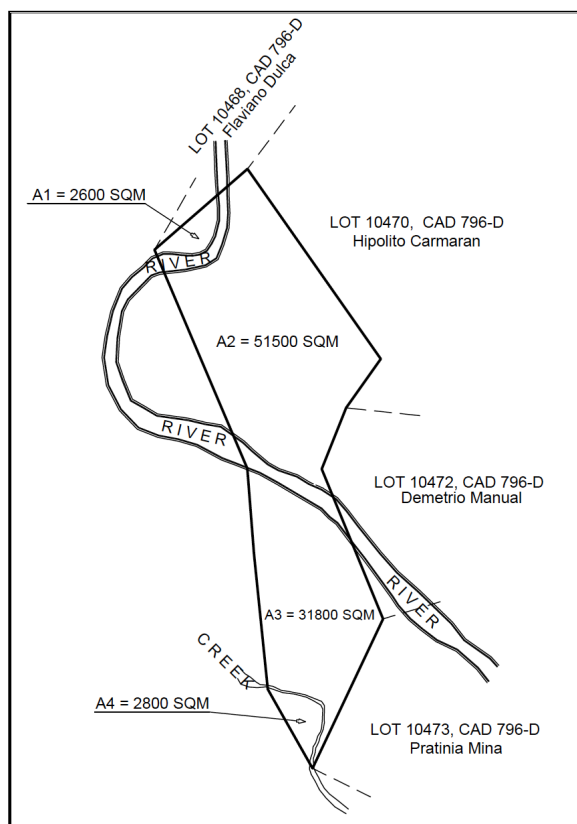


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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Thru: Eriberto B. Santos
PENRO, Palawan

Dear Executive Director Ferrer,

This is to request land compensation of at least 6,755sqm due to the re-coursing of the river that traversed our property in Pulot 2, Sofronio Espanola, Palawan, with Lot 10471, CAD 796-D with TCT No. 065-2020-000765.



The lot's original measurement as depicted in the TCT is 95,455 sqm. However, the recent relocation survey conducted by Engineer Arnulfo Antolihao last December 2020 showed that the total land area is just 88,700¹ due to the traversing and re-coursing of the river. A difference of 6,755sqm from its original size.

Article 461 of the Civil Code defines that river beds which are abandoned through the natural change in the course of the waters ipso facto belong to the owners whose lands are occupied by the new course in proportion to the area lost. However, the owners of the lands adjoining the old bed shall have the right to acquire the same by paying the value thereof, which value shall not exceed the value of the area occupied by the new bed.

We are therefore requesting a compensation of the old river beside A2 amounting to

6,800sqm (see diagram below). With this, we will continue to support and pay the necessary taxes as previously calculated using the 95,455sqm land area.

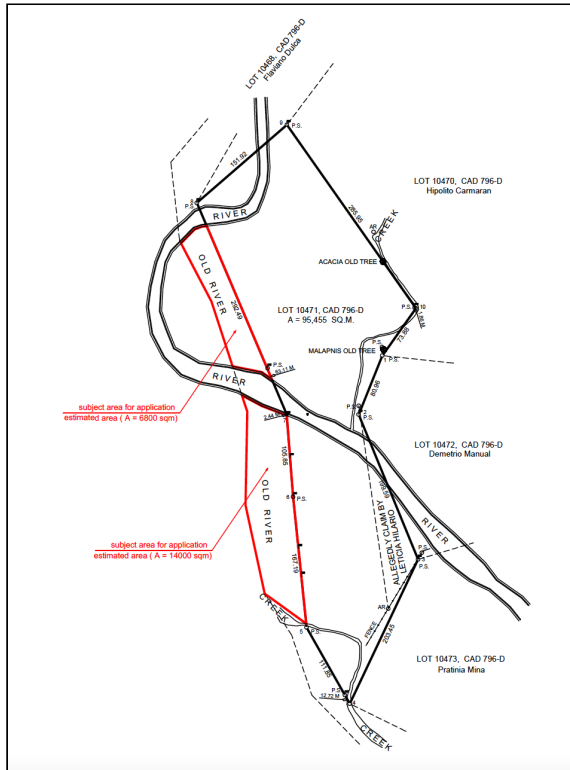
This will also allow us to continue planning and turning this parcel of land into an ecotourism site that will boost tourism and provide income to the people of Sofronio Espanola, specifically our neighbors.

¹ A1=2,600sqm + A2=51,500sqm + A3=31,800 + A4=2,800 total of 88,700sqm

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Further, may we also request the 14,000 sqm (see diagram below) beside A3? We can compensate this from the government through the following options:

- Outright purchase based on prevailing market assessed value;
- Integrate with the land and 'Build a Farm School' within the area in collaboration with your assigned State University and TESDA; or
- Integrate with the land and create a man-made forest following DENR's greening program.



Hoping for your positive response on our requests

1. Compensation for the lost 6,755sqm by granting ownership to the land area totalling 6,800sqm as defined in the diagram above; and
2. Granting authority to own the 14,000sqm based on your approved scheme as presented above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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