

Question on Notice
No. 543
Asked on Wednesday 19 May 2004

MRS CROFT asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Women (MS DESLEY BOYLE)–

QUESTION:

With reference to redevelopment plans by the owners of Sanctuary Cove Resort on the Gold Coast- How are the concerns of existing residents being addressed during the redevelopment planning process?

ANSWER:

- Since April 2002, Mulpha Sanctuary Cove (Developments) Pty Ltd (Mulpha) the new owner of the Sanctuary Cove Resort, has undertaken a master/redevelopment planning process for the whole of the Sanctuary Cove Resort.
- The proposed master plan has been publicly displayed for comment within the Resort.
- Mulpha has committed to keeping existing residents and other stakeholders informed via regularly publishing a newsletter entitled the “Sanctuary Cove Foundation Master Plan Bulletin” to inform residents of progress on the master plan and other information.
- Mulpha has also established and held meetings with the “Foundation Master Plan Reference Group” (i.e. the representatives of the existing residents) and the Marine Village tenants.
- Meetings are held bi-monthly and individual meetings between Mulpha and tenants of the Resort are also available on request.
- I encourage Mulpha to continue to proactively and meaningfully engage with its community as the master plan comes to fruition.
- Mulpha’s planning consultants have met with and briefed Departmental officers on several occasions about the proposed changes to the master plan in response to resident concerns.
- Although formal State approval of the master plan was not required, Departmental officers reviewed the draft master plan and raised a number of matters with Mulpha and Gold Coast City Council. These matters were subsequently addressed to the Department’s satisfaction.
- When residents have raised concerns with the former Minister for Local Government and Planning or myself, regarding the process or content of existing or proposed Sanctuary Cove Resort By-Laws, officers of my Department have undertaken detailed investigations, and when necessary sought legal advice on specific matters to ensure that any legislative requirements were appropriately addressed.