

Noosa to lead reduction

Jury outcomes win praise by anti-waste campaigner Joe

THE supporting of the community jury's green waste minimisation will "put Noosa at the forefront of waste recovery in Queensland".

That is according waste recycling campaigner Councillor Joe Jurisevic who has lauded the efforts of the jury in forming its recommendations.

"It shows that the Noosa community is willing to lead the charge in waste reduction in Queensland," Cr Jurisevic said.

"It's prepared to consider the costs of implementing those changes to protect our environment."

Cr Jurisevic said the Noosa community already has a willingness to participate in this process "with an increase in about 33% uptake of the green bin system since this process was first discussed, with almost 4000 properties now seeing the benefit of the service".

And Cr Frank Wilkie said the community jury's waste reduction measure had taken Noosa "where no Queensland community has gone before".

Mayor Noel Playford, in supporting the major recommendation in principle, noted that "almost half of the waste that goes to landfill is green waste".



WHAT A WASTE: The Noosa landfill may, in 2017, be free of almost half of the present waste if green bins are adopted.

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Plan cuts red tape for new rural businesses

NOOSA Council's proposed planning scheme changes will clear the way for new rural enterprise.

The amendments, which are currently open for public comment, remove development application requirements for some hinterland business operators.

Councillor Sandy Bolton said the proposed changes would encourage eco-tourism and regenerative farming opportunities and expand Noosa's holiday options.

The changes will make setting up various business enterprises easier, including small boutique farms.

"The amendments allow for the use of up to three bedrooms of a rural zone property to create a B&B without need for a development approval," Cr Bolton said.

Establishing overnight parking facilities for up to five fully self-contained RVs won't require a development application, providing further accommodation options for visitors to enjoy hosted experiences.

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