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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3053-18 tabled in Parliament on 12 February 2019, in relation to the community's opposition to the granting of a second casino licence on the Gold Coast.

I note this petition was sponsored by the Member for Southport. The Member would be aware that in 2013, the Newman Government created two additional casino licences for Queensland including the ASF proposal on the Spit that would have introduced up to 1500 additional pokies on the Gold Coast.

Global Tourism Hubs are designed to grow the tourism market by attracting international and interstate visitors to Queensland and delivering world-class tourism experiences. They support the Queensland Government's broader tourism strategy to encourage more direct flights, increase visitors' length of stay and spend per night and secure repeat visitation.

A Global Tourism Hub operates with a focus on international tourists not the existing local market.

A registration of interest process is now underway for proponents to deliver a Gold Coast Global Tourism Hub including new entertainment venues, convention space, high end dining and retail and luxury hotels. The Queensland Government has been clear that any casino associated with this development must limit the gaming footprint to five percent or less of the gross floor area and that a global tourism hub will not result in an increase in electronic gaming machines.

The Queensland Government will also establish a Gold Coast Tourism Advisory Panel – chaired by prominent local John Witheriff – to ensure that the Gold Coast community has a strong say on the design, scope and location of the proposed Gold Coast Global Tourism Hub. The Government will also be undertaking substantial community consultation and will not say yes to any proposal that does not have the strong support of the Gold Coast tourism industry and broader community.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners. In accordance with Standing Order 31, I request that this letter be tabled today.

Yours sincerely



HON KATE JONES MP
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