1. On 25 May 2019, the Queensland Government released The Spit Master Plan (the master plan). A State funding commitment of $60 million was also announced to commence the implementation of the master plan, which comprises three overarching programs of work including:
* a capital works program to oversee the funding and delivery of a series of capital works projects, such as public realm improvements on The Spit;
* a site release program to manage the release of development sites identified in the master plan to market; and
* a planning and development assessment program to provide appropriate statutory effect to the master plan’s outcomes through the planning framework.
1. The primary objective of the Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019 is to facilitate the implementation of the master plan by:
* permitting the granting of freehold title of unallocated State land in the master plan area to the State without competition. These proposed amendments will facilitate the site release program but will not result in freeholding of land in the master plan area to an entity other than the State;
* exempting roads in the master plan area from provisions in the *Land Act 1994* relating to road opening and closures and include new provisions in the Bill to provide the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (and in future the Spit Development Minister) with those powers, applicable only to roads within the master plan area; and
* amending the *Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012* to expand the purpose, role and scope of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority to lead the delivery of the capital works program for the implementation of the master plan and to address limitations within GCWA’s powers to recover costs associated with its obligations to manage contravening and/or abandoned properties.
1. The Bill also amends the *Planning Act 2016* to clarify the scope of compensation that may be available for ‘adverse planning changes’ to local government schemes.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Implementation of The Spit Master Plan Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)