

Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important Bill.

I write as one of the individual community representatives who participated in the excellent weekend community workshop series that helped shaped the Spit Master Plan.

I am aware of the Gecko submission to this process and fully endorse its recommendations.

Submission

I wish to draw the Committee's attention to an additional key point: a new land tenure map for the Spit planning area needs to be settled as soon as possible to reflect the intent of the Master Plan, with delivery well before the October 2020 state election. I also encourage the Committee to provide statutory weight to this new land tenure map through appropriate, specific provisions in The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019.

Rationale: There is still much USL on the Spit that needs to be urgently designated to an alternate, appropriate tenure. Nothing invites the risk of inappropriate development more than those three letters – USL. There is also other public land (such as Federation Walk precinct) where the tenure and level of protection for conservation may need to be strengthened.

It is disappointing that the final Spit Master Plan seems to allow sale of leasehold land on the GCWA site for private, long-term residential dwellings. Is there any option to change this to use for short-term hotel accommodation, where public access continues, without alienation?

Sincerely,



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