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Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee **Queensland Parliament** 

via email sdnraidc@parliament.gld.gov.au

Dear Mr Whiting

Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019

Thank you for the committee's ongoing work regarding The Spit Master Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to give feedback and note the Bill is to facilitate the implementation of The Spit Master Plan and not change the May 2019 Master Plan document.

The Yugambeh Museum, Language and Heritage Research Centre commend the Queensland Government for acknowledging the Kombumerri and the broader group of Yugambeh speaking people as the Traditional Custodians of The Spit, The Broadwater and the surrounding Gold Coast area. The land and water of The Spit has ongoing spiritual and cultural connections for the Yugambeh people.

The Spit Master plan's inclusion of an Aboriginal cultural centre that reflects an Indigenous landscape and the connection to people, culture and tradition will help to share the Yugambeh story with Australian and International visitors.

Your vision for the project as a renowned destination that exemplifies a harmonious balance between tourism, recreation, leisure experiences and the environment where Aboriginal heritage is signified, and our contemporary culture is celebrated is aligned to our own vision.

We look forward to a close working relationship with the Queensland Government as this project progresses.

Regards

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CEO



