposed 49m² land parcel.

ACCnet21 aims to work collaboratively with Councils and other stakeholders in providing accommodation solutions for a large group of people with Disabilities.

Thankyou for considering this proposal and we look forward to working with you to improve the availability of disability specific housing in the Tweed Shire.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely



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Asset and Tenancy Manager

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Attachment: Housing for Young People In Nursing Homes—A report from a social Finance Think Tank

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Average age of nursing home residents is
84 YEARS



45%
seldom or never participate in leisure activities in the community



Prior to their first admission to nursing homes
6000
of young people are in hospital



53% of young people in nursing homes receive a visit from of friend
LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR



