

Explanatory Memorandum

Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21 – Special Entertainment Precincts

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1. Short title

The amendment instrument to which this explanatory memorandum relates is the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21 – Special Entertainment Precincts* relating to the designation of a Special Entertainment Precinct and associated amendments.

2. Type of local planning instrument

The amendment to the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* constitutes a 'qualified state interest amendment' in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Minister's Guideline and Rules* (July 2017) (MGR) and section 20 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act).

In accordance with Schedule 3 (Required material), section 2(b) of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, the planning scheme amendment is consistent with the definition of a 'qualified state interest amendment' for the following reasons:

- the amendment is not a minor amendment or an administrative amendment;
- the amendment does not affect more than three state interests and meets the requirements of section 3(d)(iii) of Schedule 1 of the MGR;
- the amendment does not involve the state interest of natural hazard, risk and resilience as set out in the State Planning Policy (SPP); and
- the amendment reflects the guiding principles of the SPP, does not adversely affect a state interest in the SPP or South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan, accords with the Act's purpose and is consistent with the regulated requirements under the Act.

The Planning Scheme Policy (PSP) amendment constitutes an 'amendment' to a planning scheme policy in accordance with Schedule 1 of the MGR and section 22 of the Act.

3. Entity making the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21

The entity making the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* is the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

4. Land affected by the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21

The *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* generally applies to land included in the following zones and local plan areas:

- Principal centre zone;
- Major centre zone;
- District centre zone;
- Local centre zone;
- Tourist accommodation zone;
- Tourism zone;
- Nambour Local Plan Area;
- Maroochydore/Kuluin Local Plan Area;
- Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland Local Plan Area;
- Caloundra Local Plan Area;
- Coolum Local Plan Area; and
- Sippy Downs Local Plan Area.

5. Purpose of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21

The purpose of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* is to:-

- (a) facilitate/support the live music industry on the Sunshine Coast through the designation of part of Nambour's activity centre as a special entertainment precinct under the *Local Government Act 2009*;
- (b) amend the Nuisance code to:
 - i. include specific noise criteria which must be met and provisions to regulate attenuation requirements for venues that are likely to host live music, and residential development within the special entertainment precinct and the surrounding buffer areas; and
 - ii. include new noise criteria and requirements for development in key mixed use areas more generally to minimise/manage land use conflicts.
- (c) amend the tables of assessment, zone codes and relevant local plan provisions for the Principal centre zone, Major centre zone, Tourism zone and parts of the District centre zone, Local centre zone and Tourist accommodation zone to:
 - i. allow for diffusion of "lower impact" entertainment uses (e.g. restaurants and small bars) across centre zones and key tourist areas to encourage vibrancy and support the night time economy in higher order centres, whilst concentrating "higher impact" entertainment uses (e.g. night clubs and dedicated live music venues) in the designated special entertainment precinct and the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct;
 - ii. allow for micro-breweries to establish via code assessment in the Principal centre zone, Major centre zone, Tourism zone, and (where within the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland Local Plan Area) the District centre zone and Tourist accommodation zone;
 - iii. reinforce the mixed use nature of these zones and the desire for a vibrant day time and night time economy; and
 - iv. highlight that residents and visitors in these zones should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise associated with the benefits of living or staying in a centre or core tourist area.
- (d) remove provisions relating to existing hospitality areas identified in the planning scheme to reduce potential overlap and confusion with the designated special entertainment precinct;
- (e) amend the Planning Scheme Policy for the Nuisance code to include advice for achieving the outcomes specified in the Nuisance code including requirements for noise impact assessments; and
- (f) undertake all necessary consequential amendments to other parts of the planning scheme for consistency with the above amendments.

6. Reasons for the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21

Council has prepared the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* to facilitate/support the live music industry on the Sunshine Coast and promote a vibrant day time and night time economy in major centres and tourist areas whilst also protecting residential amenity.

Background

In recent times increasing conflicts have been arising between residents and live music venues on the Sunshine Coast, resulting in some cases, in venues being unable to continue to host live bands and music events due to complaints about noise emissions from encroaching residential development threatening the suspension of their liquor licence.

One tool available to council to help manage this issue is the designation of "special entertainment precincts" under the *Local Government Act 2009*. The designation makes entertainment venues within this precinct exempt from the amplified music noise requirements of the State Government's liquor licencing laws, and instead transfers

responsibility for the regulation of amplified music noise emissions from venues in the precinct to council. Venues still need to meet all the other requirements for obtaining a liquor licence.

This arrangement gives live music and entertainment venues greater certainty in relation to the noise levels they may operate to, and prevents venues being “shut down” by encroaching sensitive land uses such as residential development. The amenity of residential development within and in close proximity to the special entertainment precincts is protected through new acoustic attenuation requirements in the planning scheme. It should be noted however that the acoustic requirements do add additional costs to the development of residential premises, and are also likely to have implications for the design of buildings. There may also be some cost implications for existing and new venues in order to achieve the proposed attenuation requirements. Costs would be highly variable depending on the size and construction of the venue.

Another difference with the use of special entertainment precincts is that nearby residences are expected to close their windows/doors to block out the noise, whereas traditionally the noise criteria would apply on peoples balconies or inside residences with windows/door open. The traditional method therefore does not allow any benefits from acoustic upgrades to the residences.

The designation requires the implementation of both planning scheme amendments and local law amendments. Council has received various representations from creative and live music industry groups advocating for the introduction of special entertainment precincts on the Sunshine Coast.

The designation of a special entertainment precinct necessitated a review of the existing hospitality areas and zone provisions in order to reduce duplication and ensure the scheme provisions remain as simple and effective as possible. The amendments are designed to simplify provisions relating to entertainment uses in the planning scheme, allowing diffusion of “lower impact” entertainment uses across key centres and tourist areas more generally, whilst encouraging “higher impact” entertainment uses in a new special entertainment precinct in order to facilitate their establishment as core areas for live music on the Sunshine Coast.

7. Details of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21

Identification of a special entertainment precinct and buffers

The primary aim of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* is to designate a special entertainment precinct under the *Local Government Act 2009* in part of Nambour’s activity centre. The special entertainment precinct, and associated buffer areas are identified on the local plan precinct map for Nambour.

The special entertainment area has been identified based on a variety of factors including potential/capacity to accommodate growth in “higher impact” entertainment venues, and the extent of residential development currently within the precincts and buffer areas. Importantly, the proposed special entertainment precinct currently has no residential uses within the boundaries of the proposed precinct and buffer areas.

The buffer areas encompass land directly proximate to the special entertainment precinct and which is likely to be affected by noise emissions from entertainment venues within the precinct. The buffer areas generally equate to approximately 50 metres from the boundary of the precinct for the primary buffer and 100 metres for the secondary buffer and have been determined based on advice from acoustic engineering specialists. A range of factors were considered including existing noise levels in buffer areas, proximity to existing and residential uses, built form and topography, and capacity of noise to travel through the environment. In order to minimise land use conflicts, residential development within the buffer areas will need to comply with the attenuation requirements in the Nuisance Code.

The current hospitality areas at Mooloolaba, Caloundra and Ocean Street, Maroochydore were investigated but not considered appropriate for designation as special entertainment precincts, primarily due to their crucial role in providing for existing and future tourist/residential accommodation. Entertainment uses can however continue to establish in these areas in accordance with the relevant zone/local plan provisions. Venues in these areas will also remain subject to the noise conditions of their liquor licence.

Noise criteria and attenuation requirements

The designation of a special entertainment precinct requires concurrent amendments to the planning scheme (specifically the Nuisance Code and associated Planning Scheme Policy) to include new requirements for new residential development and venues within the precinct and buffer area to incorporate acoustic attenuation designed to meet specific criteria for noise emissions in order to protect the amenity of residential development within and in close proximity to the special entertainment precinct.

The requirements have been recommended by acoustic consultants and generally equate to the “Core B” levels for the Fortitude Valley special entertainment precinct. The “Core B” areas are located on the fringe of the main

entertainment area in the Valley, closer to residences, and as a result have a somewhat stricter criteria for venues. The noise limits are 88 dBC Leq outside venues before 11:30pm/midnight and 65 dBC Leq at other times. For comparison, the noise levels outside South Bank (Brisbane) venues is around 80 to 85 dBC Leq during the busier evening period. Noise levels outside some Fortitude Valley venues would exceed 88 dBC Leq during evening/night periods.

It is possible that the implementation of the criteria would result in some existing venues not meeting the new allowable noise levels. To this end, where an existing venue doesn't comply with the new local law provisions, council has the ability/discretion to require a "noise management plan" for the venue, to allow the venue to continue to operate at its existing internal levels, even though it doesn't meet the new noise limits.

The amendment does not impact upon the ability for temporary events and festivals involving live music to occur inside or outside of the special entertainment precinct.

Managing noise in mixed use areas generally

In order to help minimise/manage land use conflicts in mixed use areas more generally into the future (as opposed to special entertainment areas and buffers specifically) and promote vibrant dining focussed entertainment areas, changes are made to the Nuisance Code to insert specific noise criteria and glazing requirements for residential development in key mixed use areas similar to those in the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. The "prescribed mixed use areas" include core areas/precincts of the Principal and Major centre zones, the District Centre zone at Mooloolaba, and the Tourist accommodation zone in Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Caloundra, and Coolum.

Residents in the special entertainment precinct, buffer areas and prescribed mixed use areas may need to close windows during noisier periods. This approach is similar for residents beside major roads and railway lines. It recognises the importance of the activity and places more responsibility on the resident.

Other related amendments

In addition to the identification of the special entertainment precinct and associated buffer areas and the inclusion of associated noise criteria and provisions, the amendment increases the area where small bars (accommodating up to 60 patrons seated) can be established as accepted development (i.e. not requiring a development approval), subject to certain qualifications, in key centres/tourist areas, and restrict code assessable nightclub entertainment facilities (including dedicated live music venues) generally to the designated special entertainment precinct and the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct. Nightclubs and dedicated live music venues remain impact assessable and potentially consistent in most other parts of the Principal centre zone, and Major centre zone and parts of the Tourist accommodation zone. To avoid confusion and overlap with the new special entertainment precinct, the existing hospitality precincts/areas are removed and replaced with more general zone/local plan provisions.

Amendments are also made to the relevant zone/local plan codes to reinforce the mixed use nature of larger centres/core tourist areas and the desire for vibrant, active streets which may include night time/entertainment activities, and indicate that people living in these zones generally can expect a reasonable level of noise which necessarily comes with the benefits of living in a centre.

Table 7.1 provides further detail of the amendments to the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014*.

