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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2014 about petition 2214-14.

In November 2012, the Queensland Government agreed to the Gold Coast City Council's request to undertake a joint competitive procurement process, offering potential rights to develop state land on the Gold Coast Spit with a cruise ship terminal, known as the Broadwater Marine Project.

During 2013, the Queensland Government and council facilitated a competitive procurement process to determine firstly whether there was private sector interest in providing such a major and complex development, and secondly whether a corporation or consortium could demonstrate the ability to deliver such a development. This preceded the local, state and federal approval processes which would follow for any possible development.

The assessment of private sector proposals submitted as part of this process was carried out by senior Queensland Government and council executive officers and supported by independent technical advisors.

At the conclusion of the process, one possible proponent, ASF Consortium, was identified as having a proposal of sufficient merit to warrant further consideration, subject to further detailed work, should the council and the proponent choose for it to progress.

It is in this regard that the state has provided "in principle" support to make state owned land available to ASF Consortium for the development of a cruise ship terminal, subject to their engagement with council; satisfactory completion of a number of outstanding environmental and technical risks and issues; and securing community support for the project.

I encourage all interested parties to share their concerns with council and to participate in any consultation process that council conducts. For further information about the project, council can be contacted through the project website, www.broadwatermarineproject.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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