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Dear Dale

I refer to your letter of 13 September 2016 to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment concerning consideration by the City of Gold Coast City Planning Committee of a development application for an unnamed mixed use development proposed for 60-64 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach.

I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Government.

The Government understands the proposed development you refer to in your letter is the proposed Sunland dual towers development on the Spit.

The Government notes from reports in the media that council has a number of concerns about various aspects of this development which include possible conflicts with the Planning Scheme, including the proposed building heights and traffic impacts. Council officers are best placed to advise you on the technical aspects of this development application based on a rigorous assessment process.

These concerns are also evident in the mixed community views about the appropriate extent of potential development on the Spit. The concerns of some members of the community were evident at the Community Cabinet in May 2016. Like council, the state government is also aware of the potential of development in the area to attract tourism, to promote economic development and to create jobs.

Your letter is not clear about what information council is seeking. You state that the City Planning Committee has requested that you write to the government 'requesting clarification in relation to the nearby integrated resort development'.

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If this clarification is in relation to various media reports in recent weeks that the government has recently signed a Process Deed with ASF and that a decision to approve the project has been made, I can confirm that these claims are untrue.

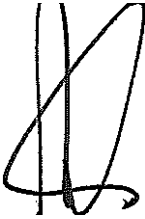
Your letter also requests an update on 'the intentions of the state government in relation to the Integrated Resort Development'.

The Government is yet to conclude its deliberations regarding the Integrated Resort Development and is unable to provide you with the information you seek within the time frame you demand.

The Government does not in any way want to diminish your responsibility to properly assess this development application under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and particularly against the Gold Coast City Plan – a plan that only commenced in February 2016 and outlines the applicable planning framework for the Spit.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Edwards', written in a cursive style.

David Edwards
Projects Chief Executive