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Submission Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

We disagree with the proposed amendment to section S457 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 as an undesirable effect of any such amendment is that it will strongly inhibit the community from taking legal action against planning decisions with which they disagree or joining their Council in defending decisions from applicant appeals.

This is particularly important to communities that feel strongly about particular planning issues, and the resultant uncertainty about costs if this amendment is proceeded with will prohibit interested parties without deep pockets from exercising a statutory right.

The amendment will result in the effective removal of community organisation or individual co-respondent or objector involvement in the Planning and Environment Court, which the Premier promised before the State election would not happen. This will be seen by many as a back-door method of achieving almost the same result.

The Noosa Biosphere Association Inc is an organisation very concerned about the welfare of the Noosa Biosphere, which is one of only two in Queensland.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

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