

## OSCAR President

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**From:** OSCAR President <president@oscar.org.au>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 15 June 2019 16:46  
**To:** 'Brett de Chastel'  
**Subject:** A number of matters for your consideration ...

Hi Brett

I hope all is well with you.

I wonder if you can comment on the following issues please:

### **Councillor Conduct Register**

Is this register up-to-date? The website shows it as at 29 January 2019.

Is it legislation/regulation or council policy that the person who is the subject of a complaint is not identified?

### **SCRC Biosphere nomination**

You are no doubt aware that the SCRC has started the process seeking nomination for UNESCO Biosphere status. OSCAR is supportive of this initiative although we question the motivation of the Council in seeking this; we believe it should be all about sustainability rather than a marketing exercise.

We have submitted an EoI for membership on their Biosphere Community Reference Group (CRG) and if successful it could be useful to talk to you, or the people you identify, about Noosa's experience with both the nomination process and the ongoing management of the Biosphere if UNESCO approves the SCRC's nomination.

Just flagging this with you at this stage – no need for any action on your part although any comments/suggestions you might care to make would be welcome of course.

### **Sea level rise projections**

Kathryn Hyman from Twin Waters West and Surrounds (TWWS - an OSCAR member organisation) sent an email to Noosa Council on 13 May 2019. She has asked me if I could follow up this email with the Council as she has not had a response to date.

The content of her email was as follows:

*"I listened with interest to the ABC radio interview on May 8 with Mayor Tony Wellington regarding updated local government area mapping conducted and implemented with respect to Erosion Prone Areas and sea level rise projections.*

*Noosa mayor this morning has said :*

- Noosa council have updated their erosion and SLR mapping which was signed off by state and is on their website*
- Noosa is adopting 1.9 SLR at 2100 as per state best available science (to best of his memory)*
- Lines are drawn at 2070 with 50 year planning horizon for buildings*
- legal advice provided relates to issues around litigation for councils and public safety*

*Our association Twin Waters West and Surrounds Inc represents residents of the Maroochy River catchment with particular focus on our vulnerable coastal communities.*

*We have followed with admiration the initiatives of Noosa council and we actively lobby Sunshine Coast council to consider such vision in the implementation of its planning scheme and policies.*

*As we are a not for profit organisation we are at the mercy of other NFP and NGO who are generally under resourced in providing timely legal advice, we would seek to understand how Noosa Council has arrived at*

*this.*

*Though I am not writing to you today to seek legal advice, we are interested to learn of the guiding principles relied upon in your decision making process in order that we can continue to do the leg work and inform our members of current policy initiatives at the local, state and federal levels on this matter.*

*Is it possible for you to provide overarching legislation mechanisms that Noosa council is responding and adhering to with respect to this progressive and important issue?*

*Any information provided would be greatly appreciated.”*

Any information you could provide to me in relation to the questions raised would be very useful, not only for TWWS, but to our broader membership.

## **Go Noosa - Christmas and Easter Peak Period Traffic Management Trials Evaluation**

Thank you for the excellent report on this matter. Please pass on our congratulations to the Project Manager Transport Innovation and the Project Officer responsible for such a comprehensive report.

Best wishes ... Greg

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