



What's the point of a town plan: Residents



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GROWING FEARS: Spit Protection Association members Graeme Simpson, Martin Neep, Lucille Simpson and Anna Neep gather signatures to oppose plans to increase building heights in key parts of Mooloolaba from 37.5m to 50m.

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FRUSTRATED Mooloolaba residents are gathering signatures to encourage Sunshine Coast Council to stick to its town plan.

And it appears Gold Coast tourists also don't want the popular tourist strip to look anything like their home town.

Martin Neep, from the Spit Protection Association (SPA), said residents couldn't understand why the council couldn't stick to its 2014 planning scheme.

The council has advised it is looking to increase building heights in key parts of Mooloolaba from 37.5 metres to 50 metres.

"We are inviting people to submit an objection to proposed amendments to the planning scheme," Mr Neep said.

"The window before they close objections is on December 9."

SPA managed to get close to 700 signatures last weekend and expected at least 1000 people to sign the petition by the December 9 deadline.

Mr Neep said this was a strong signal of how the community felt about high-rise.

"When Breeze was debated in the council, it only received 10 emails in protest," he said

"There is a solid body of evidence to suggest people do care very much (about high-rise).

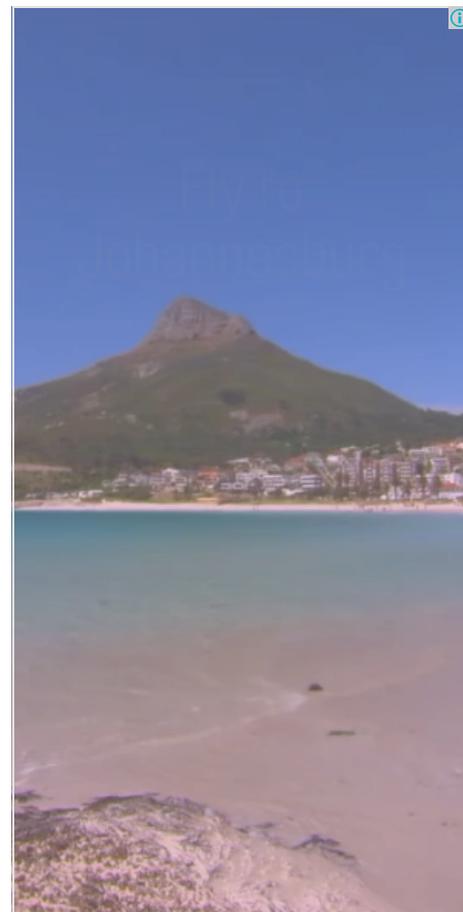
"And that's from both residents and visitors.

"We have several people visiting from the Gold Coast who say they come to Mooloolaba because they don't like it on the Gold Coast.

"No one argues development is not a good thing. But why does development have to be extended beyond the town plan?"



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Spit Protection Association start a petition against overdevelopment at Mooloolaba. Graeme Simpson, Martin Neep, Lucille Simpson and Anna Neep gather interest from the public.

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