Table 7.1 Summary of amendments

Planning Scheme Part	Summary of Amendment
<p>Part 1 (About the planning scheme)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Table 1.2.2 (Local plans and local plan precincts) to update the local plan precinct references to reflect the new special entertainment precinct and delete references to existing hospitality areas.
<p>Part 3 (Strategic framework)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Section 3.4.3 (Element 2 – Sunshine Coast activity centre network), Section 3.4.3.1(d)(iv) (Specific outcomes) to replace the reference to hospitality areas with special entertainment precincts and note amenity expectations for these areas.
<p>Part 5 (Tables of assessment)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Section 5.5 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – material change of use), Table 5.5.4 (Tourist accommodation zone) to remove reference to <i>bar</i> as accepted development where in a hospitality area. This provision is instead reflected in the supplementary tables of assessment for the zone in the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland and Caloundra local plan areas. Amend Section 5.5 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – material change of use), Table 5.5.5 (Principal centre zone) and Section 5.5 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – material change of use), Table 5.5.6 (Major centre zone) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> change the category of development and category of assessment (level of assessment) qualification for <i>bar</i> being accepted development in an existing building in the zone from “where in a designated hospitality area” to “where not involving amplified music that is audible external to the premises”. This provides for ‘bars’ to establish as accepted development (no development approval required) throughout these zones subject to these qualifications; and change the category of development and category of assessment (level of assessment) for <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i> to code assessment where in a designated special entertainment precinct, and impact assessable otherwise, to encourage nightclub entertainment facilities (including live music venues) to establish in a special entertainment precinct or the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct in the first instance. Note: See below amendment to Maroochydore/Kuluin Local Plan Table of Assessment to vary the category of development and category of assessment (level of assessment) to Code assessable in the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct. change the category of development and category of assessment (level of assessment) for <i>medium impact industry</i> to code assessment where for a micro-brewery to allow for these uses to establish more easily in major centres. Amend Section 5.5 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – material change of use), Table 5.5.7 (District centre zone) to remove reference to <i>bar</i> as accepted development where in a hospitality area. This provision is instead reflected in the supplementary table of assessment for the zone in the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan area. Amend Section 5.5 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – material change of use), Table 5.5.22 (Tourism zone) to change the category of development and category of assessment (level of assessment) for <i>medium impact industry</i> to code assessment where for a micro-brewery to allow for these uses to establish more easily in major tourist attractions. Amend Section 5.9 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – local plans), Table 5.9.2 (Caloundra local plan: material change of use) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide for <i>bar</i> to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accepted development in the Tourist accommodation zone where in an existing building approved for non-residential use and not involving amplified music, subject to code assessment if forming part of a mixed use building, and impact assessment otherwise; and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ accepted development in the Local centre zone at Moffat Beach where in an existing building with frontage to Seaview Terrace and not involving amplified music, subject to code assessment if not accepted development and with frontage to Seaview Terrace, and impact assessment otherwise. <p>This amendment reflects the removal of hospitality areas and consequential changes to the table of assessment for the Tourist accommodation zone and allows for the use to establish as accepted development more broadly in the Tourist accommodation zone within the Caloundra local plan area and a small part of the Local centre zone at Moffat Beach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i> to be subject to code assessment in the Major centre zone, if located on a site with frontage to Bulcock Street between Tay Avenue/Centaur Street and Moreton Parade/Canberra Terrace (impact assessment otherwise). This is to restrict nightclub entertainment facilities, subject to code assessment, only where in the eastern portion of Bulcock Street (generally mirroring the area subject to the current Bulcock Street hospitality area). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section 5.9 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – local plans), Table 5.9.8 (Maroochydore/Kuluin local plan: material change of use) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for a <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i> to be subject to code assessment in the Principal centre zone, if located in the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-precinct, and impact assessable otherwise. • Amend Section 5.9 (Categories of development and categories of assessment – local plans), Table 5.9.9 (Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan: material change of use) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for <i>bar</i> to be accepted development in the Tourist accommodation zone where in an existing building approved for non-residential use and not involving amplified music, subject to code assessment if forming part of a mixed use building, and impact assessment otherwise. <p>This amendment reflects the removal of hospitality areas and consequential changes to the table of assessment for the Tourist accommodation zone and allows for the use to establish as accepted development more broadly in the Tourist accommodation zone within the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for <i>bar</i> to be accepted development in the District centre zone where in an existing building and not involving amplified music, and code assessment otherwise. <p>This amendment reflects the removal of hospitality areas and consequential changes to the table of assessment for the District centre zone and allows for the use to establish as accepted development more broadly in the District centre zone within the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide for <i>medium impact industry</i> to be subject to code assessment if for a micro-brewery in the Tourist accommodation zone and District centre zone, and impact assessable otherwise.
<p>Part 6 (Zones)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.4 (Tourist accommodation zone code), section 6.2.4.2 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to insert a new overall outcome reinforcing the mixed use nature of the zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.7 (Tourist accommodation zone code), Table 6.2.7.2.1 (Consistent and potentially consistent uses in the Tourist accommodation) to:-

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for medium impact industry where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use where located in the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan area and a potentially consistent use. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.5 (Principal centre zone code), section 6.2.5.2 (Purpose and overall outcomes) overall outcome (4)(d) to reinforce the mixed use nature of the zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.5 (Principal centre zone code), Table 6.2.5.2.1 (Consistent uses and potentially consistent uses in the Principal centre zone) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – remove reference to a <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i> to being a consistent use, to encourage nightclub entertainment facilities (including live music venues) to establish in the designated special entertainment precinct or in the Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct in the first instance; and – provide for <i>medium impact industry</i> where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use, to allow for these uses to establish more easily in the principal centre. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.6 (Major centre zone code), section 6.2.6.2 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reinforce the mixed use nature of the zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.6 (Major centre zone code), Table 6.2.6.2.1 (Consistent and potentially consistent uses in the Major centre zone) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – provide for <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i>, to be a consistent use where located in the Caloundra local plan area on a site with frontage to Bulcock Street between Tay Avenue/Centaur Street and Moreton Parade/Canberra Terrace, and an inconsistent use in the balance of the Major centre zone in the Caloundra local plan area and change the reference to hospitality areas to special entertainment precincts; and – provide for <i>medium impact industry</i> where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use to allow for these uses to establish more easily in the major centres. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.7 (District centre zone code), section 6.2.7.2 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to reinforce the mixed use nature of the zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise. • Amend Section 6.2 (Zone codes), Section 6.2.7 (District centre zone code), Table 6.2.7.2.1 (Consistent and potentially consistent uses in the District centre zone) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – remove reference to designated hospitality area to provide for <i>nightclub entertainment facility</i> to be a potentially consistent use in all of the District centre zone; – provide for <i>medium impact industry</i> where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use where located in the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan area and a potentially consistent use otherwise.
<p>Part 7 (Local plans)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section 7.2.6 (Caloundra local plan code), Section 7.2.6.3 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reinforce the mixed use nature of the Major centre zone and Tourist accommodation zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise; and – delete overall outcomes relating to hospitality areas to reflect the proposed removal of these areas from the planning scheme.

