

# Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026

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I am opposed to the establishment of a new statutory bureaucracy (the "Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority") to oversee waterways over such a large area as is proposed on the following main grounds.

1. There has been insufficient provision of information and consultation with the community and stakeholders in the process thus far.
2. The creation and ongoing cost of another large government bureaucracy would be very expensive and create an unnecessary burden on the taxpayer.
3. There are already numerous authorities who have a stake in the management of waterways, including Maritime Safety, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and local Councils. The creation of yet another authority would further complicate management of waterways and risk duplication and confusion.
4. There is no guarantee of local representation in the proposed Authority's governance or management structure, and the geographical area of the proposed Authority's oversight is too large to ensure local issues and concerns will be addressed. Waterways monitoring, planning and management would more effectively and economically be based within local government areas and there needs to be strong commitments to transparency and consultation with stakeholders, including local residents.
5. There has already been significant consultation, planning and management strategies in relation to waterways put in place by existing authorities, and particularly by Council in the LGA in which I reside. There is no guarantee that this work will be recognised or adopted to any extent by a new Authority.