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Gold Coast Spit, Development

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (10.13 am): We are continuing to deliver more projects that create more jobs for Queenslanders. Our strong health response has afforded us the opportunity to really focus on our economic recovery and attract investment to our cities and our regions. Today I am happy to announce that we have a golden opportunity to develop the last beachfront site at the Spit on the Gold Coast. Labelled the best beachfront resort accommodation site to come to market for the past two decades, it is expected to draw international interest. The 1.62 hectare site south of the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort is being released to the market via a competitive bid process.

Proposals to match the high-quality precinct envisioned in the Spit Master Plan will be eagerly anticipated and boost Queensland's COVID-19 economic recovery plan. All proposals will need to adhere to the Spit's planning regulations that stipulate all new developments have a maximum of three storeys or 15 metres in height. The regulations ensure that all new developments integrate seamlessly with the landscape and respect the Spit's much loved natural values. The implementation of the Spit Master Plan is well underway with a raft of projects supporting hundreds of jobs.

At Village Centre South, for example, Gordon Corporation was announced as the successful proponent for a \$93.6 million luxury development. It will offer a \$94 million boost to the Gold Coast economy once complete and support more than 300 jobs over the two-year construction phase, and a further 100 jobs once operational. Site releases aside, we have also delivered vital community infrastructure to support these major developments such as the Seaworld Drive shared pathway and the seaway promenade redevelopment.

Improving tourism and community infrastructure is a major part of economic recovery on the Gold Coast. We are transforming the Spit into a premium tourist destination. Through the implementation of the master plan, we are delivering something really special that will confirm the Spit as one of the glittering jewels in the Gold Coast's crown.