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Dear Sir

Re: Amalgamation of Noosa Shire

Alas Queensland has the misfortune of having a Premier who has let the power of running Queensland go to his head and decided to split the state into 'Super Councils'. How can one justify that amalgamation is going to work, when so many other councils in other states have tried and failed.

After all that is why we, as voters, elected to put him there in the first place, to act on behalf of the people, for the good of the people and to use commonsense in running this state in a democratic and sustainable fashion.

It appears that the Queensland Constitution is being amended for the satisfaction of one present day Premier and his political party.

Amalgamation of Noosa Shire with Maroochy Shire & Caloundra Shire is incomprehensible. Our shire is sustainable and environmentally sound. The present day council as well as its predecessors had enough courage and forethought to put into place the rules and regulations, which keep Noosa in its pristine and unique status. There are no high rise buildings, there is still an abundance of native bushland within the shire, there is a cap on the population - rightly so, as our infrastructure cannot sustain an overburdening populous. If Noosa Shire has all the makings of all of the above why can't it stand on its own feet. The people who are here are here for a reason, the uniqueness of the area, the sense of community, financially sound and a workable council who looks after its community. I am proud that our Mayor -Bob Abbot, his council and ratepayers have stood strong and rejected the bombastic, power hungry, arrogant Premier of Queensland and his dictatorial attitude on amalgamation.

We are after all a democratic society who has rights in saying what we believe for the benefit of all persons.

The Constitution of Queensland 2001 - The Entrenched Provisions (page 4) is worth reviewing.

Regards,
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