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Media Release

Public Consultation on The Spit Atlast!

On 20th January a small advertisement was placed in the Gold Coast Bulletin by the Department of State Development advising that there would be a dual public consultation process in regard to the ASF Consortium proposal for The Spit and the public open space of The Spit.

The advertisement stated that this public consultation would continue for three months from January 2017. However this 3 months apparently includes the planning to prepare for the public consultation so that the actual contact with the public will be over February and part of March.

Lois Levy, Gecko Advocate said "I have been in contact with both the Department of State Development and the consultant to clarify exactly what is happening so we can pass it on to the public who are interested in the future of The Spit. People can register now to be part of the consultation by going to the link thespitsconsultation@donaldsonconsulting.net.au and shortly they will be offered a range of opportunities to have their say."

Further information about the whole process will be available on the State Development website, but both Gecko and Save Our Spit Alliance will also be providing information to get the broadest possible coverage for the thousands of people concerned about The Spit.

The consultation is a dual process asking the public for their ideas on improvements for the parklands on The Spit, north of the SeaWorld resort, which included Federation Walk coastal vegetation reserve, the Moondarewa finger and Marine stadium, Doug Jennings Park, the seawall and dog beach.

The second part of the consultation relates to the Crown land lease area just south of SeaWorld. There are possibilities for this land which can be explored through this consultation rather than just focussing on the current concept proposal by ASF Consortium.

Lois said "It appears that there will be an opportunity to come up with other development possibilities for this Crown land and to give ideas of what criteria any development for the site should meet. Obviously for Gecko a prime criteria would be that it complies with the new City Plan and is complementary to the aesthetics and scenic beauty of The Spit. Gecko members do not believe the ASF concept drawings do this."

"We are looking forward to seeing the additional information provided by the Department and getting our members and other residents involved and engaged in the whole process of determining the future of The Spit in a way that will benefit the thousands who enjoy it each year."

The link to the Departmental website is <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/major-projects/integrated-resort-developments.html>

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