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Minister for Local Government,
Community Recovery and Resilience

Our ref: MC13/2789

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

28 AUG 2013

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of Parliament
Parliament House
Corner of Alice and George Streets
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2013 about Petitions 2151-13 and 2139-13 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

While I appreciate beach erosion is a matter of great concern to Gold Coast residents, particularly following a number of recent storm events, Gold Coast City Council is responsible for managing and maintaining its coastal infrastructure.

I am aware Council has made representation to the State seeking a contribution towards its estimated \$30 million beach/foreshore repair bill. However, beach restoration is a local government responsibility and this is for Council to determine. Therefore, if the petitioners have not already done so, they may wish to raise their concerns directly with the Mayor, Councillor Tom Tate, by writing to PO Box 5042, Gold Coast MC QLD 9729 or email mayor@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

In addition, I am advised Council has developed a strategy to fix the damage to its beaches, 'Restoring our beaches: Council's Action Plan', which is available on Council's website at www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au, and for the petitioners' convenience I have enclosed a copy of this action plan.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Jennie O'Connor, Acting Director, Southern Region on (07) 3224 4129 or Jennie.O'Connor@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Restoring our beaches: Council's Action Plan.

Erosion Response: Council's Action Plan

Situation Report

- Gold Coast beaches have sustained 18 months of significant swell events
- Recent severe weather has exacerbated erosion and created significant vertical scarps
- Due to safety concerns, Council closed a number of beaches to repair viewing platforms, lifeguard towers, and other public amenities
- With safety as its first priority, Council has commenced a cleanup program to remove debris and restore access
- As of 1 March 2013, 22 kilometres of beach from Snapper to the Seaway has reopened. This means 23 of the city's 27 beaches are open

