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## Dear Carol Ann

Thank you for your letter regarding proposals for a cruise terminal for transit visits by cruise ships to the Gold Coast.

Carnival Australia has been following the local debate regarding a cruise facility on the Gold Coast and I have previously spoken to Mayor Tate about his plans to attract cruise tourism.

Our position is that it is ultimately a matter for the local community, the Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland Government to determine whether a cruise facility goes ahead.

We have made it clear that we don't propose to become involved in the local debate about the merits or otherwise of individual proposals other than to say we would consider the possibility of doing transit calls to the Gold Coast if a facility eventuated.

Carnival Australia has also made it clear that irrespective of whether a terminal is located on the Gold Coast we would consider it only for transit calls and Brisbane would always remain the natural turnaround port where cruises start and finish.

With this in mind, we welcome the progress being made towards the establishment of a dedicated cruise terminal closer to the mouth of the Brisbane River at Luggage Point.

Such a facility would cater for the new generation of larger cruise ships and encourage Queensland's continuing growth as a strong source market for cruising and visits by our international ships.

Yours sincerely

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