

The Main Beach Association

Sharing a Vision for Main Beach and The Spit

26 November 2023

Main Beach Association submission on the Top of the Spit Precinct Plans

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Plans.

Our submission supports those made by other community organisations involved in the development of the Spit Master Plan: Save our Spit, Save our Broadwater and Friends of Federation Walk. (We note that Gecko's views differ in some respect to ours.)

Given that these organisations have made detailed submissions about options 1&2, we will confine our response to the most controversial proposal: the one that deeply affects our members, many of whom are elderly and/or non ambient.

Proposal to remove the parking area adjacent to the Seaway

Our members' opposition to this proposal was reflected in two unanimous resolutions adopted at our well attended AGM held on November 13, 2023.

Resolution regarding the draft Top of the Spit Precinct Plan Passed unanimously by the AGM of the Main Beach Association, 13 November 2023

- a) That this consultation be in line with the previous Spit Master Plan consultation, ie "The Spit Master Plan is widely considered a plan 'for the community, by the community' and has been acknowledged as an exemplar of planning with two Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) awards at both state and national levels" (Source: Deick Richards)
- b) That the Gold Coast Waterways Authority reinstall the alignment of Seaworld Drive and the associated car parking and not remove this section as per the draft Top of the Spit Precinct Plan;
- c) That the Gold Coast Waterways Authority commit to a capped number of major events per year and extensive community consultation prior to approval of any new or enlarged events on The Spit;
- d) That the definition of 'major events' should be an addition to the Top of the Spit draft Precinct Plan;
- e) That businesses operating on The Spit adversely impacted by major events and forced to close, where normally they would trade, be compensated by the hirer/s for lost businesses, including the wages for those staff unable to work. The compensation amount to be included in the fees paid to GCWA for hiring the public open space.

The second resolution directed the Main Beach Association to commission a survey of community attitudes to the removal of the parking area. Fortunately our large Mailchimp mailing list allowed us to do this relatively easily.

While delighted at the high response rate (nearly 9 per cent) we were not surprised by the intensity of respondents' comments. People feel passionately about accessibility to The Spit.

The Survey Monkey Questionnaire

Q1.

Do you ever drive to the Top of the Spit and park in areas overlooking the Seaway?

Q2.

Are you aware of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority's plan to remove the parking area so that drivers will no longer be able to view the Seaway from the comfort of their car or park close to the Seaway rock wall?

Q3.

Do you experience difficulty walking?

Q4.

Do you oppose the plan to remove this parking area?

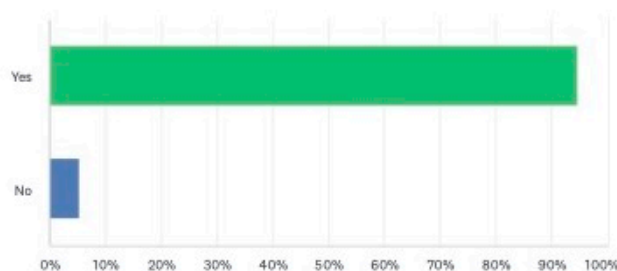
The survey was timed to coincide with the final week of the GCWA public information period which closed today, Sunday 26 November. In the interest of fairness, we informed our mailing list of where to view the draft plans, details of yesterday's pop-up session and how submit comments via the GCWA website.

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Q1 Do you ever drive to the Top of the Spit and park in areas overlooking the Seaway?

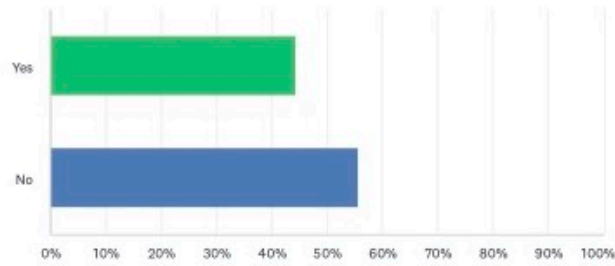
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.64%	300
No	5.36%	17
TOTAL		317

Q2 Are you aware of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority's plan to remove the parking area so that drivers will no longer be able to view the Seaway from the comfort of their car or park close to the Seaway rock wall?

