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Dear Ms [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 9 July 2017 to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning about the Toondah Harbour redevelopment. The Deputy Premier has asked that I respond on her behalf.

I can confirm the Queensland Government's support for the redevelopment of Toondah Harbour and its in-principle support for the Walker Group's proposal. However, this support is contingent upon a rigorous assessment of environmental impacts by both the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments and compliance with all environmental requirements.

The Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area development scheme was finalised in 2014 to guide development on the site. However, the detailed design for any development will be assessed when a development application is formally lodged. Although the Walker Group has prepared a master plan, they have not yet lodged a development application. Public notification and feedback will be sought during this development application process, which I encourage you to engage in.

On 8 June 2017, the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP declared the Toondah Harbour project a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). I understand that the Commonwealth's assessment under the EPBC Act will include the following:

- wetlands of international importance
- listed threatened species and communities
- listed migratory species.

The decision making process will be very complex and the Walker Group and the state will continue to liaise with the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy to determine the exact controlling provisions for assessment of the Toondah Harbour proposal. The environmental approval process will require public notification and community input which I also encourage you to engage in.

The Walker Group proposes to finance and deliver a range of public infrastructure for the benefit of the community and at no cost to the Redland City Council (the council) or the state. The infrastructure, which will include a dedicated passenger and car ferry terminal, ticketing and tourism facilities, public car parking, a new bus interchange, a public urban plaza and significant additional foreshore public open space with a promenade, will all be funded and constructed by the Walker Group.

The Walker Group will also fund and deliver the dredging of the Fison Channel and swing basin, to deepen and widen the channel at no cost to the community. This will improve the future of ferry operation services. This aspect was a requirement of the council. The dredge spoil required to be removed will also be used to reclaim land for community use. This infrastructure will support economic development and sustainable tourism for the region.

The Queensland Government is committed to phasing out sand mining on North Stradbroke Island by 2019 and expanding the Island's existing industries to ensure a strong, sustainable economy for all who live there. The proposed Toondah Harbour revitalisation project is fundamental in supporting the economic transition of North Stradbroke Island from sandmining to eco-tourism.

I want to reiterate the development at Toondah Harbour will not be permitted to commence unless the necessary environmental approvals from the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments assessment processes have been obtained.

I trust that you will make use of the number of future opportunities to provide feedback on the redevelopment of Toondah Harbour through the environmental and development approval processes that require public notification and comment.

If you require any further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Tim O'Neill, Executive Director, South East Queensland Developments, Economic Development Queensland in the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on 3452 7724 or by email at tim.oneill@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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