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HALF A VICTORY- KIRRA CRUISE TERMINAL OUT, BROADWATER FIGHT CONTINUES

Opponents of a Cruise Ship Terminal proposed on our Southern Gold Coast Beaches are jubilant that Premier Campbell Newman has categorically ruled out this project going ahead and now call upon the Premier to be consistent by extending to ruling to protect public open space at The Spit and Wavebreak Island. This public land is valued at \$818 million dollars yet the government intends to hand this over to developers.

Lois Levy, Gecko-Gold Coast and Hinterland (Gecko) Environment Advocate said, "While we congratulate the Premier for taking this decision to protect our iconic southern Gold Coast beaches, their surfbreaks and their stunning beauty, the fight against a cruise ship terminal on the Gold Coast continues unabated."

Ms Levy continued, "The mass paddle out will take place as planned this Sunday at Kirra and we will hold our public information session to let people know that land grabs of public open space for development, whether at Kirra or at The Spit or at Wavebreak Island are completely unacceptable to the community. This has been our consistent message to the Queensland Government and the Gold Coast City Council since 2002 when the first Broadwater cruise terminal was proposed.

"We welcome the Premier's statement that public open space has to be protected and that was why he turned down a high rise development at Coolum Beach.

"Mr Premier, our Gold Coast public open spaces serve a much larger public. We treasure them and look to you to make the same decision to protect our community assets in the Broadwater."

All who value our iconic beaches and our public open spaces are urged to take part in the victory celebration, paddle out and community gathering on Sunday 19th January at North Kirra Beach, starting at 10 am. It is still a protest at the alienation of public open space. Come along to hear speakers from the surfing world, environmentalists, business people and others who have strongly opposed the both proposals from the outset. This is also a way to express solidarity with the Save Our Spit campaigners who have fought for many years against the cruise ship, casino and development industries who have planned projects in the GC Broadwater, reliant upon the handover of public open space to developers for their private profit.

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