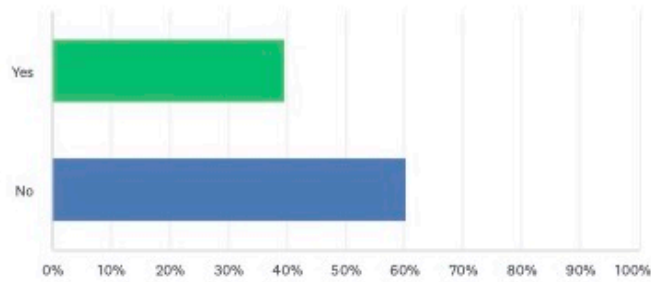
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.34%	141
No	55.66%	177
TOTAL		318

Q3 Do you experience difficulty walking?

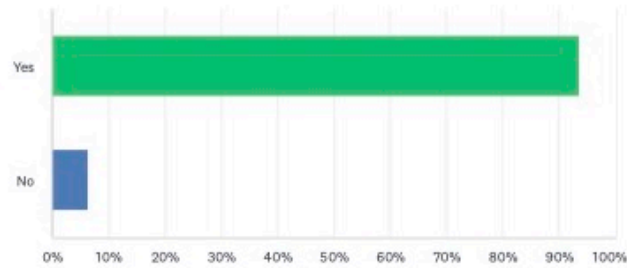
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.75%	126
No	60.25%	191
TOTAL		317

Q4 Do you oppose the plan to remove this parking area?

Answered: 317 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.69%	297
No	6.31%	20
TOTAL		317

Findings of the Survey Monkey poll

- 318 people responded to the survey. (This compares with the approximately 340 people who responded to the GCWA survey – which omitted to ask a question in relation to the parking area adjacent to the Seaway.)
- 300 (95%) respondents have driven to The Spit and parked in the area overlooking the Seaway.
- Only 141 (44%) were aware of the draft Precinct Plan.
- 126 (40%) reported experiencing some difficulty walking.
- 297 (94%) were opposed to the removal of the road and parking area overlooking the Seaway.
- 187 (59%) made comments on their completed survey, many of them quite detailed. As can be seen in the attachment below, the majority of concerns related to the issue of accessibility both for the elderly and for the dive fraternity.
- Many respondents believe wrongly that the Precinct Plan is a Council initiative rather than a GCWA project.

Verbatims on next pages:

Q5 Any other comments?

Answered: 185 Skipped: 133

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Stop changing this area. The beauty of it lies in it's natural state, and the easy access for everyone. I'm a resident of the area for almost 50years, and I am appalled at the development that is passed by this council . You ask for our feedback, but do what you like! So unbelievably disappointing	11/25/2023 9:02 AM
2	Leave the Spit alone!	11/25/2023 9:01 AM
3	As the population grows, parking is needed more and more. It is ridiculous to remove parking at such an incredible community space.	11/24/2023 9:51 PM
4	Parking is NEEDED	11/24/2023 9:49 PM
5	I'm a scuba diver with walking difficulties, I won't be able to walk with my gear far to the water steps	11/24/2023 8:18 PM
6	The current parking makes the Spit very accessible to locals and visitors	11/24/2023 5:29 PM
7	Typical Government departments, changing things for the sake of change.	11/24/2023 4:12 PM
8	The plan creates major accessibility problems for the elderly, disabled and families with children wishing to access the area. It should be dropped	11/24/2023 3:43 PM
9	We scuba dive and snorkel so we need easy access to the stairs and concrete benches.	11/24/2023 1:51 PM
10	I enjoy riding to The Spit EVERY day and see many other people enjoying the environment, parking facing the water, enjoying the view from their cars. To take this access away would deny thousands of people the joy of the Spit and views over the Broadwater. I am totally against the proposed project.	11/24/2023 1:40 PM
11	Removal of carports will significantly reduce accessibility of the are for a range of people in including those with disabilities, mobility issues and so forth. This will not be an inclusive environment for all people. Removal of the carpark will mean people with disabilities or mobility issues will struggle to access the area and limit accessibility of the area. It will also put further strain and competitiveness to find alternative parking nearby which is already a significant struggle, particularly on weekends.	11/24/2023 12:53 PM
12	Leave spit alone	11/24/2023 9:34 AM
13	Leave the spit as it is	11/24/2023 7:19 AM
14	The parking and easy access are important for those with walking difficulties and also for the hundreds of local divers that use the access stairs which under the proposal will be much harder to access. Just leave the spit as it is. It works!	11/24/2023 7:07 AM
15	Proposal does not reflect how people use the area. It is so busy on weekends, a thriving community of different people using the area for different reasons, and removing the parking and developing the area will negatively impact.	11/24/2023 6:33 AM
16	Think of the less mobile	11/24/2023 6:26 AM
17	Why wasting money to change something that everyone loves? It's such a lovely spot to watch the sunset for example. It is always busy as everyone loves this convenient beautiful spot. Leave it as it is and use the money for something thats actually needed.	11/23/2023 10:50 PM
18	Removal of the parking is detrimental to the many divers and other users who access the seaway with heavy gear. Let's encourage not discourage people	11/23/2023 8:57 PM
19	I work in community aged care, this is such a fantastic spot to take clients who have limited mobility to sit in the car and look at whats happening at the seaway. Secondly as a user of the seaway steps for snorkling the removal of the road and parking means I have to walk a distance to my car to access these steps. In an emergency can an ambulance get to me easily, Not with this new plan. Leave the Spit alone , it flows well.	11/23/2023 7:15 PM
20	Regularly use the steps to snorkel the seawall. The change would mean a long walk carrying my gear.	11/23/2023 6:45 PM

