

Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry

11th Oct 2012

To: State Development and Infrastructure and Industry Committee

Re: Bill "Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012"

Dear Sir,

The Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry are very concerned with the proposed change on page 30, clause 61, which proposes to amend costs allocation. (Or the awarding of costs of both parties to the unsuccessful party or something similar??)

We strongly disagree with any amendment to section 457 of the Sustainable planning act 2009.

This amendment with its potentially crippling financial risks, will impact the ability of Council, Community groups or private individuals to take legal action against development applications that may be outside the town plan or that may impact on what is already there.

It is our view that this particular amendment is unjust and unwarranted as the system as is, has worked just fine for a long time! Any argument that vexatious cases warrant a change lacks validity as such cases are actually small in number, per cases contested.

We therefore conclude by imploring you to reject any proposals regarding the changing of awarding costs. This amendment has the capacity to destroy everything that Noosa has worked very hard for, for many years to avoid, over development!

Carl Beck.

President Noosa Chamber of Commerce and Industry.