

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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Subject: Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill

Good afternoon,

I have pleasure in commenting on the Implementation of The Spit Masterplan Bill and look forward to its progress.

I have read the documents relating to the Implementation of The Spit Masterplan Bill and have found items to be clarified and rectified.

Curlew Island.

- There needs be an Amendment to the Land Act 1994 to reference the change of status and Community Purpose of Curlew Island, 'to be appropriately zoned and managed to protect its environmental values'. (The Spit Master Plan P 54 2.9)
- Schedule 1 Map of the Master Plan area does not show 'Curlew Island'. (The Spit Master Plan Introduction Pag 11).

Recommendation: That the Land Act be amended to allocate the status and use of Curlew Island.

Federation Walk Coastal Reserve.

Under the Land Act 1994 the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve has Community Purpose of Park, Environmental, Beach Protection and Coastal Management Purposes.

- The Spit Master Plan Precinct 3 Federation Walk Coastal Reserve.

The Spit Mater Plan includes Outcomes 3.1 (Page 56)

A site or building for a 'centre for coastal resilience' in the northern end of the Reserve is opposed by Friends of Federation Walk as it is in total conflict with the Community Purposes gazetted and will not be required for storage facilities.

Referenced in our Submission to the Master Plan in January 23, 2017.

'Friends of Federation Walk Inc. request that the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve continue to be permanently protected and preserved in perpetuity' As requested an Interpretive Centre be best sited at the southern entry to 'Federation Walk' in Philip Park (car park) to enable visitors to learn about the significance and function of this coastal environment before their entry to Federation Walk to better appreciate and enjoy their experience to the Reserve

Recommendation: That reference to a site for a 'centre for coastal resilience' in Federation Walk Coastal Reserve be omitted from The Spit Master Plan.

Additional comment:

The Spit Masterplan reflects the ethos of Doug Jennings as Member for Southport in 1983 as included a Press Release following:

PRESS RELEASE FEBRUARY 1983**DOUG JENNINGS MEMBER FOR SOUTHPORT.**

"I have stated on a number of occasions and have recommended to the Government and the Authority (Gold Coast Waterways Authority) that they take into consideration and set down as a matter of Policy that the Southport Spit with its long surf and still water frontages, sand dunes, boating facilities, exhibitions, restaurants and fun parks, is an area where the traditional family can have an outing and enjoy themselves away from the hurly burly and business tourist areas and this is the way it must be maintained".

Friends of Federation Walk**BACKGROUND.**

Since the early sixties the local community has been vigilant in ensuring the longevity of the dunal area on the eastern side of The Spit. In 1999 the Main Beach Progress Association Inc. was successful in being awarded a grant of \$75,000.00, under the Queensland Community Assistance Program administered by the Centenary of Federation secretariat of the Premiers Department.

The Federation Walk project was to prepare a Master Plan for the regeneration of the vegetation of The Spit on the eastern side of Seaworld Drive, north to the Gold Coast Seaway from the Philip Park car park, to create public access for passive recreation. Friends of Federation Walk Inc. was incorporated in 2001 to be the Community group specific to the Federation Walk project.

The Gold Coast City Council assigned \$75,000.00 to the project, as well as additional funds and support, this was allocated to the construction of the Federation Walk pathway.

The Official Launch of Federation Walk on the 19th March 2000 was dedicated by Rob Borbidge MLA, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Surfers Paradise with Mayor Cr Gary Baildon, to mark the start of the project, 'The Fig Tree' was planted to mark the occasion, which coincided with the first of community planting days.

The Federation Walk project was officially opened on 21st January 2001, by the Hon Rod Welford MLA, Minister for Environment and Heritage and Minister for Natural Resources, to start the celebrations of the Centenary of Federation on the Gold Coast. Over 100 children planted 100 trees.

On Monday 5th November 2001, construction was started of Stage 2 of the Federation Walk pathway to the Gold Coast Seaway.

The Federation Walk Coastal Reserve Management Plan and Vegetation Management Plan have been presented to the Gold Coast City Council for consideration for inclusion in Council planning documents.

The Official Opening of the Federation Walk Pathway on 6th June 2002 by the Mayor; Cr Gary Baildon who unveiled the plaque at 'The Fig Tree' to signify this event.

This area was officially named FEDERATION WALK COASTAL RESERVE at the request of Friends of Federation Walk and dedicated by the Mayor, Cr Gary Baildon on the 22nd June 2003.

The consent for Gazettal action was on 11th July 2003. The new Community Purpose is a Reserve for Park, Environmental, Beach Protection and Coastal Management and the area is about 92.3 hectares.

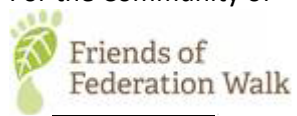
In 2006 the State Government allocated a yearly amount of \$100,000 for the management of the Project for limited period, this amount was matched by Council.

Council added Divisional funds of \$35,000 and have continued this funding.

In 2019 our Committee requested Natural Areas Management Unit manage the Reserve on behalf of Council of the Gold Coast to maintain and further the Project as an area of Conservation as per the City Plan. Presently

our Federation Walk Coastal Management Plan and Vegetation Management Plan Management is being updated by Council officers.

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