- Amend Section 7.2.6 (Caloundra local plan code), Section 7.2.6.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.6.4.1 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development) to delete performance outcomes relating to hospitality areas, to reflect the proposed removal of these areas from the planning scheme.
- Amend Section 7.2.19 (Maroochydore/Kuluin local plan code), Section 7.2.19.3 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to:-
 - insert a new overall outcome reinforcing the mixed use nature of the zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise; and
 - change references to the ‘Ocean Street Hospitality Area’ to the ‘Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct’;
- Amend Section 7.2.19 (Maroochydore/Kuluin local plan code), Section 7.2.19.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.19.4.2 (Additional performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development in the Principal centre zone) to:-
 - change references to the ‘Ocean Street Hospitality Area’ to the ‘Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct’;
- Amend Section 7.2.19 (Maroochydore/Kuluin local plan code), Section 7.2.19.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.19.4.3 (Maroochydore/Kuluin local plan supplementary table of consistent uses and potentially consistent uses in the Principal centre zone) to provide for:
 - a *nightclub entertainment facility* to be a consistent use in Sub-Precinct MAR LPSP-1 – Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct and a potentially consistent use in the balance of Precinct Mar LPP-1 – City Core.
 - a *medium impact industry* where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use in Precinct MAR LPP-2 – Aerodrome Road and Precinct MAR LPP-3 – Maroochy Boulevard/Dalton Drive to allow for these uses to establish more easily.
- Amend Section 7.2.20 (Mooloolaba/Alexandra headland local plan code), Section 7.2.20.3 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to:-
 - reinforce the mixed use nature of the District centre zone and Tourist accommodation zone and that residents and visitors in these areas should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise; and
 - delete references to hospitality areas to reflect the removal of these areas from the planning scheme.
- Amend Section 7.2.20 (Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland local plan code), Section 7.2.20.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.20.4.1 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development) to:-
 - delete performance outcomes relating to hospitality areas to reflect the removal of these areas from the planning scheme.
- Amend Section 7.2.22 (Nambour local plan code), Section 7.2.22.3 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to:-
 - delete the requirement for development in the Major centre zone to incorporate residential uses above the ground storey;
 - insert a new overall outcome reinforcing the mixed use nature of the Major centre zone and that residents in this area should expect a reasonable level of ambient noise;
 - change references to the ‘Nambour Hospitality Area’ to the ‘Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct’; and
 - include new references to specific noise criteria and attenuation requirements contained in the Nuisance code.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section 7.2.22 (Nambour local plan code), Section 7.2.22.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.22.4.1 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – change references to the ‘Nambour Hospitality Area’ to the ‘Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct’; – delete “and Hospitality Area” from references to Precinct NAM LPP-2 (Former Mill Site and Hospitality Area) to reflect the removal of the hospitality areas from the planning scheme. The Mill site is now developed and is not included in the new special entertainment precinct; and – include new references to specific noise criteria and attenuation requirements contained in the Nuisance code. • Amend Section 7.2.22 (Nambour local plan code), Section 7.2.22.4 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 7.2.22.4.2 (Nambour local plan supplementary table of consistent uses and potentially consistent uses in the Major centre zone) to provide for <i>medium impact industry</i> where for a micro-brewery to be a consistent use in Precinct NAM LPP-3 – Town Centre Frame to allow for these uses to establish more easily in the major centres.
Part 9 (Development codes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section 9.4 (Other development codes), Section 9.4.3 (Nuisance code), Section 9.4.3.2 (Purpose and overall outcomes) to include a new overall outcome relating to development within and in close proximity to special entertainment precincts. • Amend Section 9.4 (Other development codes), Section 9.4.3 (Nuisance code), Section 9.4.3.3 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes), Table 9.4.3.3.1 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – delete references to hospitality areas to reflect the removal of these areas from the planning scheme; – include new performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes relating to noise criteria and attenuation requirements for venues and residential development within special entertainment precincts and associated primary and secondary buffer areas; – include new performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes specifically for residential development to protect residential amenity and reduce land use conflicts in key mixed use areas (“<i>prescribed mixed use areas</i>”). The requirements are similar to those used successfully by Brisbane City Council in Mixed use areas, and are equivalent to current requirements in Transport Noise corridors (Category 2) in the <i>Queensland Development Code</i> (QDC). The outcomes can be met through upgraded glazing requirements; and – incorporate minor consequential changes to remainder of code.
Schedule 1 (Definitions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Table SC1.2.2 (Administrative definitions) to include new definitions of “<i>amplified music</i>” and “<i>prescribed mixed use area</i>” to assist in the interpretation of the provisions. Prescribed mixed use areas have been determined based on levels of anticipated mixed use activity and include parts of the Principal centre zone, Major centre zone, District centre zone and Tourist accommodation zone in the Maroochydore/Kuluin, Caloundra, Coolum, Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland, Nambour and Sippy Downs Local Plan Areas. • Consequential amendment to Table SC1.2.1 (Index of administrative definitions) to list these terms.
Schedule 2 (Mapping)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Local Plan Map LPM18 (Nambour Local Plan Precincts) to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – identify the new special entertainment precinct and buffer areas; and – delete the existing hospitality precincts. • Amend Local Plan Map LPM22 (Maroochydore/Kuluin Local Plan Precincts) to:-