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21	Leave the Spit Alone	11/23/2023 6:10 PM
22	Leave the parking alone and don't waste money changing what isn't broken	11/23/2023 5:30 PM
23	Leave it alone. These changes are heinous. Strongly opposed.	11/23/2023 4:10 PM
24	It will not only limit people from being able to access the water, it will also add to traffic congestion.	11/23/2023 4:10 PM
25	spit is being ruined by trying to look like miami!	11/23/2023 3:51 PM
26	its used by alot of ppl for diving collecting sea water fishing, ..just kicking back and be soothed by the water and the boats going by	11/23/2023 3:47 PM
27	Maintain the natural marine environment of the Spit. It is one of our City's greatest assets.	11/23/2023 3:33 PM
28	Any changes would impact on Safety of the Public in General	11/23/2023 1:04 PM
29	Yet another ridiculous plan from local authority without any thought of those who love and use this area.	11/23/2023 1:03 PM
30	No	11/23/2023 12:46 PM
31	More car parking along the western arm adjacent to bums bay	11/23/2023 10:01 AM
32	The Gold Coast Waterways Authority should be undertaking full communicative processes with all residences of the Gold Coast as in accordance with the Charter of the Organisation. Has a sign been erected at the site at the Spit to advise persons of changes to parking. Have the GCWA outlined these changes to local newspapers, radio stations and submitted their proposed plan on the Net. Adequate parking for Disabled people, persons with limited walking ability, Loading/Unloading Zones for Trucks,Buses and cars need to be stipulated and marked as in accordance with OH & S and Anti Discrimination Regulations. The Main Beach Association need to be comprehensively communicated with as the Organisation represents persons living and visiting the Gold Coast. The Spit area on the Gold Coast is for ALL persons to use and visit in a peaceful and usable manner.	11/23/2023 4:12 AM
33	Leave the Spit alone	11/22/2023 9:46 PM
34	Some people are impaired i.e. have a broken leg or are elderly and can not walk very far - so the Parking spots near the water is very important - DO NOT remove them!	11/22/2023 4:09 PM
35	Please leave the Spit as it is, it's glorious don't fix something that is already perfection.	11/22/2023 3:28 PM
36	Can we please leave the Spit alone. It is a beautiful place but is fast disappearing. It is the only real green space left on the water front.	11/22/2023 2:40 PM
37	When up at the spit I see many elderly people in wheel chairs, families picnicking people of all ages strolling along the walkways & sitting in they cars enjoying and watching the water acivities. It would be asham to take that away from the public.	11/22/2023 11:12 AM
38	New proposals almost ruin The Spit for why people utilise this space. There are enough GC kids park facilities to leave this area as an eco zone rather than a "lack of imagination" play ground. Parking along the seawall is a MUST to stay and that the area is packed solid is proof that it is utilised in its present format. Perhaps continuation of the bus service would enhance the area more than abandoned e-cycles!	11/22/2023 10:43 AM
39	don't waste the money removing the car park - council need to spend money else where	11/22/2023 9:08 AM
40	I take my elderly mother and Aunt there to watch the boats and sun set from the car. They love this as they both live in aged care, these outings make their life worth living for.	11/22/2023 7:30 AM
41	Please don't change. It's great as is. It's therapy for so many people that just want to breath the salt air and come a long way to do it. 🌊	11/22/2023 6:09 AM
42	As someone with mobility problems parking up at the Spit in the fresh breeze watching boats go by is one of my limited but greatest pleasures. Please keep the parking as is	11/22/2023 4:18 AM
43	This council is not to be trusted. Why is this necessary? Can the council give an explanation as to how and why this will improve the Spit. They have something more sinister up their sleeve and this is just the start. Casing point the tram overlay through Main Beach which has just given developers open slather with inappropriate heights and unsustainable developments on postage sized land blocks. Full disclosure of future plans is demanded.	11/22/2023 2:09 AM
44	Disappointed if this goes ahead	11/21/2023 9:48 PM
45	You don't have to develop every inch of the Gold Coast. Please just leave it alone.	11/21/2023 9:41 PM

