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## NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SUNSHINE COAST PLANNING SCHEME 2014  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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Development Watch Inc. (DW) is an incorporated Association whose primary aim is to monitor planning and decision-making processes and to strive to ensure that all local planning and relevant State Government guidelines are respected. As a result of encouragement from Council, we provided extensive input into the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014.

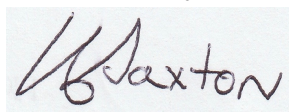
Our submission herewith follows a briefing provided to Development Watch by Council staff on 20 March in relation to the purposes and effect of the Amendment, particularly concerning the Coolum and surrounding areas.

As a result of this briefing and a scant perusal of the Amendment, we make the following comments:

1. **Parking Should be Trunk Infrastructure** - We note that "parking" is not considered to be a component of "trunk infrastructure". "Parks and Community Facilities" are but "parking" is not? Development Watch believes that parking should be included as a component of "trunk infrastructure".
2. **Council's Policy for Accepting a Payment in Lieu of Car Parking** - In a recent Development Application, Council stated in its letter dated 24 January 2017: "*Council's planning scheme allows for the payment of a monetary contribution in lieu of car parking in situations where car parking cannot physically be provided...*" It appears, however, that Council has no policy in relation to accepting a payment in lieu of car parking. We would request Council formulate a policy in relation to same and that reference to it is made in Council's LGIP. We further submit this policy should provide that if a payment is received by Council in lieu of car parking, that payment should be used to provide car parking in **that area** and should not be used for any other area or for any other purpose.

3. **Interface LGIP with Capital Works Budget** - We believe it would be desirable for the LGIP to be interfaced with Council's Capital Works Budget (by region) so that interested parties can reasonably comprehend what Council is/is not proposing to do about infrastructure in an area like Coolum/Yaroomba. At our briefing with Council staff we requested a copy of Council's Capital Works Budget but same has not been forthcoming.
4. **Current Problematic Intersections** - We note there is no mention of what Council, in conjunction with TMR, are proposing/not proposing to do in areas like School Rd/Coolum Yandina Rd and Beach Rd/David Low Way.

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.