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Dear Minister

**RE: The Southport Spit Master Plan**

The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) welcomes the opportunity to respond to The Southport Spit Master Plan.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities and greater environmental stewardship. With our members, we anticipate and develop a leading position on issues of concern in landscape architecture. Alongside government and allied professions, we work to improve the design, planning and management of the natural and built environment.

AILA supports the Queensland Government's intention to provide a clear and coordinated direction for the Southport Spit. We congratulate the master planning team on making a concerted effort thus far with what as practitioners we can really appreciate, managing a difficult process, stakeholder and a highly contentious site to work with.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Queensland Government in undertaking a comprehensive community consultation program.

As specialists in master planning and design, delivering quality green infrastructure is critical to ensure high quality results that focus on the health of our communities to foster quality environments and liveable communities.

Green infrastructure is critical to The Southport Spit and getting that right will go a long way to producing a successful master plan. The way in which the alternative options promote green infrastructure, particularly at the top of The Spit, is very welcomed.

We encourage the Queensland Government to deliver solutions that are well balanced – addressing both economic and environmental issues to deliver to the community a truly unique experience that will become a drawcard to this unique part of the Gold Coast.



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The master planning process thus far has identified the many opportunities to leverage off the natural beauty of the area and deliver a unique experience for the community and visitors to the Gold Coast and we congratulate the team's effort to date.

Ensuring the considered identification of our stakeholders prior to engaging on a strategic issue or major project provides greater confidence in the inclusiveness and completeness of engagement processes. AILA encourages the government to continue to engage with our membership as a key stakeholder group for the remainder of the project including the final stages of master planning through to construction and operation.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss, please contact Georgina Scriha, AILA Queensland Chapter Manager on 0417 666 622 or [georgina.scriha@aila.org.au](mailto:georgina.scriha@aila.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

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