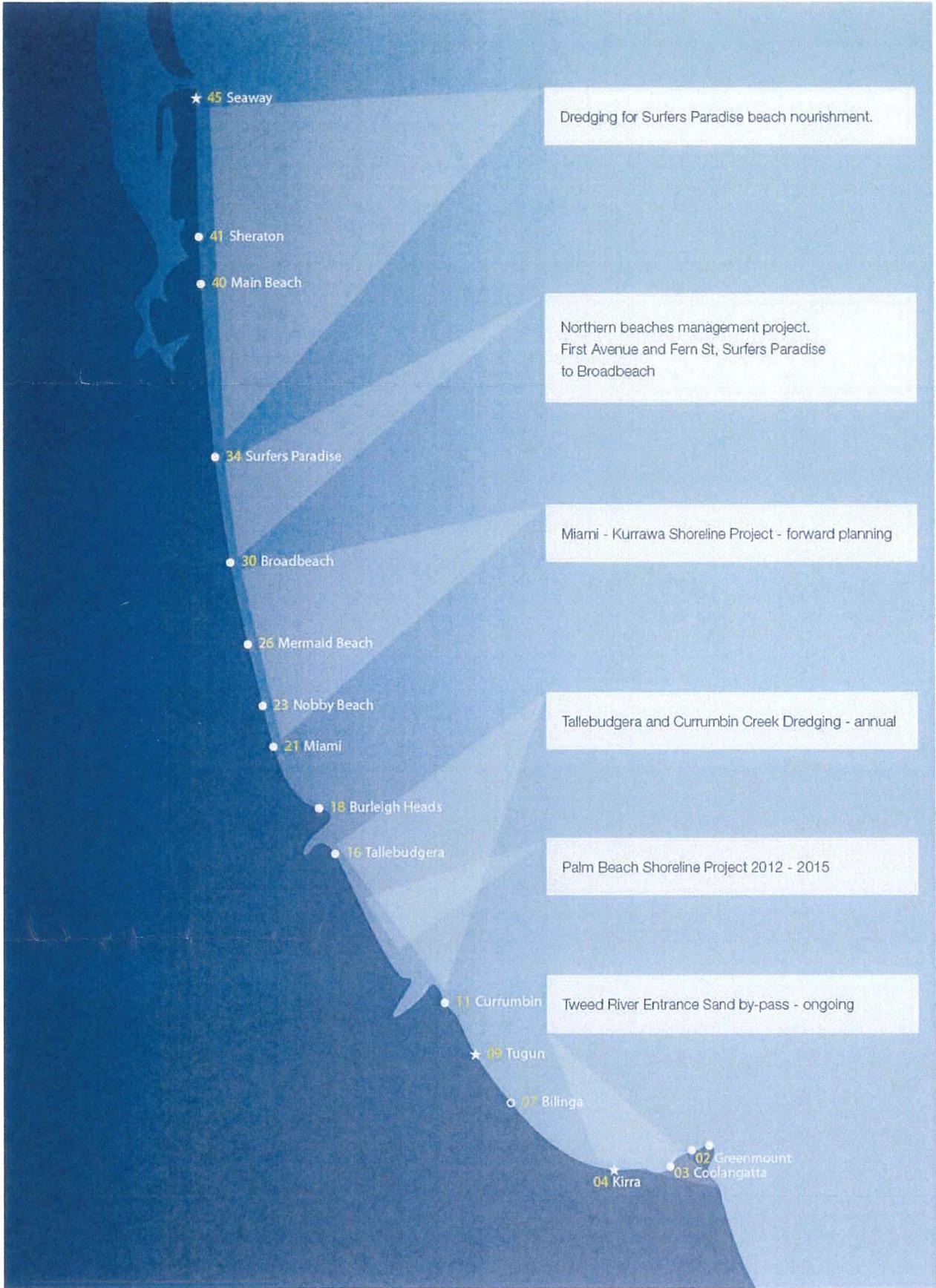
Action Underway

- Removal of debris, restoration of beach access and public safety works at a cost of \$20,000/day totalling an estimated \$500,000
- Nobby Beach Sand Project will deliver 8000 cubic metres of sand from a development site to nourish the beach immediately in front of the Nobby SLSC (March)
- Working with the Gold Coast Waterways Authority to dredge 60,000 cubic metres of high quality sand to replenish beaches from Surfers Paradise northwards at a cost of \$800,000 (April)
- Northern Gold Coast Beaches Management Project will transfer sand dredged from the Gold Coast Seaway Entrance to nourish beaches between First Avenue, Broadbeach, and Fern Street, Surfers Paradise
- Dredging of the Tallebudgera and Currumbin Creeks to supply 50,000 cubic metres for the replenishment of Palm Beach and Burleigh Heads beach (annually about October)
- Council contributes 50% of the Queensland share of project costs, average \$2.5 million annually of the Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project to renourish southern Gold Coast beaches (annual)

Forward Planning

- The Gold Coast Shoreline Management Plan has set a strategic course of action for the long-term preservation of beaches and the coastal environment
- Miami to Kurrawa Shoreline Project will identify sources of offshore sand reserves suitable for beach nourishment
- The Palm Beach Shoreline Project will deliver priority action to ensure beach health at an estimated cost of \$16 million





★ 45 Seaway

Dredging for Surfers Paradise beach nourishment.

● 41 Sheraton

● 40 Main Beach

Northern beaches management project.
First Avenue and Fern St, Surfers Paradise
to Broadbeach

● 34 Surfers Paradise

Miami - Kurrawa Shoreline Project - forward planning

● 30 Broadbeach

● 26 Mermaid Beach

● 23 Nobby Beach

Tallebudgera and Currumbin Creek Dredging - annual

● 21 Miami

● 18 Burleigh Heads

Palm Beach Shoreline Project 2012 - 2015

● 16 Tallebudgera

● 11 Currumbin

Tweed River Entrance Sand by-pass - ongoing

★ 89 Tugun

○ 01 Billanga

★ 04 Kirra

● 02 Greenmount
● 03 Coolangatta