

# Alliance takes heart

OPPONENTS of the Noosa on Weyba development have taken heart from the Sunshine Coast Council decision that the proposed changes by the Mantle Group, including a 75% down-sizing, are not minor in nature.

The SCC position is in line with the opinion of the Noosa Council and the Planning and Environment Court appeal respondents Friends of Lake Weyba, the Noosa Parks Association and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council.

"The alliance of community groups Friends of Lake Weyba, Noosa Parks Association and SCEC were very pleased to see both



**CHANGES:** Noosa on Weyba planned development site.

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councils take a strong position supporting their arguments that the change being proposed was not minor," FoLW president Anita Brake said.

According to FoLW

planning adviser Paul Summers, if the court decides the proposals are not minor, then the appeal can only proceed on the basis of the original plans which include building

about 1000 new dwellings.

Mr Summers said the 75% reduction in intensity of the proposed development "dramatically changes the way in which development is distributed. It changes the ability of the proposal to operate as intended in terms of environmental performance and public transport," he said. "It significantly alters traffic flows, introducing impacts to new areas and roads."

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and Unitywater, are awaiting more details from the developer before informing the court as to whether they consider the changes minor.