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46	This is an iconic area for locals that visit. Those that are able to walk, Sporting activities or just drive past. Do t ruin this for the people that live here. If you are going to ruin it then why did u just spend millions of our tax payer money on doing it up. Sounds unorganized and left hand not talking to right hand. If you want to stay elected then you should listen to the people not the ones that are lining poxkets	11/21/2023 9:20 PM
47	Please leave the spit alone	11/21/2023 8:19 PM
48	The top of the Spit has become a wonderful place to visit since it has been developed and we regularly park there to walk out onto the Seawall and around the park area. It would be an absolute shame if this access was taken away from the public.	11/21/2023 7:05 PM
49	Keep the spit as it is	11/21/2023 4:34 PM
50	We enjoy using the spit the way it is	11/21/2023 3:24 PM
51	As we draw closer to the International Day for People with a Disability on 3 December 2023 this would be a horrible decision and extremely poor reflection on the elected representatives of the people of the Gold Coast to withdraw easy access and amenity for people with a disability to this wonderful public good. I am not against an adventure playground per se but kids could not care less about its location.	11/21/2023 1:13 PM
52	Divers use this area regularly and removing the parking means they have to try get all their very Heavy gear even further	11/21/2023 12:08 PM
53	Please provide public transport to the Spit.	11/21/2023 10:57 AM
54	Poor decision - option 1 preferable but both poor for public.	11/21/2023 10:49 AM
55	Reduction of parking at the northern end of the spit will make it much more difficult to access the area for people with disability , the aged and families with infants, it would be a less inclusive outcome for these groups	11/21/2023 10:36 AM
56	The Spit is a special place that must be preserved for the people to use and enjoy, without restrictions.	11/21/2023 10:16 AM
57	Many people use this area. It must stay as it is	11/21/2023 9:56 AM
58	Most people living & visiting in this area want to be able to relax and keep this area as free, easy to access, relaxed and as natural as possible. Council's spit masterplan is going overboard on developing our last remaining natural areas and this is not what the majority of our community wants.	11/21/2023 9:43 AM
59	Stupid idea leave parking for elderly as well	11/21/2023 8:40 AM
60	There are many retirees and elderly people who are unable to walk and being able to park and look at the Seaway is the only way that they can see the water and be able to relax and see the beautiful landscape that this area brings. It would be detrimental to the residents and others to take the parking away and spoil this area. The residents overall wellbeing would be affected.	11/21/2023 8:10 AM
61	This proposal is just yet more evidence of local government's disregard for its long term residents. I remember the seaway being constructed, and have enjoyed the ability to get close to the awesome ocean on inclement or windy days from the safety and comfort of a vehicle. We do not all want manicured glitz and gloss that is best left to a golf course.	11/21/2023 7:44 AM
62	Just do not do it	11/21/2023 6:32 AM
63	Carp parking is essential for access to this area	11/21/2023 6:31 AM
64	Leave it as it is, It was better before anything was done to it now you want to destroy it even more? shame on you I drive out there most days to have lunch with my elderly mother and even she says it was better before anything was done. And for that new jetty I havent seen anyone use it except to fish off, what a waste of money that was	11/21/2023 1:17 AM
65	Just leave the parking alone.	11/20/2023 9:47 PM
66	The draft plans for the Top of the Spit need a fundamental re-think.	11/20/2023 9:10 PM
67	Places like this are treasured by both locals and visitors and should remain for all to enjoy as is. This is a special area that is unlike anywhere else on the coast or just about anywhere and should be protected at all costs. So much of the coast is being claimed and built upon by big business. Leave the beauty and natural vistas of this area alone. Thank you	11/20/2023 8:20 PM

