

Rewriting history

According to my research, Peter Bycroft was just a humble Noosa councillor elected in 1982. He served one full term. He was re-elected in 1985, but soon resigned to go and live in Canberra.

When he was appointed to the Iconic Panel in 2008, the minister's press release, and thus many in the media, claimed that Bycroft had once been a mayor of Noosa. Bycroft never bothered to publicly correct this egregious claim.

With regards to Bycroft's recent letter (NN, October 20), it is arguable that the 1982 to 1985 Noosa Council, on which Bycroft sat, achieved very little in practical terms. Their few nascent strategies were largely undone by the pro-development council which followed.

It was the three terms under mayor Noel Playford, beginning in 1988, that really cemented the essential differences that now define Noosa.

Yet it appears that Bycroft wants to rewrite history to make his own brief term of office appear more influential than it really was. His argument comparing staffers Alan Simes with Paul Summers is just plain silly.

In any case, I would remind Peter Bycroft that the words "population cap" do not appear anywhere in the Noosa Plan.

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