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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: Qld Council Amalgamations, Noosa in particular

Dear Senators,

Following the legislation passed by the Qld Parliament enshrining the plans to amalgamate many Qld Councils we are moved to write to you asking your Committee to seek information on the appropriateness of Noosa Council being amalgamated with Maroochy and Caloundra Councils.

We are very concerned that members of your Committee should visit Noosa on a fact finding mission. We are confident that you will discover that Noosa is completely unique and could well be used as an example of sensitive and carefully planned development over the past 25 years.

Noosa is financially sound, environmentally sustainable, including one of the healthiest river systems in the country, and is a world renowned tourist destination. Many of these unique qualities will be lost if Noosa is submerged in the large metropolis which will be the new Sunshine Coast Super council.

The adjoining Councils of Maroochy and Caloundra have quite different approaches to such things as high rise, advertising billboards and strings of traffic lights, none of which Noosa has chosen to include in it's town planning. (there are 2 sets of traffic lights in the entire shire.)

We do not need to continue our plea if you will come and see for yourselves. Please do. You will be welcomed by all the Friends of Noosa.

Ron and Sue Smith