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Dear Greg

I enclose for your information, and for tabling at this week's monthly meeting, a copy of a media release from Barry Cotterell, President, Peregian Beach Community Association, concerning last week's court ruling on a proposed development in the centre of Peregian Beach.

The court settlement is a landmark victory for the Peregian Beach community and for the integrity of the Noosa Plan.

The original development proposal was rejected by Noosa Council because it was non compliant and what was proposed was contrary to the Noosa Plan.

Unfortunately, the developer chose to appeal Council's decision which led to the matter being heard in the Planning and Environment Court. The Peregian Beach Community Association chose to join Noosa Council in defending the Noosa Plan and opposing a development which would impact adversely on the character of the Peregian Beach village community.

The developer's decision to appeal was unfortunate and unnecessary as well as costly and time-consuming. The community dug deep into their pockets to help the Peregian Beach Community Association fight for the primacy of the Noosa Plan.

As we have seen with the Sekisui development there are lessons to be learned from these events. The community is passionate about defending and upholding their planning schemes and when community gets behind their local community associations, much can be achieved. It also reinforces the message that we should keep on pushing; namely that the planning schemes need to be adhered to by all parties. Had the developer, in this case, adhered to the Noosa Plan in the first place or submitted a revised application that complied with the Noosa Plan, then unnecessary costs by ratepayers and local residents would have been avoided.

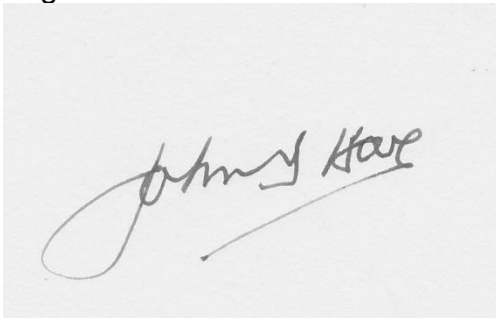
This is an issue that OSCAR needs to consider. I'm not sure what the answer is but perhaps we need to develop a campaign that highlights the costs to the community

when developers chose to ignore the requirements of a planning scheme and then take the legal course of action in appealing council's original decision. Developers think they can wear down the community by dragging out the process and in the hope that the community and the local authority will balk at the prospect of expensive legal action.

In this particular case community power and persistence won out.

I will be overseas for the next few weeks so please record my apologies for the OSCAR meeting on 25 October. I hope to attend the November meeting.

Regards

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "John Hare".

John Hare
Representing the Peregrin Beach Community Association