

Subject **Attendance at meeting with the Community 6 at Coolum Beach Friday 12 March re Coolum West**

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Dr. Carl Ungerer and Mr. Jason Camden

Dear Carl and Jason

Re: Meeting at Coolum Beach in relation to the proposal by Consolidated Properties for intense residential development and wave pool at Coolum West, via a PDA Declaration.

As representatives of the Community 6 as listed below, we wish to thank you sincerely for the time and attention you afforded us on Friday 12 March to discuss this unsustainable proposal for part of the Maroochy floodplain at Coolum West.

Coolum Residents Association (Ray Barber), Surfrider Foundation (Steve James), Development Watch (Lyn Saxton), Daryl Maudsley (Friends of Yaroomba) Sunshine Coast Environment Council (Narelle McCarthy) and Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (Melva Hobson) represent in the vicinity of 15000 people within the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Shire.

We have included as an attachment the Submission we made to the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and also to Ministers Hinchliffe and Scanlon. We have updated this submission from that that was sent in 2020 to the then Minister Kate Jones MP, particularly in relation to the information from the Draft Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy, the finalised version of which will be presented to Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) for approval at the April 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

The information in the submission is based on sound scientific, social, cultural and environmental evidence from reputable sources including State Planning Policies, The SEQRP, the SCRC Planning Scheme, Unity Water publications and the Blue Heart partnership between the State Government, Unity Water and SCRC.

We encourage you to ensure that all officers assessing the proposal for a Priority Development Area (PDA) read in full this submission. We also ask them to note the following:

- under the SEQRP the residential development and shopping centre are both prohibited development and the area concerned is outside the urban footprint
- the area is zoned rural in the SCRC Planning Scheme
- there are many planning issues associated with the proposal including Acid Sulphate Soils; agricultural land designation; KRA 156; erosion prone areas; high storm tide inundation area; areas of high ecological significance and a flood hazard area under the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 with the entire site subject to current Climate Riverine Flooding.
- the appendices demonstrate the value of the Maroochy floodplain in relation to mitigating, building resilience, flood storage and ecosystem services in the face of climate change
- the area is within the designated "Blue Heart Blue Carbon" initiative and with the floodplain as a whole plays an integral and critical role in ensuring the health and wellbeing of people in the area both now and into the future
- the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Mayor Cr Mark Jamieson on many occasions has publicly stated that Council does NOT support the application
- anecdotally we understand that surfing groups locally and nationally do not support the proposal
- it is not a proposal that is accessible and freely available or affordable to the families of the Sunshine Coast and SEQ
- the community petition opposing the proposal currently has in excess of 2500 signatures
- the developer has indicated that the proposal is a total package and that the residential development and the wave pool are inextricably linked

Again we thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you again, with the news that the State Government of Queensland will not entertain such an unsustainable development on this significant area.

Yours sincerely

Melva Hobson on behalf of the Community 6.