Dr. Marvin T. Miura, Director
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Quality Control
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Dear Dr. Miura:

Subject: Environmental Assessment for a Revocable Permit at
Kaan, Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii

Copies of the above-cited assessment were forwarded for our review and comments. Details are as follows:

Brantley Center, Inc.

Revocable Permit for operation of a residential project for chronically, severely mentally ill on 4,500 square feet of Government lands situate at Kaao, Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii, further identified as Tax Map Key:3rd/4-5-01:Portion of 11.

As owner of the underlying lands, we have, as requested reviewed said assessment. Please be advised that on the basis of the assessment, we find that the proposal will have no adverse impact on the environment.

Please find enclosed for your consideration and action four copies of the Environmental Assessment together with maps.
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For any questions to the foregoing, please contact our Land Management Division at 548-6460 or our Hawaii District Office at 961-7245.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM W. PATY

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cc: Hawaii Land Board Member
    Hawaii District Land Office
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

A. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION

Disposition by Revocable Permit of approximately 4,500 square feet of Government land situate at Kao, Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii. Tax Map Key: 3rd/4-5-01:1(tion)

B. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

Department of Health, State of Hawaii

D. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to applicable statutes and consistent with long-standing procedures, a disposition by Revocable Permit of the subject site is proposed. The applicant, Brantley Center, Inc., after completing renovations of the building identified as Cottage #10, proposes to operate a residential project for the chronically, severely mentally ill.

E. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The site in question is a portion of Governor's Executive Order No. 3244 to the Hawaii Housing Authority for teachers cottage housing purposes. In June 1979, Cottage #10 was phased out of the Department of Education's program.

F. DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA

With respect to criteria for "significant effect" as defined by Section 1:31 of the Environmental Impact Statement Regulations pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes as amended, the proposed action:

1. Will not involve an irrevocable commitment or loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource;

2. Will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment;

3. Will not conflict with the long-term environmental policies, goals or guidelines of the State of Hawaii;

4. Will not have any detrimental effect on the economic or social welfare of the community or the State of Hawaii;

5. Will not substantially affect economic activities;
6. Will not have substantial secondary impacts such as population changes or effects on public facilities;

7. Will not cause substantial degradation of environmental quality;

8. Will not detrimentally affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat;

9. Will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise level;

10. Will not involve an environmentally sensitive area;

11. In this instance, is for the disposition of a Revocable Permit and, cumulatively, will have no considerable effect upon the environment nor does it involve a commitment for larger actions.

G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

In accordance with long-standing procedures and practices pursuant to applicable statutes, the Board of Land and Natural Resources has authorized the issuance of a Revocable Permit to Brantley Center, Inc. for the purpose of operating a residential project for the chronically, severely mentally ill.

Eventual usage of the subject site should have not serious detriment to existing environmental, social, cultural and economic resources.

H. DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing discussion, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required in this instance and, consequently, a negative declaration is determined for the proposed action.

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Attention: Mr. W. Mason Young
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Division of Land Management