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – delete the existing hospitality precincts; and – change references to the 'Ocean Street Hospitality Precinct' to 'Ocean Street Food and Music Sub-Precinct' • Amend Local Plan Map LPM34 (Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headlands Local Plan Precincts) and Local Plan Map LPM45 (Caloundra Local Plan Precincts) to delete the existing hospitality precincts.
Schedule 6 (Planning scheme policies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Section SC6.15 Planning scheme policy for the Nuisance code to include advice for achieving the outcomes specified in the Nuisance code including requirements for noise impact assessments.

8. Compliance with the Planning Act 2016

In accordance with the Minister's Alignment Amendment Rules, the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* was amended for alignment with the *Planning Act 2016* on 3 July 2017. The *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* does not materially affect this alignment.

The *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* has been prepared in accordance with:

- (a) Section 20 (Amending planning schemes under Minister's rules) of the *Planning Act 2016*;
- (b) Section 22 (Making or amending planning scheme policies) of the *Planning Act 2016*; and
- (c) *Minister's Guidelines and Rules* (July 2017) made under the *Planning Act 2016*.

In accordance with Schedule 3 (Required material), section 2(c)(ii) and (iii) of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21*:

- (a) accords with the Act's purpose in that it seeks to facilitate the achievement of ecological sustainability, balancing ecological processes and natural systems, economic development outcomes, and the maintenance and enhancement of cultural, economic, physical and social wellbeing of people and communities in a localised context; and
- (b) is consistent with the regulated requirements prescribed in the Planning Regulation, in that it accords with the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Alignment Amendment) No. 9* and does not purport to change any relevant definition or zone purpose statement.

9. Compliance with State planning instruments

At the time of the gazettal of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* in May 2014, the Minister identified that the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* and the *State Planning Policy* were appropriately reflected in the planning scheme.

A new State Planning Policy (SPP) commenced on 3 July 2017 and a new Regional Plan – *ShapingSEQ South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017* – was released on 11 August 2017. Council is currently undertaking a review of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* with a view to commencing an amendment process to align the planning scheme with the new SPP and SEQ Regional Plan.

