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Dear Sir,

I am appalled to learn that one of the proposed amendments to the SPOLA Bill may mean that private individuals & community organisations will effectively be prevented from participating in the planning and environment appeal process in the future.

The ability of an individual or community group to object will be deterred by the knowledge that if the case is unsuccessful, the financial burden will be great with crippling costs being awarded. The fear of that ultimately means that few will object to a development deemed inappropriate and incompatible with a planning scheme, such as the Noosa Plan.

This amendment effectively severely limits any opposition to developers.

What originally attracted me to Noosa was, of course, the very lack of high rise and high density development. This is due to the community's opposition to such development and the ability to have its voice heard. If the proposed changes in the above mentioned legislation pass into law, this will be lost.

I feel it is imperative to retain what we have inherited and as the new custodians, to move forward to make Noosa an even better place in which to live.

It appears that the proposed amendment is unjust and unnecessary as the current system has worked well and has ensured that Noosa is the place that it is today.

Yours faithfully,

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