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VIA EMAIL (sdiic@parliament.qld.gov.au)
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Queensland Parliament
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir / Madam,

TAPP(Take Action for Pumicestone Passage)Inc. Is a volunteer community group based on the Sunshine Coast. Our principle concern has been the potential impact of Caloundra South Development on the Pumicestone Passage.

We are concerned and wish to object to changes proposed in the SPOLA Bill in relation to the awarding of costs in the Planning and Environment Court.

Ordinary Queenslanders will be will be scared off from taking part in appeals if they risk crippling costs in the P&E Court.

Community groups are always reluctant to enter the complexities and expense of the Court process and will do so as a last resort. This will further diminish their ability to protect their environment, amenity or lifestyle.

The change to cost orders will effectively shut out any community involvement in Court appeals. This reluctance or inability to instigate P&E Court action could allow breaches of conditions of development go unimpeded. In some cases, non compliance could have direct impact on community health and amenity.

TAPP Inc. requests that the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee reject the present position of the Bill and require amendments which will continue to allow community involvement in the Court process.

Yours sincerely,

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