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68	This proposal ignores completely the pleasure and enjoyment all disabled people experience viewing this magnificent area from the waters edge	11/20/2023 7:56 PM
69	This is an appalling proposal in this iconic tourist location	11/20/2023 7:49 PM
70	It will deprive so many older people of the joy of watching the water with all the activity and just the flow of the water going each way.	11/20/2023 7:42 PM
71	The parking area gives divers and snorkelers access to the seaway diving gear is very hard to carry to location. We do not need another play area for children the natural beach and Broadwater Play area already supply that along with the natural beaches.	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
72	Leave our Spit alone, its a beautiful natural space that needs to stay the way it is!!	11/20/2023 6:02 PM
73	This is public space, please protect this for all future generations	11/20/2023 5:44 PM
74	I don't understand why they would do this	11/20/2023 4:16 PM
75	The improvements after the campers left were fantastic. It transformed the area. Why make it difficult to park there and watch the boats whilst eating fish & chips. Quintessential GC.	11/20/2023 3:48 PM
76	Do they realise how heavy dive gear is. What was the point of putting the stair diving access in then to only take away parking.	11/20/2023 3:39 PM
77	Removing the car park will limit the people who want to enjoy the area	11/20/2023 3:25 PM
78	I agree that a 'wild play' area is not needed, especially in this location, and that at least short term parking essentially at the Seaway waterfront is desirable for both sightseers and those trying to access the water.	11/20/2023 3:19 PM
79	bit hard to make a comment where you can't go back or forward to correct.....No timed parking required either. The top of the Spit is beautiful as it is, without any large infrastructure. More large trees for shade, Morton Bay figs that will be icons in years to come. Native trees for birds to feed, casuarinas. Playground not required, got one at Broadwater Parklands.	11/20/2023 2:02 PM
80	The whole area should be left as it is, possibly a sizeable roundabout at the beginning of Doug Jennings Park. The Council has done a beautiful job. Why do they want stop families from enjoying it. As seniors we go every weekend as it a wonderful place. Please don't change our wonderful Gold Coast.	11/20/2023 1:49 PM
81	It is so sad the older generation are being denied access to the beach because of physical limitations. It is discrimination of the elderly and their mental health. We deserve to enjoy the beautiful spit area like everyone else.	11/20/2023 1:26 PM
82	It would be good to retain access	11/20/2023 1:24 PM
83	I have a disabled permit.	11/20/2023 12:47 PM
84	As a regular up there on my bike I see so many elderly and those with disabilities in wheelchairs enjoying the walkways right next to the carpark area. On way can we take that away from them. Back to the drawing board GCWA.	11/20/2023 12:00 PM
85	They need to leave the area alone	11/20/2023 11:42 AM
86	parking removal is unfair on young families wanting to spend the day at the spit beaches this is more about reducing public users and increasing the case for a cruise ship terminal . the day on the spit beaches !	11/20/2023 11:38 AM
87	this plan is NOT an improvement!	11/20/2023 11:02 AM
88	LEAVE THE SPIT AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE!! MORE TREES AND NATURAL PATHWAYS.	11/20/2023 10:48 AM
89	This is my favourite place to be able to sit close to the the sea and observe nature in action.	11/20/2023 10:22 AM
90	Why? It is so unnecessary and such a beautiful place to watch the Broadwater	11/20/2023 10:15 AM
91	I currently enjoy the facilities provided, regularly. I would hate to see changes.	11/20/2023 10:10 AM
92	This is sheer stupidity from every perspective of the word. It will turn the seaway into one of the most dangerous pieces of water on the Gold Coast, because of shit, ignorance, and lack of any foresight, lack of any vision, lack of any responsibility for the lack of seamanship on so many idiots with boats on the Gold Coast, and whoever drew this up in Gold Coast, waterway authority and its management needs to be fired straight away. They are complete moronic fools. So who the hell is going to be responsible 24 seven with rescue mechanisms	11/20/2023 10:08 AM

