

Draft SEQ Regional Plan 2009-2031

Noosa Residents & Ratepayers Association



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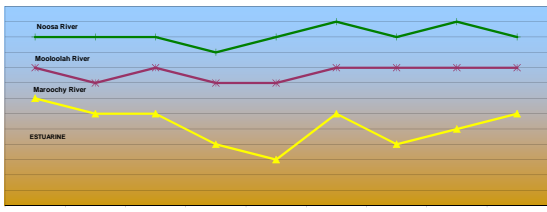
Introduction

- Jump around a little, using material from a few presentations done this and last year
- Waterway health update – apropos of nothing really, but it has pretty graphics
- SEORP Context
- SEORP Mapping changes
 - Over time to see whether the Rural Production & Regional Landscape Area is protected or is a protector?!
 - A sneak preview of 2015
- Population growth:
 - Its inevitability ...
 - ... or not
 - What the polles have said ...
- Prefacing comments – the SEQ Regional Plan:
 - Is powerful and cogent
 - Does many excellent things
 - Would be even better if what it said was true and actually implemented as policy.
 - Alas ...

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Waterway Health - Estuarine

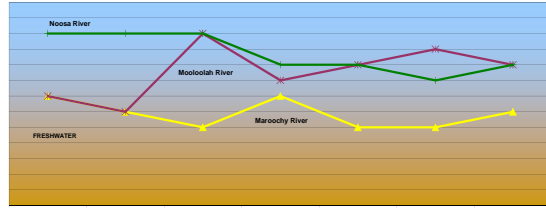
CATCHMENT	Estuarine								
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Maroochy River	C+	C	C	D+	D	C	D+	C	C
Mooloolah River	B	B	B	B-	B-	B	B	B	B
Noosa River	A-	A-	A-	B+	A-	A	A-	A	A-



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Waterway Health - Freshwater


CATCHMENT	Freshwater							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Maroochy River	C+	C	C-	C+	C-	C-	C	
Mooloolah River	C+	C	A-	B-	B	B+	B	
Noosa River	A-	A-	A-	B	B	B-	B	



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SEORP Context

- Sits above Local Government planning schemes
- Local governments are supposed to have amended plans for consistency
- Local growth management strategies were supposed to have been completed and in operation



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What is the SEORP?

- If my Adobe software conversion to Word doesn't lie, then:
 - 2005: Around 33,277 words, with 13 maps, 6 figures and 4 tables
 - 2009: Around 20,384 words, 23 maps, 0 figures and 5 tables

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SEQRP: What's in it for Noosa1?

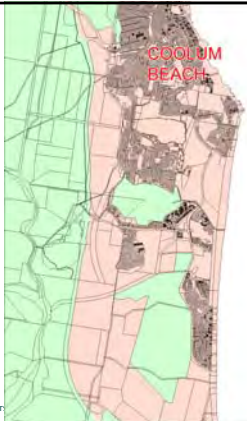
- Urban footprint remains unchanged
- Not much else really, just administrative stuff which is quite good in itself, but not exciting for Noosa
- Is that as far as it goes ...
- ...Not! What about outside the boundaries?



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SEQRP: What's in it for Noosa2?


- The Bridges Investigation Area has gone – but this is not news - but it was one mistake that has been fixed.
- What about other mistakes such as committing flood prone, acid sulphate prone, highway noise-affected land into the Urban Footprint? Surely these would be corrected too.
- No!!



