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COOLUM TO KEEP ITS CLOTHES ON

Member for Noosa Glen Elmes has come out strongly to oppose any attempts to establish an official nude beach or optional-clothing beach at Coolum, north of Stumers Creek.

“This is not the first time that the Free Beaches Association has promoted this part of Coolum as a nude beach. I opposed it then and I continue to oppose it now,” Glen Elmes said.

“Coolum and the immediate surrounding areas are growing very fast with a high incidence of young families and children and this plainly is not a suitable area for this type of activity.

“The Noosa electorate already has one unofficial nude beach at Alexandria Bay and Coolum’s Third Bay is often touted as another possible location.

“Because of its isolation the community has been prepared to turn somewhat of a blind eye to Alexandria Bay but I absolutely refuse to consider the establishment of any other nude or optional-clothing beaches official or unofficial.

“I have written to State Government Ministers and Mayor Bob Abott advising of these new rumours and have insisted that there should not be any consideration of a nude bathing beach anywhere in the Coolum area,” Glen Elmes said.

“Because of its isolation, Coolum and Noosa Police already have a difficult job in the area north of Coolum with deviant and anti-social behaviour. It’s a difficult area to police and I don’t want to see this problem added to.

“I’m fighting a difficult enough battle with Minister Spence to provide extra police for the Noosa electorate so the very last thing I want to see is our scarce police resources wasted on protecting a very small group of people who can just as easily enjoy the beach with their clothes on or swim at Alexandria Bay.”

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