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	in place, 365 days a year, or if you're not going to do this, give me the name of your insurers, so I know who the hell I've gotta go to to sue you. Total and utter idiocy!!!!!!	
93	The original Spit Master Plan had car park in the Premier,s "final blueprint". How can it change?	11/20/2023 10:03 AM
94	Please leave this spit as it is today. Only place left with easy access and open space. NO MORE DEVELOPMENT.	11/20/2023 9:28 AM
95	The top of the spit is a great spot for fishing / diving and general enjoyment. I cycle 3 times a week in that area and love it. When is the GCC ging to take notice of ratepayers NOT developers	11/20/2023 9:14 AM
96	I do drive elderley folk to the Seaway who do have walking difficulties.	11/20/2023 9:13 AM
97	I think they are both very goof [planning solutions and the ideal design is between the two options. The design needs more than just a landscape solution suggested in Option 1 but equally it doesn't need to be turned into a mini theme park that looks like all the others in town.	11/20/2023 8:55 AM
98	Seriously, who is making these decisions? Every decision seems to impact on a healthy, happy lifestyle.	11/20/2023 8:55 AM
99	The spit has beautiful views and people should be able to park their cars along there to enjoy this and have picnics etc.	11/20/2023 8:29 AM
100	The Spit area should be developed as a NATURAL landscape so there is recognition of the native landscape	11/20/2023 8:28 AM
101	increased. Separating car parking from pedestrians and foreshore is a positive move. In general I view the concept favourably.	11/20/2023 8:08 AM
102	I regard the GCWA plan very positively	11/20/2023 8:07 AM
103	For 30 years, best spot to relax & watch watercraft through the seaway. So many people I see parking, and enjoying this Gold Coast magic area	11/20/2023 7:39 AM
104	Why are they planning to remove the parking? It is such a wonderful place to enjoy the relaxation of watching the world on water go by!	11/20/2023 7:34 AM
105	They have done a fantastic job on the Spit leave as it is.	11/20/2023 7:23 AM
106	Leave as is. 🙌	11/20/2023 7:12 AM
107	This area is so much enjoyed by locals and visitors alike many of whom are not necessarily physically able to negotiate long distances to access the seaway and need the proximity of the current car park area.	11/20/2023 7:08 AM
108	Speed limit	11/20/2023 6:50 AM
109	Stop messing with the spit. Leave it alone. Its already over developed.	11/20/2023 5:26 AM
110	The parking at the northern tip is very utilised especially for showing visitors the beautiful views. It is essential for divers to access the steps. To remove the road would be a disgrace as it is highly used daily.	11/20/2023 5:21 AM
111	Leave the spit the way it is.	11/20/2023 4:47 AM
112	We love going there to enjoy the quiet ambience and easy access.	11/19/2023 11:04 PM
113	Please don't over develop our home and have respect for the people who live here and for our enjoyment of nature and the special places.	11/19/2023 10:43 PM
114	Leave the area alone	11/19/2023 10:36 PM
115	Leave the area as 'the peoples park'	11/19/2023 8:44 PM
116	What will happen to the elderly and people with disabilities? How far will they have to walk to catch a view of the Seaway? At the moment they can relax and enjoy the view from their car. Yet another decision made by a council that does not care.	11/19/2023 8:28 PM
117	Please don't take away the simple pleasures we enjoy How can it hurt to leave an area for us to park for a short time for some it is the only opportunity we have to have a relaxing outing to see the boats come and a go	11/19/2023 8:27 PM
118	Removing the road and parking near the dive steps is discriminatory against people who are old or disabled.	11/19/2023 8:26 PM

