

Plans may drive tourists away

By PETER GARDINER

ONE of the public submissions into the Noosa on Weyba estate development applications is by Kevin and Carla Bain of Scarborough.

The Bains said they "choose to holiday in this area because of the lake's unspoilt peaceful setting, its unique natural values and its close proximity to Noosa's natural beaches, river and national parks"

They believe that the proposal for the urban development "is totally inappropriate".

"The proposed urban development would impact greatly on the peaceful

amenity of the area, the lake and surrounding bush land, and it's highly valued lifestyle and landscape.

"Our holiday would no longer be in a quiet getaway and we would have to source an alternative, more desirable destination for future holidays.

"It is inappropriate to expand the urban footprint into a pristine natural habitat.

"This is a commodity that is becoming increasingly scarce worldwide and therefore increasingly valuable for the long term sustainability of the tourism industry."

"There is no demonstrated need for this type of development.

- BAIN FAMILY

The Bains said the proposed development would change the visual amenity and feel of the Lake Weyba and Noosa area.

"With a development of this size, the area would have the look and feel of a Gold Coast style destination which is a destination type we

consistently seek to avoid when on holiday.

"The proposed development of up to 1000 residential lots is an urban density development which is inappropriate for this region, as it is a radical contradiction of the areas green image and selling points as a tourism destination.

"There is no demonstrated need for this type of development.

"The impact on traffic flow to and from the regions primary tourist hubs would be significant, adding to increased frustration at the already compromised road network."

Impact worries 'city slickers'

REGULAR Lake Weyba holidayers Kevin and Carla Bain have submitted to Sunshine Coast Council they are "highly concerned" about the environmental impacts the proposed Noosa on Weyba development would have on "ecologically precious natural resources".

"The green corridors and shorelines of the Noosa River and lake systems, with their abundant flora and fauna,

are a major selling point for us city slickers and one of the main reasons we come to holiday on the Coast," they said.

They submitted that the land "requires dramatic change at the expense of habitat and environment".

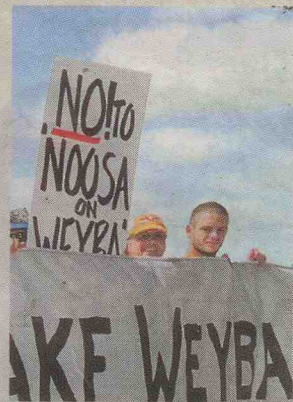
"So, not only would the development result in impacts on the environment, it attempts to minimise this by actually removing that environment.

"The developer argues that it would bring jobs and dollars.

"The Coast's economy is founded on tourism, which is reliant on the natural environment.

"For a few short-term jobs, there would be long-term depletion of the region's image and its environment that attracts us tourists to the area.

"The developer's arguments are simply false economy."



NO GO: Friends of Lake Weyba. opposing NoW

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