

Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026

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Many people over the years in the Noosa Shire have fought long and hard to protect the local environment of the shire, which is why it is such a popular place to visit – known across Australia and internationally. Because of this deep commitment to protecting our environment since the 1960s, there is a large bank of knowledge about the Noosa River and adjoining land areas. The Noosa River is central to our culture and identity. The Noosa Shire is recognised as a UN Biosphere. The river's sandbanks are on the migratory shorebird route.

So, you can understand then why I am very concerned our community was not consulted in the drafting of this bill, despite the quality and depth of informed knowledge available. And just as concerning there are no plans to invite a Noosa representative to join the authority's board if one is established.

Please consider excising the Noosa River from this bill as we are well able to work with MSQ and other local bodies to look after the community's needs: recreational, commercial and environmental. If the bill goes ahead and the authority is formed, then please invite a Noosa representative to sit on the board.