

Proposed developer says no one asked for tour

THE man behind the Noosa on Weyba development, Godfrey Mantle, has criticised the Friends of Lake Weyba community group for not contacting his team or asking for permission to come on to the lakeside development site.

His comments came after FoLW organised public information bus tours last Saturday of the proposed residential and aged care estate.

"One of the property owners were concerned and

worried about a bus load of people coming on to their privately owned land without permission," he said.

"Collectively, we had two locals on the boundaries of the site to ensure no one entered the private land.

"One friend of Lake Weyba supporter did trespass and was politely asked to leave our land.

"She kept going into the private land for some distance and claimed she did not see our prominent 'private property' signs." Mr



TROUBLED WATERS: Lake Weyba.

Mantle said the two members of the Noosa on

Weyba team were polite, even providing directions

and assistance to people who stopped, and are respected members of the Noosa community.

"As always, we would, if approached, have worked with the group and met to discuss the project," he said.

"But as always, our offers to meet and discuss the project fall on deaf ears."

Bus tour passenger and Eumundi, Doonan and Verrierdale Residents Group head Johanne Wright said those on board with her felt uneasy with the roadside reception.

"They were going 'oh my goodness what's all this about?', she said.

"There was nothing overt, but it was just rather, I thought, extremely unusual."

Her husband Ian at first thought the road obstruction "was a joke".

"The ute was sort of halfway across the road, to try and obstruct, but they obviously weren't game to totally obstruct.

"It did intimidate some of the people on the bus," he said.