

Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026

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Dear Committee Members,

I introduce myself as a Noosa ratepayer and am writing to express concern regarding the proposed Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority (SCWA).

While I support strong environmental protection, I am concerned that Noosa has been included without clear consultation or demonstrated benefit to our community. The recent public hearing appears to confirm that there has been little direct engagement with Noosa residents.

At present, it is unclear:

- Why Noosa has been included in the SCWA
- What specific benefits will be delivered to our region
- How this authority improves on existing local governance and environmental management

Noosa already has strong environmental frameworks and an engaged community. The introduction of another layer of bureaucracy risks duplication, reduced local autonomy, and increased costs without clear outcomes.

I respectfully request that the Committee:

- Pause the inclusion of Noosa until proper consultation is undertaken
- Clearly outline the benefits specific to Noosa
- Ensure strong local representation and accountability

Our community values transparency, local decision-making, and genuine engagement. At present, these principles do not appear to be reflected in the proposal.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind regards,
Susie Hutchison