

Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026

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Dear Committee

I am a member of the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC).

My husband and young son are also club members and have been for over several years.

We all sail on the lake and I have concerns about the lake being included in the remit of the Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority - without full disclosure as to what powers the Authority will have or impose.

LCSC has an 80 year heritage and is used extensively by children and adults learning to sail, club members racing and community events held on and around the lake.

The very tight timeframe for submissions also has me querying procedural fairness and I wonder how widely the community is aware of the passing of the Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026 and what it means?

It is not clear to me what impact the Authority may have on my use of Lake Cootharaba and respectfully request that because of the uncertainty around that that Lake Cootharaba be reserved for special consideration in decisions the Authority may make. Certainly any decisions made about the lake should not be made without extensive consultation with the Sailing Club (which I believe has a respected and proven position as a local community volunteer club with exciting plans for the next 80 years) and the Boreen Point residents themselves.

Lake Cootharaba should arguably be considered differently to other stretches of water ie, the Noosa River along Gympie Terrace and Pumicestone Passage. Since the Noosa River Plan was extended up to Lake Cootharaba we are seeing long time local sailors and residents being forced to sail elsewhere (travelling to Tin Can Bay) and that has a detrimental effect on community benefit and wellbeing. Until it is made transparently clear on how Lake Cootharaba and our use of it may be affected, I cannot support the prospect of the Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority.