

Second wind for jury trial

NOOSA'S second community jury has been selected with 24 residents to meet for the first time on August 22 to help determine how Noosa River can be better managed.

Included in the members' five months of deliberation will be recommendations on the role council should play and the resources it should apply.

"It's a complex issue with implications for both state and local governments and all residents are encouraged to have a say," said council community engagement manager Debra Bambrook.

"It's as easy as making a submission for the jury to consider.

"This process enables the community to help define council's role in managing,

for example, the proliferation of abandoned and derelict vessels on the river and their environmental and visual impacts, so that our much-loved waterway remains clean and healthy for future generations."

Research and charitable foundation newDemocracy (nDF), which is again partnering with the council

in the jury process, says documents and research are welcome.

"Submissions go to the jurors unedited and there are no limits on the information provided – submitters can make their case as they see fit. The jury can also call on any experts it wishes," nDF executive director Iain Walker said.

Submissions will be made

public, with personal details removed, along with Council's background paper, on Council's Your Say Noosa website at <http://yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au>

Submissions can be lodged via email to NoosaCommunityJury@newdemocracy.com.au from August 7.

nDF will host two

stakeholder briefings in August for anyone interested in hearing more about the jury process and how to get involved.

The stakeholder briefing sessions will be held on August 21 at 1pm and 4pm.

Residents can contact Iain Walker on 0412 544 116 or iain.walker@newdemocracy.com.au with questions.