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### **Public Opinion against High Rise On the Spit**

Leaders of all political parties and our City Council can no longer ignore the majority view that Gold Coast residents place a high value on the Spit; they completely reject the idea of development beyond the 3 story height limit set out in the City Plan and they do not want a casino.

Gecko Environment Secretary Rose Adams said, "Gecko joins, yet again, with groups and individuals across the City to reject the IRD proposal to give our public land at The Spit to the Chinese-backed ASF Consortium to build five high rise buildings, including a casino. We reject another casino, which the public has never been consulted about. And we reject having successive Councils and Governments try to railroad us into this intensive development."

The result of the latest Reachtel poll conducted by Save Our Broadwater and Main Beach Association demonstrates the overwhelming opposition to the ASF proposal and through this voters are sending a very clear message about how disappointed they are that this debacle has gone on for so many years.

Ms Adams said, "As the next election looms, our public servants need reminding they are only there at the behest of voters. Polls, petitions, letters, lobbying and calls to our politicians have not been heeded so far. Now is the time for the government to do the right thing by calling a halt to this unwanted development and get on with developing the long-awaited Broadwater Master Plan that respects and includes community values".

"Gecko has written to Minister Lynham at the Department of State Development asking for the results of the latest round of community consultation on the integrated resort development/ ASF proposal and The Spit Parklands conducted by Donaldson Consulting Group earlier this year. Participants were assured by Mr Donaldson and officers from the Department that a report would be made public by the end of April along with the response from the Government."

"So far the report is withheld and no information is forthcoming about when it will be revealed. Taxpayer funds were used to pay for this costly exercise and there is growing

dissatisfaction with this failure to reveal the results. Could this be because they overwhelmingly demonstrate that there is strong public opposition to the ASF proposal?"

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