

## Chamber's small

Noosa Chamber of Commerce president Martin Bushell refers to those who oppose Stockwell's planned expansion of Noosa Civic as "a vocal minority" (NN May 5).

A quick look at the chamber's website reveals that it has just 32 members. That paltry sum includes less than 20% who are retail owners.

Significantly, it also includes a

representative from Noosa Civic Shopping Centre management.

The organisations that I am aware of placing submissions opposing both the Civic stage 3 DA and changes to the Shire Business Plan include Noosa Junction Traders Association, EDV Residents Group, Friends of Noosa, Noosa Biosphere Association, OSCAR and the region's largest community organisation, the Noosa Parks Association. By my calculation, those groups represent well over 3000 members.

Even Paul Summers, who was Noosa town planner when the business centre was being developed, has voiced his opposition to Civic stage 3 (NN, May 5).

Noosa already has an excess of retail space. The "build it and they will come" naivety should be left to Hollywood fantasies.

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