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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 14 September 2023 regarding petition 3905-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 12 September 2023 about marine tourism operator displacement on the Gold Coast.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has been working with the Gold Coast Waterways Authority and the City of Gold Coast to identify temporary facilities to accommodate the marine tourism operators who will be displaced by the Mariner's Cove redevelopment.

The City of Gold Coast has sought expressions of interest from marine tourism operators for the possible use of buoy moorings as a temporary solution for storing their vessels in the Broadwater. Public jetties and pontoons in the Broadwater are also available for operators to on-and-off board clients if they obtain a commercial permit from the council.

As a long term solution, and in recognition of the growing need for new marine facilities on the Gold Coast, the department has identified a parcel of land and water in Carter's Basin, on part of the area known as the Village Centre North site under The Spit master plan, to be released to provide opportunities for marine tourism businesses.

The department is working with the City of Gold Coast and the Gold Coast Waterways Authority on the best way to deliver a commercial marina, taking into account the needs of all stakeholders and existing users of Carter's Basin.

The sequencing of development on the Spit has been considered in response to market demand and to meet the needs of a wide range of stakeholders. The displacement of the marine tourism operators from Mariner's Cove is due to private development activities and is not part of the department's site release program.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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