

Genuine, upfront': Councillor to disrupt mass transit plan



Today the Sunshine Coast Daily reported on Cr Joe Natoli's call this week for a "genuine and upfront" approach to the region's mass transit plan, and for it not to progress without further public consultation.

Cr Natoli's motion will call for the council to release a report on the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit and engage in meaningful community consultation before it is progressed any further.

Cr Natoli said after a plan update was provided on July 13, he believed the preliminary report would be presented to council at Thursday's meeting for endorsement. But it was not on the agenda, and was instead mentioned in the council's quarterly report attachment.

"It appears to me that by reading the comments ... that the endorsement of the Business Case and Option Analysis will not occur and it will be progressed directly to state interest check," Cr Natoli said.

The last time public consultation occurred on this project was in 2014. He said at the time there was no talk about infill development being part of the project.

"The public have never been made aware of the urbanisation strategy attached to the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Study," Cr Natoli said.

"I believe it is incumbent upon us ... to be genuine and upfront with the community about what the Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis is proposing."(Paywall applies to full article]