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119	The parking allows us to use the dog beaches which will otherwise be inaccessible.	11/19/2023 8:16 PM
120	No	11/19/2023 7:22 PM
121	Just add Dive parking..and leave it alone!	11/19/2023 7:21 PM
122	Scuba divers and snorkellers have heavy and cumbersome equipment. They must have close access to their vehicles. Parking close to the Seaway stairs is essential. It is also imperative that close access to safety equipment e maintained. Plenty of playgrounds on the Broadwater Parklands.	11/19/2023 6:51 PM
123	The spit is great how you can park in your car and water watch, but what is the future plan if car parking is planned to be taken away?	11/19/2023 6:47 PM
124	What reason has been given for removing the parking area?	11/19/2023 6:21 PM
125	The spit has already been turned into a high maintenance artificial area. We need urgently accessible nature with minimum artificial features. Maintenance must be kept on a human level. We can't breath anymore without being manipulated by council. No more development on the spit!	11/19/2023 6:10 PM
126	Why take away enjoyment for the older generation who live here.	11/19/2023 6:02 PM
127	none	11/19/2023 5:45 PM
128	Everyone, regardless of their health and physical abilities, should be able to enjoy the outdoors.	11/19/2023 5:41 PM
129	Thank you for this information I was not aware of this	11/19/2023 5:34 PM
130	A lot of money has recently been spent making it the way it is . It covers all uses and should be left the way it is. It is also great to park your car along the park for carrying picnic items onto the lawn. As an older person this is essential..	11/19/2023 5:32 PM
131	Leave the Spit alone please	11/19/2023 5:24 PM
132	I oppose any building on that area!	11/19/2023 5:21 PM
133	This is a sensible change and results in a much better treatment of the seaway overlook area, Its a good initiative.	11/19/2023 5:12 PM
134	Keep this area non commercial.	11/19/2023 5:06 PM
135	This plan in no way improves the enjoyment of this area .	11/19/2023 4:53 PM
136	My wife is in a wheelchair and if we cannot overlook the seaway from our vehicle we will no longer vist the area.	11/19/2023 4:45 PM
137	Ridiculous!	11/19/2023 4:33 PM
138	why do they always forget about elderly people - it's always about the young and healthy	11/19/2023 4:30 PM
139	Please leave the northern part of the spit as it is.	11/19/2023 4:28 PM
140	no need to change existing set up	11/19/2023 4:26 PM
141	Please no bungy jumpy or other amusements on Spit area	11/19/2023 4:25 PM
142	Removing this amenity for the disabled and mobility challenged is discriminatory.	11/19/2023 4:22 PM
143	Love the work done a few years ago at the spit. Let's keep it that way.	11/19/2023 4:19 PM
144	This is only being done to enable the Light Train Line to be extended up Tedder Avenue for developers benefite	11/19/2023 4:15 PM
145	Please keep parking for residents, there is nowhere else to go...	11/19/2023 4:05 PM
146	Leave it alone, after the consultation decided this was to be included in the original SMP.	11/19/2023 4:02 PM
147	Why do they want to do this?	11/19/2023 3:52 PM
148	Leave this area alone and untouched! The public love it as is.	11/19/2023 3:34 PM
149	Should be left alone for all to enjoy and have easy access	11/19/2023 3:33 PM
150	Just stop developing everything. More green space please	11/19/2023 3:31 PM
151	We need more green not less. The state government and the Council are doing all they can to ruin the Gold Coast and destroy our quality of life. They must be exposed and stopped.	11/19/2023 3:28 PM

