



The Chief Executive Officer
Sunshine Coast Regional Council
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Dear Sir

Subject: First Bay Retention Works, David Low Way, Coolum Beach – Request for Urgent Consultation to avoid unintended detrimental impacts on local amenity and values

I am writing to draw your attention to a previous letter sent to Council on 2 March in relation to the above matter. We received an acknowledgement on 3 March stating that “Mr Baker has read and noted your content and a response is receiving consideration and further reply will be provided in due course”.

Coolum Residents Association (CRA) has not received a reply, nor has any representative of Council contacted us. Through our local Councillor Maria Suarez, we requested a Council officer to give a presentation about the matters of concern to our quarterly meeting of members on 24 March. We were advised that “Due to some approvals and other elements for the Coolum Landslip project still needing to be finalised, an officer will be unable to attend the meeting...”. This response suggests a serious misunderstanding of the purpose and appropriate timing of community consultation.

I will not repeat all of the matters raised in our first letter, which can be summarized as:

- No consultation (how was the project scope determined?)
- Lack of viewing/seating/rest areas
- Physical separation from DLW and parking
- Difficulty in obtaining relevant information on design
- Emphasising concerns relate to minor aspects of project
- Requesting design review of only these minor aspects with community input

All of these issues remain unresolved but are now more urgent due to the lack of response from Council and ongoing construction of the major civil engineering works. We look forward to your response to our earlier letter. Perhaps there has been some activity behind the scenes without community input, and we will be pleasantly surprised.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Lee
Secretary, Coolum Residents Association

Cc Cr Maria Suarez, Cr Taylor Bunnag