

Plans will ensure integrity of environment

THE Noosa on Weyba development team says architectural covenants will ensure dwellings 60m from the lake, and all other buildings, will share an attractive appearance, which complements the neighbouring environment.

If approved, all development will be controlled by strict building covenants

designed to complement the environment with all dwellings within 250m of the shoreline to be one and two storeys, the NoW website says.

There will be a maximum of 50 residential apartments in the community. Apartment and aged-care buildings will be a maximum of three storeys and set back a minimum of 250m from

the lake edge, largely out of view from the lake. A convenience store and cafe/deli will be situated at the gateway of the expanded Noosa National Park, 250m back from the lake edge.

"Visitors will be able to grab a sandwich, a bottle of water or have a coffee at the cafe before exploring the park. There will not be a supermarket, but there

will likely be a small convenience store component to service the residents. Roads will meander throughout Noosa on Weyba, restricting speeds by road design and signage to below 40kmph to protect the wildlife. The entry and exit from Noosa on Weyba will be via a newly proposed roundabout on Walter Hay Dr."

Making new stand

LONG-TIME resident and noted Noosa environmental activist Emma Freeman compares the level of community response to Noosa on Weyba development application with the famous rally against the failed TM Burke Marcus High Dunes development proposal.

That community campaign culminated in the High Noon at the High Dune public rally at the coastal site that attracted thousands of people.

"It's really marvellous to see that our Noosa community has lost none of its old spark and willingness to stand up to developers who would wish to change our beautiful natural landscape to line their own pockets," Ms Freeman said.



PROTEST: A Jabiru wanders near survey pegs at the proposed Noosa on Weyba development site.

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Friends of Lake Weyba president Anita Brake said although the final counting of submissions lodged for the NoW application are still not finalised, indications are revealing "a very lopsided tally of more than 1000 objections versus

40 or so in support".

Ms Brake described the result as "the best Christmas present" the local community could have given on Lake Weyba.

"Individual submissions alone equate to 3% of the local population, with

thousands of others being represented by various community groups," she said.

Ms Brake listed objecting community groups including the Sunshine Coast Environment Council.

"In addition to objections by community groups, a significant proportion of the individual objections were signed by multiple submitters, which equates conservatively to more than 1500 individual submitters."

She said the two main employment sectors of the region - tourism and construction - have also been "very vocal" in opposing the proposal with tourism operators the tourists the began growing in all things