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Dear Ms Mansfield

**Subject: Mount Coolum National Park draft management plan**

OSCAR is a peak body representing 40 resident and community organisations on the Sunshine Coast. We are a non-partisan and not-for-profit incorporated association.

We welcome the opportunity that has been provided to the community to comment on the draft plan as we see it as vital that such documents are prepared with a high level of community engagement and following consultation, that the views of the community are reflected in the policies and actions that emanate from such a Management Plan.

We are aware of the comprehensive and detailed submissions being made by some of our member organisations (including, but not limited to, those from the Coolum Residents Association and Coolum and North Shore Coast Care) and by the Kabi First Nation and would defer to their interest in, and knowledge of, the Mt Coolum area and strongly endorse their submissions.

We would particularly like to highlight key points made in the above submissions in relation to the Sunshine Coast Airport expansion which is seen as the greatest threat to the park, the impact of increasing visitor numbers, the need to ensure that the traditional custodians have a key role in maintaining the current and future values of the park and the particular concern relating to rock climbing activities on the east face of the mountain.

We believe that good planning follows when there has been accountability and transparency in the decision making processes and high levels of community input which is listened to carefully, and responded to positively.

We would particularly like to reiterate the important custodial role of the Kabi in relation to Mt Coolum and request that their contribution to the development of this Management Plan is recognised and acted on.

Yours sincerely

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