

16 December 2019



Committee Secretary  
State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry  
Development Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane  
QLD 4000

Dear Mr Whiting

Thank you for your letter to Mara Bún, the Chair of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) inviting us to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into the *Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019* (the Bill.) Ms Bún has asked me to respond on her behalf.

The GCWA is pleased to see the Bill and the accompanying changes to The *Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012* will equip us with the powers needed to develop the key community infrastructure it has been tasked with delivering under the Spit Master Plan.

However, there are two parts of the bill which require clarification or amendment prior to the Bill being debated in Parliament.

The relevant areas are highlighted below.

#### **Part 4 (10) Delegations**

The clause states that the Minister may delegate functions or powers to the chief executive. For clarity, GCWA recommends this be amended to read 'the Chief Executive Officer of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority.'

#### **Part 5 Amendment of Acts. Division 2. 4A Spit Works Programs**

The separate program of works requested in section 20A (2)(b) requires clarification. GCWA recommends amending 20A (2)(b) to read 'a separate project schedule for each item of community infrastructure and public realm works to be delivered'.

I would be pleased to discuss these proposed amendments with the Committee.

If you wish to obtain any further information from GCWA please contact Ms Nicole Munro, Executive Support Officer, on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal Morris".

Hal Morris  
CEO Gold Coast Waterways Authority