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Sunshine Coast Regional Council - c2004


- c2004: about 17,662ha of 'urban commitment', but this figure excludes roads and some large tracts such as schools, airports and the like



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Sunshine Coast Regional Council – 2004-2005


- c2004: about 17,662ha of 'urban commitment'
- 2005: 32,912ha of Urban Footprint via the South East Queensland Regional Plan
- 2,250 ha. added as Urban Footprint (rather than Investigation Area), despite the land not being committed under the Caloundra planning scheme



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Sunshine Coast Regional Council - 2009

- c2004: about 17,662ha of 'urban commitment'
- 2005: 32,912ha of Urban Footprint
- 2009: 32,912ha of Urban Footprint:
 - No change to the Urban Footprint
 - 1,408ha of Investigation Area added
 - No change to the flood and acid constrained lands west of Mt Cooloom
 - 98,500 extra dwellings required

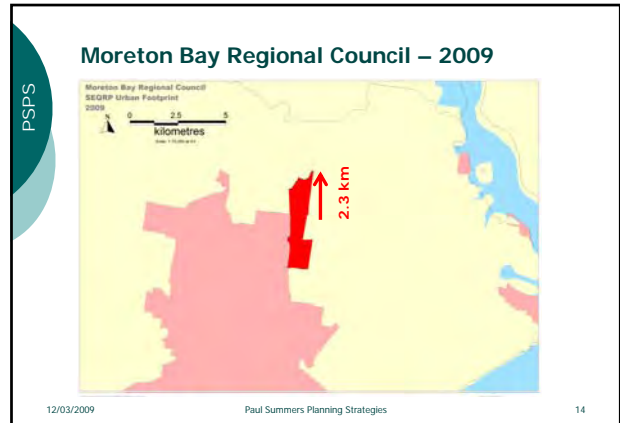
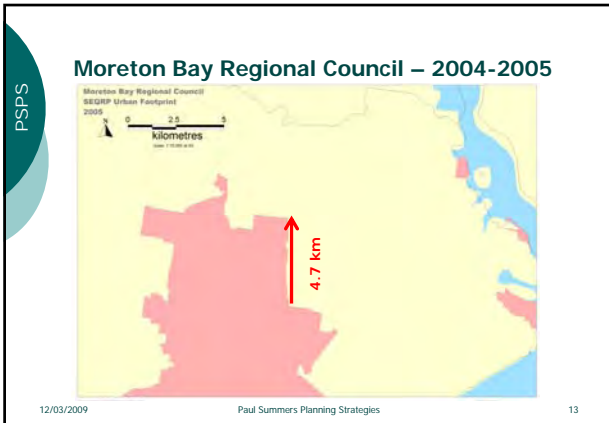


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Inter-Urban Breaks

- What are inter-urban breaks?
- Noosa made up of a series of places, with little breaks
- Sunshine Coast made up of a series of places, with bigger breaks.
- Greater Brisbane is kept at bay by the biggest of the inter-urban breaks.
- This break:
 - Gives the Sunshine Coast identity
 - Helps highway users know that they have left Brisbane and they know they have arrived at the Sunshine Coast
 - Means that we are not a part of the urban sprawl of Brisbane City as the Gold Coast is.

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Inter-Urban Break

- What is it and why is it important?
- As the crow flies and combining north and south movements:
 - 2004 – 27km away
 - 2005 – 20km away
 - 2009 – 16km away
- The inter-urban break is disappearing at the rate of **2.75km/year!!**
- 4 years into the plan's life and we have removed **40%** of the inter-urban break

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A Peek at the Future

- Yes, at the rate of 2.75 km per year, the government will finally have gotten rid of that pesky inter-urban break by 2015
- The Electoral & Administrative Rort Commission will have once again reviewed LGA boundaries
- Brisbane Regional Council will be the largest 'local' government in the world stretching from Coolangatta in the south to Noosa in the north
- Frank Wilkie's *GreaterNoosa* magazine (*Life in the Noosa Biosphere & Beyond*) has been renamed *BiosphereBrisbane*
- The most recent edition has Bob Abbot the populist Mayor of the BRC urging a population cap!

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Regional Landscape & Rural Production Area

- Finally, let's have a look at how well protected the Regional Landscape & Rural Production Area is
- Remember in 2004 Minister Mackenroth pledged to *legislate to make sure those areas identified as regional landscape are locked in and protected.*
- This is the area that is supposed to be preserved ... that's going to preserve our character while millions swarm over and in it.
- Seems that the Regional Landscape & Rural Production Area is a threatened species in the inter-urban break

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Population Growth

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