



ONE VIEW: Noosa on Weyba say this is how development near the lake edge will look.

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Council tight-lipped about who will decide

A DECISION has been made by the Sunshine Coast Council on the Noosa on Weyba development application but all councillors' lips are sealed as to what that is.

The minutes of the closed-door meeting, held Monday, mentions the item under regional strategy and planning.

Item 5.2 reads as confidential – not for public

release – development application – legal matter.

It reads: Agreed: “That council delegate to the chief executive officer (John Knaggs) to proceed as discussed in confidential session”.

A decision is pending on who will be the assessment manager and compliance agency for the proposed residential project – Noosa on Weyba – the Sunshine

Coast Council or the new Noosa Council when it is reformed on January 1.

The development site will cover the two local government areas.

The SCC has the assessment role, but it must let the State Government know on January 2 if wishes Noosa to take over that crucial role.

As the motion was moved by Noosa’s Cr Tony

Wellington and seconded by Cr Russell Green – also from Noosa – this is one possible outcome.

Other councillors to vote in favour of the motion were Rick Baberowski, Chris Thompson, Christian Dickson, Ted Hungerford and Jason O’Pray.

Against the notion were Mayor Mark Jamieson and Councillors Steve Robinson and Greg Rogerson.

Mantle hits back

Noosa on Weyba applicant says reports not accurate

By PETER GARDINER

NOOSA on Weyba developer Godfrey Mantle said allegations that his development team had acted in an intimidating manner during public tours of his proposed estate site are disappointing and offensive.

“We believe it is another example of certain members of the community scaremongering and spreading incorrect rumours about our project,” Mr Mantle told the Noosa News.

And he said one of his team was actually threatened by a Friends of

Lake Weyba supporter, opposed to the \$500 million project. Mr Mantle was referring to allegations by FoLW of its information tours being met on site by a vehicle parked across the road and of two pit pulls straining at leashes.

“I was personally at my house (on site) over the weekend and witnessed both accounts that allegedly occurred on Saturday,” Mr Mantle said.

“The version put to us is a fabrication.

“First off all, the four-wheel drive mentioned was not connected to the Noosa on Weyba team.

“In fact the gentlemen

and his wife were apparently attending the Friends of Lake Weyba community day.

“They stopped and asked us for details and had a chat about our project.”

The developer said when the bus arrived, the driver pointed out that they might not be able to get by the four-wheel drive to which he replied: “they will be fine, there is plenty of room”.

“The bus did not have any difficulty in making the turn,” Mr Mantle said.

“The apparent Friends of Lake Weyba supporter on departing threatened a member of our team by saying that he would bash

his head in and aggressively shouting right in our team member’s face.” Mr Mantle said the two dogs referred to were not pit bulls.

“They are a staffie and kelpie and gentle dogs,” he said.

“They are two older dogs that go everywhere with our team members and are known to locals as friendly dogs.

“The occupants of two cars of Friends of Lake Weyba got out of their cars near the dogs and walked around with no concern about the dogs, who did not show any interest in the walkers.”

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