1. The *Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012* (the Act) established the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) and the Gold Coast Waterways Authority Board (the Board).
2. Section 43 of the Act provides that the Board controls the Authority. The GCWA is responsible for delivering the best possible management of Gold Coast waterways.
3. The Board is a decision-making board which:
	* + reports to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads;
		+ oversees the day to day operations of the Authority;
		+ decides on navigational access and boating infrastructure projects as well as waterways management policies and legislation; and
		+ engages with the Gold Coast community and assists the Authority in identifying local needs to improve access, boating infrastructure and management of Gold Coast waterways.
4. Section 44 of the Act provides that the membership of the Board consists of up to ten persons, each a member, including the chairperson (an appointed member), the mayor of the Gold Coast City Council and at least five, but not more than eight, other persons (each also an appointed member).
5. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Judy Spence be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment by gazette notice as a member of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority Board for a term of three years commencing on and from the date of gazettal.
6. *Attachments*
	* + Nil.