

Committee Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
Department of the Senate
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Canberra ACT 2600

RE: Inquiry into Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I totally oppose the amalgamation of Noosa with Maroochydore & Caloundra for many and varied reasons.

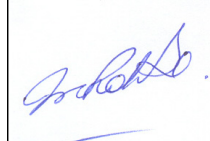
Noosa has a well-deserved reputation as a sustainable, environmentally friendly community. Unlike other shires, it has not allowed the environment to be destroyed by greedy development. Forcing its amalgamation with other shires which don't share these ideals will have the same effect on Noosa as pouring dirty water into clean.

Please do not destroy this special place. It has been my home for almost 40 years – most of my life – in the same house. I've travelled throughout the world and am always so happy to come home to our "peace" / piece of paradise.

Noosa is the jewel of the Sunshine Coast, not just because of its beautiful beaches, low -rise housing, managed population growth, a sense of shared community and its environmental sustainability, but also because it values the commitment it has made to its residents and visitors alike to retain the aspects that make it special and for which collectively and independently, we its residents, and our council have worked long and hard over many long years.

What you will gain by an amalgamation with Maroochydore & Caloundra I can guess at, but what you will lose, and all of us will lose, if your plans proceed, is a very special and extraordinary place forever.

Yours sincerely



Maxine Roberts