



DEFYING DEVELOPMENT: Friends of Lake Weyba with a replica of the sign that was stolen from Eumarella.

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## Banner theft fails to rattle lake protesters

FRIENDS of Lake Weyba are not letting the theft of a large banner from private property – that read “Save Lake Weyba” and “Extra 6600 vehicles a day” to protest the

Noosa on Weyba Development – set them back. The community campaign to alert locals of threats to the lake from inappropriate development is ramping up as

the public submission period plays out – with the final deadline to lodge submissions to Sunshine Coast Council on December 10. A FoLW spokeswoman said

the roadside theft one night last week has been reported to the police. *Meanwhile they have a replica to go back up, as well of lots of other public displays of their defiance.*

Questions raised over development’s claims about water treatment

## Storm over run-off

By PETER GARDINER

RECENT Noosa Council candidate Brian Hayes asked at the Noosa on Weyba information session at The J last week about possible water and sewage treatment, plus rain water run-off impacts on Noosa.

“There was a claim in the paper by the developer last week regarding the sophisticated systems they are going to put in place to improve or enhance the water quality of Lake Weyba,” Mr Hayes said.

“If they’re going to have a substantial water treatment plant, where’s that going to be located and if they are putting

that into the lake after being treated, how strong are your regulations in the planning department to come back to the developer to prove that they are going to be capable of what they’re saying they can do?”

Sunshine Coast Council development planner Denis Wallace said: “Water supply and sewerage is reticulated and would link into Unitywater’s systems. Storm water treatment is dealt with on site.

“Storm water treatment is by an extensive arrangement of bio-based swales, infiltration and so forth.”

Mr Wallace said council is

still taking advice from its hydrologists on “those water quality and quantity issues for storm water run-off”.

“Sewage and water treatment are reticulated, so they’re piped, so the treatment for sewage goes back to the Noosa Heads treatment plant and handled and assessed by Unitywater. “Council is still waiting on feedback from Unitywater on its assessment of that aspect,” he said.

Mr Wallace was also asked by another man about any impacts on the Noosa River Plan “because the lake is connected to the river through Weyba Creek”.

Mr Wallace said: “There’s quite a raft of issues that we’ve raised with the applicant in our information requests. And they’ve responded to those.

“There’s a lot of issues around water quality, sediment erosion control during construction, around threatened species within the lake and the overall ecosystem within the lake generally.

“The immediate area of the lake is our primary focus in those queries, but obviously the flows through to the Noosa River flow on from that. Our specialists are reviewing and assessing that material,” Mr Wallace said.