

# PUBLIC FORUM

Cooroy Memorial Hall  
Maple St. Cooroy

Saturday July 2  
1pm - 4:30pm

## Let's talk about Cooloola National Park

Nature vs Commercial Development... where's the line?  
...at the edge of our National Parks, or deep inside?

### Kabi smoking ceremony

And some words from Kabi people  
who haven't been heard yet



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### The plan for Cooloola

What it is / Where it's up to / What to do about it

The development plans for Cooloola National Park are progressing mostly out of public sight. Community volunteers are digging out the facts. They're not pretty.



Peter Ogilvie  
President, Wildlife Queensland  
Ret. Director Qld. Parks & Wildlife

### The Cardinal Principle

What it is / Why it matters / Why it's threatened

The Cardinal Principle has long served to make nature conservation and preservation the primary purpose of National Park management. The new laws that allow these development plans change that. How dangerous is this?



Ronda Green BSc(Hons) PhD  
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### Eco? Tourism Impacts on wildlife & wildness?

With biodiversity facing multiple threats, the quality of our National Parks is crucial to conservation of species & habitat. How might tourism affect the security of that higher purpose?

Whilst the integrity of nature is paramount, there is also a need to consider the quality of experiencing it. How much can we reasonably alter that experience in order to make the event individually or commercially 'convenient'. At what point do National Parks become expensive theme parks?



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### Regenerative Tourism

Communities are pushing back against 'Tourism' being done to them, rather than with them and for them.

Without informed community consent, development has left communities overdependent on tourism, vulnerable to crises, and with degraded natural resources.

But there is another way. Dianne presents an alternative path to the 'top-down' decision-making that routinely ignores community needs.

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