



# Weyba plans to boost business

## Submissions back estate

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HUNDREDS of public submissions opposing the Noosa on Weyba estate development “only equated to 0.93% of the current Noosa population”, according to the applicant.

And a Noosa on Weyba team media release last week said there were four main reasons local residents had written in support of the project – employment, housing opportunities, environment and aged care facilities.

The release cited the submission by Elizabeth and Neville Aspinall, “who have called Noosa home for 25 years”.

It said the Aspinalls provided a lengthy letter to the Sunshine Coast Council listing “many key reasons

for supporting the master planned residential community, which will see the team donate 139.5ha of land to the Noosa National Park if approved”.

“Due to the population increase during the past 25 years, and directly because of the resultant shortage of appropriate residential accommodation, there are many permanent residents already residing in the Noosa region who are forced to occupy unsuitable accommodation,” their submission said.

“We believe that the Noosa on Weyba proposal will offer a greater range of choice for those people, and will free up such unsuitable accommodation for renovation and revision.

“We also support any effort by the developer to include affordable retirement housing and assisted living accommodation for the elderly and the frail elderly of the Noosa region.

“Through our previous community activities, we have established that there is a well demonstrated need for dedicated aged care residential places to be established in the Noosa region.”

The Noosa on Weyba release also highlights another letter by “fifth generation Noosa resident Barbara Richardson”.

“In her letter, Barbara showed support for the Noosa on Weyba project, which includes

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much-needed aged care and retirement facilities and will create more than 2000 local jobs during construction, and once completed will create more than 300 permanent positions for various ages and skill bases,” the release said.

“As Noosa Shire has an ageing population and very few vacancies available in existing aged care facilities, this development is desperately needed,” she said. “This shire has lost so many of its young workers to the mines because of the lack of work in the area.

“The positions that this development would create...would be of great financial benefit to the shire.”





**SHINING LIGHT:** Lake Weyba is a star attraction in the Noosa region.