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152	Please leave The Spit alone. People visit it for its natural beauty not man made structures	11/19/2023 3:20 PM
153	Leave the Spit Alone Gold Coast Council has WRECKED THE GOLD COAST DO NOT WRECK THE SPIT	11/19/2023 3:16 PM
154	It is good that the government want to improve the are but not at the expense of locals and visitors alike will not be able to park and apriciate our beautiful water views	11/19/2023 3:12 PM
155	The most ridiculous thing I ever heard. Parking needs to remain in place for everyone to use. The number of locals on GC are increasing every day, the number of new buildings are increasing every day, why would someone think it's ok to reduce parking?	11/19/2023 3:03 PM
156	We need this parking area, so that people can continue enjoying their time on the spit	11/19/2023 2:56 PM
157	Bureacrats should listen to what the people want.	11/19/2023 2:53 PM
158	Please keep the parking there!	11/19/2023 2:50 PM
159	I wish they would do more development on the Spit and create some fun tourist attractions	11/19/2023 2:49 PM
160	I have lived on Gold Coast since 1948 and The Spit has always been a beautiful strip of sand for everyone to enjoy, whether it be by car, by boat or by walking or running. It is an absolute disgrace, that such a beautiful natural area has not been beautified & turned in to nice parklands, with necessary facilities for every one to enjoy. The crazy thing is that is not a very difficult project to make this a place of beauty to be enjoyed by all. What an insane idea to do away with parking? Wake up G C C C and Waterways Authority as it is about time that thhis simple problem is fixed.	11/19/2023 2:43 PM
161	Why is this being considered? There is scarcely enough parking there as it is on a busy day.	11/19/2023 2:40 PM
162	Parking there, overlooking the Seaway, was one of the wonderful things I was able you do, when I was healing from illness. I still do it. Ive observed so many people, especially the elderly, taking absolute advantage of this beautiful opportunity to view this space from the comfort and safety of their vehicles. This is SUCH a vital area to maintain as is.	11/19/2023 2:34 PM
163	G C Waterways Authority really need to listen to local people. This is an iconic spot for locals and visitors alike.	11/19/2023 2:31 PM
164	I think the waterway's provements will be great and good for that end of the Spit	11/19/2023 2:12 PM
165	Diving is a huge draw card for tourism on the Gold Coast, especially those driving from Brisbane and surrounding areas, the seaway is a huge attraction and parking near access is especially for divers especially if you have driven over an hour to dive.	11/19/2023 2:03 PM
166	Listen to the people. Do not ruin the Spit by closing the parking area facing the Seaway and blocking the road around the Spit	11/19/2023 2:02 PM
167	A beautiful location to enjoy away from the concrete jungle of Main Beach & Surfers Paradise	11/19/2023 1:55 PM
168	leave the road and parking around the top of the Spit as it is.	11/19/2023 1:50 PM
169	Think of all the Elderly & Disabled	11/19/2023 1:50 PM
170	Typical no consultation once again	11/19/2023 1:40 PM
171	Wasn't it remodeled two or so years ago, it surely doesn't need changing	11/19/2023 1:39 PM
172	It is unimaginable that this public access would be denied to older, disabled folk - quite apart from those who simply enjoy this beautiful location.	11/19/2023 1:38 PM
173	Vehicle access to the top of the spit must be maintained. It has worked for a long time and its current form and is a major tourist attraction and recreation are for local residents and in particular for main Beach residents as there has been so much development in Main Beach that it is critical to leave this area unspoilt and accessible for recreation.	11/19/2023 1:34 PM
174	I have enjoyed going to this place for 52 years. I now have difficulty walking but am not able to have a disabled parking permit This should remain available for all.	11/19/2023 1:28 PM
175	This change is not motivated by improving The Spit other than facilitating large vehicles. The current ring road enables close access for both disabled and those carrying heavy loads eg dive gear. The removal of close access is unnecessary.	11/19/2023 1:21 PM
176	Leave it as it is.	11/19/2023 1:20 PM
177	It's beautiful the way it is	11/19/2023 1:18 PM

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178	Make it like most drive up lookouts. 15 min maximum with ample access to adjacent major car park with one way access to angle parking with loop back to major car park. Many vessle owners and surfers want to drive up and quickly assess conditions before parking permanently.any adjacent parking	11/19/2023 1:07 PM
179	It's a long walk for anyone. Where does one park to walk the pier, breakwater, restaurant, polo, festival etc	11/19/2023 1:07 PM
180	Who is the local member and is he supporting MBA or a stooge of Tate? If no good for out community I will vote against him.	11/19/2023 1:06 PM
181	how many parking spaces are there now, and how long can you stay in a space now?	11/19/2023 1:04 PM
182	I am sick of the authority turning everything into a commercial venture. There are enough venues in the city to house a few concerts. Greedy promoters just want cheaper venues and bypass health and safety laws by using the park. It should be left as it is!	11/19/2023 1:02 PM
183	Too many illegally parked cars in the area already, removing car parking spaces is not an option. Something also needs to be done about all the people illegally camping in the car parks in the area.	11/19/2023 1:01 PM
184	Develop it into a cruise ship terminal.	11/19/2023 12:56 PM
185	as long as you can still park in carpark and walk across there and then council put in more benches to sit on if you cant sit in your car. Please, please, dont put in a noisy bungy jumping platform !	11/19/2023 12:54 PM

Conclusion

Based on the MBA survey, it is clear that the majority of visitors to The Spit are strongly opposed to the removal of the road and parking area that overlook the Seaway. (Approximately 50 car parking spaces are currently located in this area.)

The majority of respondents to the MBA survey live in Main Beach or nearby. However, we are confident that visitors from suburbs such as Upper Coomera, Helensvale and Southport, who according to GCWA's own survey, are the most frequent visitors to this area, would share the opinion of those who live in closer proximity to The Spit.

Finally, we ask GCWA to take seriously the objections of the community to the removal of this very popular amenity and to modify the design for both options of the draft Precinct Plan in accordance with public opinion.

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