

Mayor cites the need for council water controls

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MAYOR Noel Playford said for 20 to 25 years the Noosa community had been trying to get better outcomes on the river.

"It's not a matter of are there any problems. There are problems, they are increasing and they will get worse," Cr Playford said.

"Anybody can come and dump any sort of hulk, boat, whatever as long as it floats basically, on the river and leave it there.

"This has been going for a long time. It will get worse."

He said the council used to have control over the jetties but it was taken away by the State Government.

The mayor said the riverfront was becoming like a bazaar - some of it bad, some of it good "while people are trying to make a living and paying rent on the other side".

"That is not good enough," he said.

"And the director of Marine Safety Queensland has said to us over and over again, we have never had and never will get enough money to manage the Noosa River effectively."

Cr Playford said Noosa was "much more likely to get better outcomes if we've got local control".

"But to do that our first step is we have to get the State Government to agree in principle that they will consider handing some or all of the controls," he said.