

# Noosa on Weyba should stay with Sunshine Coast Regional Council

THE team behind the proposed master planned residential community Noosa on Weyba is pressing for the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) to remain as the assessment manager for the development application.

Noosa on Weyba development director Steve MacRae said from December 12 the development application will be moving into the decision phase with SCRC.

“This is prior to de-amalgamation from Noosa,” Mr MacRae said.

“The application has been under negotiation with Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) since March last year, with the application formally lodged in December last year.

“As part of the application process, we have worked closely and constructively with the SCRC planning team for nearly two years.

“From December 12, the public notification period will be completed, so SCRC will then be in a position where it can decide on the application.

“Under recent legislation, SCRC can decide to keep the application or pass it on to the new Noosa Council.

“This will be a major disruption and could potentially see the Sunshine Coast community miss out on a number of major community benefits including jobs and housing affordability options,” Mr MacRae

said.

“More than 56% of the dwellings and the core of the master plan are in the SCRC and 44 per cent of the dwellings will be in Noosa Council,” Mr MacRae said.

“All of the 16 new houses proposed along the waterfront will be in SCRC, not in Noosa, as will be the facilities available to the general public such as the tea house.”

The proposed plan includes around 876 homes varying in size, type and prices set over only 58 hectares of the 303 hectare site.

It also includes much-needed aged care and retirement living.

A boutique retail precinct with a tea house will be open to the public and become the gateway to the expanded National Park.

The community master plan will only account for 19% of the total 303.3 hectare site and it will retain more than 240 hectares of green open space.

“This is Queensland’s first and only Biodiversity Development Offset Area declaration by the Minister for Planning,” he said.

“Under this declaration, we have agreed to gift 139.5 hectares of land to the adjoining National Park on the north-west shore of Lake Weyba.

“This will expand this section of the Eenie Creek National Park by 87%,” Mr MacRae said.

“The additional area will now



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make the park and lake accessible by the wider public.

“Furthermore, our project will create more than 2,000 jobs during construction for the broader Sunshine Coast community.

“Once completed the project will create more than 300 permanent positions for various ages and skill bases across the Coast not only just for Noosa,” he said.

“The project will inject more than \$250 million into the Sunshine Coast economy, plus another \$250 million

when the future house building on the project is considered.”

The Noosa on Weyba project will also protect and improve the water quality of Lake Weyba—which a large part sits within the Sunshine Coast Shire— by diverting run-off into the lake to the rear of the property through natural vegetation filters.

All of the project’s main services – water and sewerage – will be through UnityWater not a Council body including the Noosa Sewerage Treatment Plant upgrade.

“Objection to the project is spear-headed by competing developers and resort owners who are adjoining landowners.

“They go under the banner of Friends of Lake Weyba.

“But we are equally friends of Lake Weyba. Protection of the lake and the environment is the key overriding objective of our proposal. We should all work together on this.”

For more information about the project visit [noosaonweyba.com.au](http://noosaonweyba.com.au).