

Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Bill 2026

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Hello,

My name is [REDACTED], my email address is [REDACTED] and phone number is [REDACTED]. I am writing to express my deep concerns, questions and disapproval of the current Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority (SCWA) 2026.

1. There was ZERO community consultation in Noosa prior to this bill being written. There must be community consultation as this bill directly impacts residents, visitors, businesses and future generations.
2. Their needs to be a Noosa representative on the SCWA board, that has a demonstrated active connection and commitment to the Noosa region and the Noosa River system.
3. Who requested that Noosa and the Noosa River and Noosa Lakes be included in the SCWA as we have been rolling out the Noosa River management plan.
4. To include Noosa River in the SCWA will not be beneficial for the Noosa River and the Noosa Biosphere Reserve as Noosa is different by nature. We have a smaller river system than the other rivers in the SCWA and a community that is hugely passionate about protecting the Noosa River. We have highly skilled marine academic experts that through their research and data drives decisions and policies for the Noosa region.
5. Will the Noosa River get extra resources in the form of more MSQ staff to enforce legislation? If so what will these resources be?

Division 2 - Board Composition

One of the 6 board members must be a youth representative appointed by the Governor. Youth representation on the Board is essential to ensure decisions reflect long term environmental, social, and economic impacts that will be felt most by younger generations. Including a youth member brings valuable lived experience, strengthens community connection and supports more balanced forward thinking governance.

Thank you for considering my submission

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Noosa resident, educator, wildlife rescuer