A review of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21* has confirmed that the amendment complies with the relevant aspects of the new State planning instruments. In accordance with Schedule 3 (Required Material) of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, particular aspects of the amendment that have been identified as potentially relevant to State planning instruments are detailed in **Table 9.1** below.

State owned land

Implications for State owned land are minimal. No state land is currently located within the boundaries of the Nambour special entertainment precinct. Several land parcels directly surrounding, including the railway station at Nambour owned by DTMR and Queensland Rail currently used for railway related or industrial purposes, are located within the buffers for the Nambour special entertainment precinct. The amendment does not change the zoning, overlays or land uses allowable under the planning scheme on these sites and do not affect the current uses or their ability to expand in the future.

Table 9.1 Compliance with State planning instruments

State Interest	Summary of Compliance
<p>ShapingSEQ – South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017</p>	<p>The amendment is consistent with the SEQ Regional Plan 2017 in that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relates to land within the Urban Footprint, including existing centre zones and the tourist accommodation zone; • encourages vibrant and active centres with lively day and night time economies; • promotes tourism opportunities associated with live music and creative industries; • promotes economic revitalisation of key major centres, particularly Nambour; and • protects opportunities for consolidation within and adjacent to the proposed special entertainment precincts by providing clear criteria for noise attenuation for both venues and residential development in these areas to avoid potential land use conflicts.
<p>State Planning Policy July 2017 Planning for liveable communities and housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing supply and diversity • Liveable communities 	<p>The amendment seeks to encourage vibrant and active mixed use centres, particularly in terms of promoting a night time economy. Opportunities for consolidation within and adjacent to the special entertainment precinct are protected by providing clear criteria for noise attenuation for both venues and residential development in these areas to avoid potential land use conflicts.</p>
<p>State Planning Policy July 2017 Planning for economic growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Development and construction • Mining and extractive resources • Tourism 	<p>The amendment seeks to facilitate/encourage the development of the live music industry on the Sunshine Coast, which will also facilitate associated tourism benefits.</p> <p>The amendment seeks to adopt the lowest appropriate level of assessment for a variety of entertainment uses within the Nambour special entertainment precinct and across the higher order centres and tourist areas more generally.</p> <p>The amendments does not impact upon State Planning Interests relating to agriculture or mining and extractive resources.</p>
<p>State Planning Policy July 2017 Planning for the environment and heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Coastal environment • Cultural heritage • Water quality 	<p>Not applicable. The amendment does not impact upon State Planning Interests relating to the environment and heritage. The Heritage and character areas overlay in the planning scheme will continue to apply to development in the Nambour special entertainment precinct involving a heritage place.</p>
<p>State Planning Policy July 2017 Planning for safety and resilience to hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emissions and hazardous activities 	<p>The special entertainment precinct (i.e. Nambour (part)) does not currently contain any sensitive uses (in particular residential development) within its boundaries, making it ideal as a special entertainment precinct. The amendment seeks to protect opportunities for future consolidation within and adjacent to the special entertainment precinct by providing clear criteria for noise attenuation for both venues and residential development in this area to avoid potential land use conflicts resulting from noise emissions.</p>

State Interest	Summary of Compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural hazards, risk and resilience 	<p>The amendment does not impact upon State Planning Interests relating to natural hazards.</p>
<p>State Planning Policy July 2017</p> <p>Planning for infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy and water supply • Infrastructure integration • Transport infrastructure • Strategic airports and aviation facilities • Strategic ports 	<p>The Nambour special entertainment precinct is located in an existing major centre well serviced by existing and planned transport and other infrastructure. It is recognised that the growth of the special entertainment precinct over time is likely to necessitate consideration of the provision of better late night public transport options for this area, which will require further discussions with the State.</p> <p>The amendment does not impact upon State Planning Interests relating to energy and water supply, strategic airports and aviation facilities or strategic ports.</p>

10. Consultation with government agencies

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 3 (Qualified state interest amendment), section 8.3 and Schedule 3 (Required material), section 3 of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, during the preparation of the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment) and Planning Scheme Policy (Amendment) No. 21*, Council officers, on 21 March 2018, met with representatives from the following departments, to discuss the content of the proposed amendment and likely state interests:

- Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP), Regional Services – SEQ (North);
- Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation;
- Department of Transport and Main Roads; and
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Representatives from Emergency Services were unable to attend. It was agreed that the primary areas of interest from the State perspective were Liquor Licencing and Building Codes Queensland. Preliminary agreement was also reached that the amendment could proceed as a qualified state interest amendment.

In accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules (July 2017)*, Council sent a copy of the proposed amendment to the Planning Minister on 6 July 2018, advising of Council's decision to make the proposed *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Qualified State Interest Amendment)* and to seek approval to proceed to public consultation.

On 6 September 2018, Council received advice from the Planning Minister that it may proceed to public consultation, with no conditions.

11. Public consultation

In accordance with the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, Council must undertake public consultation when making a qualified state interest amendment, once the State interest review step is complete. In this regard, Council received approval to commence public consultation from the Planning Minister, by letter dated 6 September 2018.

In accordance with the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*, the proposed amendment was subject to public consultation from **15 October to 9 November 2018** (inclusive).

For a planning scheme policy amendment, a State interest review is not required and Council may proceed to public notification once the amendment is prepared, however as the planning scheme policy amendment directly relates to the planning scheme amendment, the proposed planning scheme policy amendment was notified concurrently with the associated amendments to the planning scheme.

In accordance with Council's communication strategy for the proposed amendment the following communication and consultation activities occurred during the public consultation period.

- a notice in the Sunshine Coast Daily and on Council's website;
- formal public consultation on the proposed amendment for 20 business days;
- written notice to land owners within and in close proximity to the proposed special entertainment precincts and buffer areas, and key stakeholder groups, stating the purpose and general effect of the amendment;
- release of an industry newsflash;
- a copy of the amendment documentation made available at Council's administration buildings in Nambour, Caloundra and Maroochydore and available for viewing and downloading on Council's website;
- a copy of the amendment documentation uploaded to the DSDMIP's plan-making portal;
- Briefings/meetings with community associations, including:
 - Maroochydore Revitalisation Association;
 - Maroochydore Chamber of Commerce; and
 - Caloundra Chamber of Commerce; and
- Various phone, email and counter enquiries.

The department's Communications Engagement Toolkit for Planning was considered in the preparation of the communications strategy.

12. Consideration of public submissions

During the public consultation period, 9 submissions were received by Council. Of these, 8 submissions offered support or qualified support for the proposed amendment. One submission noted concerns and sought clarification but did not object to the proposed amendment. In accordance with the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, Council considered every properly made submission about the proposed amendment.

Following consideration of submissions and other matters during the post-consultation review, Council decided to proceed with the proposed planning scheme amendment, with the following changes:

- amend the tables of assessment, zone codes and relevant local plan provisions to provide for micro-breweries (where located in the Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland Local Plan Area) in the District centre zone and Tourism accommodation zone and in the Tourism zone more generally;
- not proceed with the proposed designation of a SEP in the Maroochydore City Centre PDA at this time, to allow more time to determine the appropriate application of a SEP in the PDA;
- consequential amendments to other parts of the planning scheme to give effect to the above changes; and
- undertake drafting refinements and editorial changes that were identified during the post-consultation review of the proposed planning scheme amendment to improve the efficiency and operation of the proposed amendment.

These changes were not considered to make the proposed amendment significantly different to the public consultation version of the proposed amendment.

Following consideration of submissions, at the Ordinary Meeting of council held on 28 March 2019 (Council resolution OM19/38), Council decided to proceed with the proposed amendment, with changes, as summarised in the Consultation Report (refer to **Appendix 1 – Consultation Report**). Prepared in accordance with the *Ministers Guidelines and Rules*, the Consultation Report provides a summary of the matters raised in submissions and how these matters have been dealt with by Council. A copy of the Consultation Report has been provided to each person who made a submission and is also available to view or download on Council's website.

13. Final State Review

In accordance with Council's resolution (OM19/38) the proposed amendment, with changes, was forwarded to the Planning Minister on 15 May 2019, for approval for Council to adopt.

On 19 June 2019, Council received advice from the Planning Minister that Council may proceed to adopt the proposed amendment, with no conditions.

14. Background studies and reports

In order to inform the refinement of the proposed precinct and buffer areas, and identify specific noise criteria appropriate for these areas, Council commissioned specialist acoustic advice from ASK Consulting Engineers.