

# THE SPIT AND MARINE STADIUM

**The Gold Coast business community and residents are joining together to promote the preservation and enhancement of our natural tourist attraction**



THE FOUR PRINCIPLES

## 1. No development north of Seaworld Nara.

This area must be protected for Park and Recreation purposes and enhanced for the enjoyment of all Gold Coasters to provide a balance between our built environment and the natural environment;

## 2. Preservation, enhancement & community management of The Spit and Marine Stadium.

Marine Stadium is the only "no wash" anchorage on the Broadwater and is a free open haven for families and boaties to enjoy its casuarina-fringed beaches and glassy waters;

## 3. Superyacht marina and commercial development south of Seaworld Nara.

There are alternatives that are closer to the existing marina precinct and existing business area that should be considered before the use of highly valued public recreation areas.

## 4. The reinstatement of a Gold Coast waterways authority.

The reinstatement of a Gold Coast waterways authority as a local community-based expert management group to ensure recreational boating safety, ecological management and effective navigability of our waterways.

### What can you do?

Please support our community action - please forward a letter supporting the "no development north of Seaworld Nara principle" to: The Secretary, Main Beach Progress Association P O Box 255 Main Beach QLD 4217 recording your support.

We are lobbying the Beattie Government to consider locating the superyacht marina and associated developments to the south of Marine Stadium and closer to the existing businesses and infrastructure in accordance with the recommendations of GCCC 2020 Harbour Vision, resolution 8<sup>th</sup> August 2003.

**Further information:** Great cities have great parks and The Spit & Marine Stadium has the potential to become a world-class parkland and should be preserved & enhanced for the enjoyment of current and future generations without the intrusion of commercial interests. With income from current leases generating the State Government an estimated 7 to 10 million dollars a year, funding for an enhancement program could be easily justified.



There has to be a balance between concrete jungle & natural environment.

*"As we build more and higher towers in Surfers Paradise, the need to retain The Spit as a natural escape becomes even more urgent"* - respected property analyst Alan Midwood.

*"The loss of Marine Stadium would be a blow to recreational boating"* Go Boating magazine 09/06

Doug Jennings fought for it and saved it. We owe it to him to protect his legacy.

The four principles are supported by Federal MP Steven Ciobo, State MP John-Paul Langbroek and the local divisional Councillor, Susie Douglas, as well as thousands of people (23,000 plus) who have signed petitions.

The Marine Stadium was purposely created in 1987 at the time of the construction of the Gold Coast Seaway to provide an area for the public to use for passive recreation. Since that time, families and tourists alike have used the area extensively as well as boaties who rely upon the safe anchorage. Clubs and organisations regularly stage events there including open water swimming, triathlon, F1 Boat Racing, dragon boat racing, surf boat rowing and jet ski racing. It is even used by the TV/film industry.

The prospect of the area being surrendered to commercial interests is unacceptable and unjustifiable when viable alternatives exist. As this is public land, the rights of the local community and the organisations that use the area should be considered over and above any commercial enterprise. We have to stand up for what is right for the community. Your support will help the organisations, businesses and individuals who are trying their level best to fight for this just community cause. Please help us lobby the Brisbane politicians and the special interest groups who do not understand how important the area is to the local people.

The Secretary,  
Save Our Spit Alliance Inc.  
P O Box 255  
Main Beach QLD 4217

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Dear Sir,

Gold Coast Business Supporters  
Preservation/ Enhancement of Marine Stadium & The Spit  
Reinstatement of a Local Waterways Management Authority

We wish to record our support for submissions to Government and other entities to preserve and enhance The Spit and Marine Stadium in accordance with the recommendations of the GCCC 2020 Harbour Vision (GCCC Resolution, 8 August 2003).

We support the following "four principles" derived from that Vision:

1. *No commercial development north of Seaworld Nara*
2. *The preservation, enhancement and community management of The Spit and Marine Stadium*
3. *Superyacht berths/general marina and commercial development south of Seaworld Nara*
4. *The reinstatement of a Gold Coast waterways authority as a local community-based expert management group to ensure recreational boating safety, ecological management and effective navigability of our waterways.*

We wish to be included on the Gold Coast Business Supporters' database\* for inclusion as a supporter of submissions to government and other entities promoting the four principles. We also authorise you to contact and/ or e-mail us for the purposes of providing information updates and keeping us informed of progress on this issue as per the contact details below.

[Optional] We wish to donate \$ (cheque enclosed) to Save Our Spit Alliance Inc. to help fund a promotions and advertising program to promote government and public awareness, support and implementation of the four principles.

Contact Details:

Business name/entity .....

Address: .....

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: .....

Authorised person: .....

Signed .....

**\*Note:** Inclusion on the business support database does not constitute membership of Main Beach Progress Association Inc.

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