

Question on Notice

No. 1094

Asked on 13 September 2023

MR J BLEIJIE asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Spit Master Plan and the proposed Mariners Cove Marina redevelopment—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) the temporary facilities the government has made available for tourism operators that will no longer have access to the Mariners Cove Marina facility (including for vessels requiring storage out of the water), (b) the proposed development timeframes for new sites identified for use by tourism operators (such as in Village Centre North- 5.32 and Village Centre South- 5.31) and (c) what the department is doing to sequence and implement the Spit Master plan to ensure other current users of the area are not left without proper facilities at all times?

ANSWER:

- a) The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) has been working with the Gold Coast Waterways Authority and the City of Gold Coast (the council) to identify temporary facilities to accommodate the marine tourism operators who will be displaced by the Mariner's Cove redevelopment.

The council has sought expressions of interest from marine tourism operators for the possible use of buoy moorings as a temporary solution for storing their vessels in the Broadwater. Public jetties and pontoons in the Broadwater are also available for operators to on-and-off board clients if they obtain a commercial permit from the council.

- b) As a long term solution, the department has identified a parcel of land and water in Carters Basin, on part of the area known as Village Centre North in The Spit Master Plan, to be released to provide opportunities for marine tourism businesses.

The department will work with the council and the Gold Coast Waterways Authority on the best way to deliver a commercial marina, taking into account the needs of all stakeholders and existing users of Carters Basin.

- c) The sequencing of development on the Spit has been considered in response to market demand and to meet the needs of a wide range of stakeholders. The displacement of the marine tourism operators from Mariners Cove is due to private development activities and is not part of the department's site release program.