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Dr Jacqueline Dewar
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Dear Dr Dewar

On behalf of the Destination Brisbane Consortium (DBC), and as the current operator of the Treasury Brisbane Hotel and Casino complex, The Star Entertainment Group Limited is pleased to make a submission to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee in relation to the Brisbane Casino Agreement Amendment Bill 2016.

This Bill is integral to support the delivery of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane project. By ratifying amendments to the existing Brisbane Casino Agreement (BCA), this Bill will provide alignment between the planning and development approval frameworks for the current Treasury Brisbane Hotel and Casino complex site and the remainder of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct for the repurposing of the Treasury Brisbane site as part of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development.

DBC supports these objectives of the Bill.

In particular, The Star Entertainment Group supports the continuation of a framework for the ongoing preservation and enhancement of two of Brisbane's most prestigious heritage buildings: the former Treasury and Land Administration buildings.

The Star Entertainment Group has a proud reputation for preserving and enhancing these buildings and since the early 1990s, it has invested more than \$55 million to restore and repurpose the buildings. In 2008 and 2014, The Star Entertainment Group won the Queensland Heritage Council Gold Award for its conservation program on the former Treasury building, and received a special commendation in the sustainable heritage category at the 2015 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

The Star Entertainment Group enjoys a long-standing partnership with the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) and sponsors programs such as the annual National Trust Heritage Festival in Brisbane and the Open House program to promote the city's heritage with locals, visitors, and conservation professionals. Its growing relationship with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland is also ensuring highly valued input into the heritage component of Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

As one of the three Destination Brisbane Consortium partners, The Star Entertainment Group is a large, well-established employer and corporate citizen in South East Queensland, as well as in Sydney. Across our Treasury Casino & Hotel in Brisbane and Jupiters Gold Coast, we employ more than 3500 people and this number is growing. We strive to support and promote initiatives that benefit people and visitors within the communities in which our properties operate. For Brisbane, this means building its reputation as an events destination, a cultural hotspot, and a contributor to local community groups.

The Destination Brisbane Consortium looks forward to starting in 2017 on the construction of this future iconic world-class Integrated Resort and entertainment precinct for Brisbane. We believe the development will bring a new dimension to tourism and economic growth in Queensland, with more than 2000 jobs during construction; more than 8000 jobs once operational; a \$1.69 billion annual increase in tourism; 1.39 million additional tourists each year; and \$4 billion to Gross State Product.

We look forward to the opportunity that the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Bill 2015 and Brisbane Casino Agreement Amendment Bill 2016 will provide us to create a new world class Integrated Resort Development with a local spirit, where we will continue to partner with our communities to create a world of opportunities and entertainment excellence.

Yours Sincerely



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