



Noosa Plan 2020

Noosa Plan 2020 Amendment No. 2 (26 September 2025) - Summary of Changes

Noosa Plan 2020 originally commenced in July 2020, with a minor amendment in September 2020. Amendment No. 2 is a major amendment and came into effect on 26 September 2025.

Amendment No. 2 supports housing supply, choice, diversity and affordability by:

- expanding housing choice through smaller dwellings, accessible dwellings, affordable dwellings and dwellings specifically built for permanent rental;
- creating feasible pathways for the development of additional social or affordable housing;
- prioritising permanent residents within the Medium and High Density Residential zones and key centre zones by preventing further short-term accommodation;
- ensuring any visitor accommodation in Rural and Rural Residential zones is in conjunction with the permanent resident's dwelling and not replacing it;
- rezoning certain land to increase opportunities for smaller dwellings and key worker housing;
- reviewing the Tourist Accommodation Zone to both rezone some areas for permanent residents and neighbourhoods and a broader range of local business uses, as well as including certain existing resorts in the Tourist Accommodation zone;
- setting clearer expectations for the future development of the Noosa Business Centre so that it functions as an integrated village providing a diversity of housing and employment;
- establishing clear guidelines for the development of the Innovation Zone;
- facilitating an integrated health and wellbeing precinct within the Noosa District Sports Complex;

- administrative amendments to rectify errors and inconsistencies

Community Involvement

A suite of proposed amendments was endorsed by the State in April 2024 to be publicly notified. These amendments and accompanying explanatory material were released for public notification in May 2024 for an 8-week period. During the public notification period there were various opportunities for the community to engage with planners, access information and make submissions.

A total of 475 submissions were received, including an online petition with 600 unique signatories.

All submissions were considered and, where appropriate, changes were made to the proposed amendments in response to these submissions.

Council decided in December 2024 to resubmit the amendments, including changes post public notification to the State for final approval.

Ministerial Approval

On 7 August 2025, The Hon Jarrod Bleijie, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning advised that Council may proceed to adopt the proposed amendments subject to Ministerial Conditions.

Adoption

On 18 September Council resolved to adopt the amended planning scheme and for amendments to take effect on 26 September 2025.