



Main Beach Progress Association Inc.

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Dear Mr Challenger

RE: OCEANWALK NORTH, SHERATON TO FEDERATION WALK

We are in receipt of your letter and copy of the GCCC Masterplan for the above project.

The **Main Beach Progress Association Inc** has been a supporter of proving beachfront access by the community, specifically from Narrowneck to the Southport Surf Club, for many years. We are looking forward to this stage of the Oceanwalk also being completed.

The MBPA were also the initiating body for Federation Walk, coordinating body for the naming and blessing of Phillip Park, after Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and have been active participants in the successful Save Our Spit campaign to protect The Spit and Doug Jennings Park from commercial development and a cruise ship terminal.

The MBPA encourages as much use of The Spit, by walkers, riders, joggers, elderly and disabled - amongst a variety of other passive and active participants, as we believe that the more use the area receives, the more people will love and take ownership of it.

The MBPA supports and promotes the eco-tourism benefits of The Spit and have been working with Gold Coast Tourism to promote The Spit, in this capacity, and support the Friends of Federation Walk's endeavors for eco-tourism promotion, for the same reason. Ecotourism is a valuable investment, with valuable benefits and can promote the use of nature as a feature in tourist activities, as well as promoting environmentally sustainable projects and infrastructure.

Federation Walk is a perfect example of the diverse BOOM of flora and fauna where a natural environment has been managed and planned appropriately, with gazettal - its long term protection is guaranteed, and the area will be accessible for use by many generations to come, without being an easy target for commercial development.

The MBPA supports the implementation of a suitable pathway along the beachfront and roadside along Seaworld Drive, as well as upgrading and maintaining the current unique, very natural surroundings, of the current pathway in Phillip Park, (we would support lighting) supported by extensive re-vegetation works to improve the environment for the flora and fauna to diversify, will also provide users with a choice. The MBPA also supports the proposed gazettal and "no development zone" as the MBPA agrees that will only enhance the long term protection and sustainability of this portion of The Spit.

The **Main Beach Progress Association Inc would like to support GCCC and the Oceanwalk**, and look forward to developing the ongoing relationship we have with GCCC in providing and maintain projects that will best serve the majority of, specifically, the Main Beach community.

Thank you for involving the MBPA throughout the consultation process and we would look forward to more active and ongoing involvement in the processes in future projects.

We would like to promote the Oceanwalk on our website www.OurMainBeach.com.au if you can please provide some suitable information.

Have a great day.

Regards

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