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TO: Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Council)  
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## **NOTICE OF SUBMISSION**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUNSHINE COAST PLANNING SCHEME 2014  
MOOLOOLABA MASTER PLAN AND KEY SITE REVIEW

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Development Watch Inc. (DW) is an incorporated Association whose primary aim is to monitor planning and decision-making processes to ensure that all local planning and relevant State Government laws are properly adhered to. We provided extensive input into the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014. As a result of this input, we passionately defend the Planning Scheme, particularly when the intention appears to be to manipulate the Planning Scheme to facilitate development.

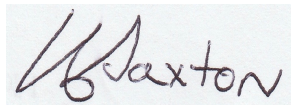
We object to the proposed Planning Scheme Amendments in relation to Mooloolaba for the following reasons:

1. The Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 is there to provide certainty for the community. Major amendments, particularly in relation to building heights, at this early stage, only serve to create uncertainty and angst amongst the community.
2. We do not believe the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) should be proposing amendments to the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 in order to facilitate development. That is not Council's role.
3. The Mooloolaba Master Plan is relatively new and should not be amended for the benefit of a developer or to provide for population growth. Traffic congestion and problems associated with the lack of carparking in this area should be addressed before even considering amendments to the Planning Scheme which would increase population.

4. Meaningful community engagement should be undertaken on any major amendments at any stage, particularly in relation to the most controversial issue of building heights. Whilst it is not mandatory, we believe meaningful community engagement should be carried out in an open, transparent and robust manner with all levels of the community at an early stage, preferably before the amendments are sent off to the State for their first interest check.
5. We believe the integrity of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme should be upheld.

We therefore recommend that Council not proceed with these amendments to the SCPS in relation to Mooloolaba.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue rectangular background. The signature reads "Lynette Saxton" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Lynette Saxton  
President, Development Watch Inc.