



The Spit master plan

Have your say on the draft master plan



The draft master plan is a unified plan to revitalise and protect The Spit for generations to come. The draft master plan reflects the extensive community feedback received about the proposed options released in October 2018. The plan includes a range of outcomes for the future development of The Spit across seven precincts.



(Tourism and Events Queensland)

Big picture strategies

The plan's big picture strategies have been informed by last year's feedback and used to guide precinct outcomes and achieve the overall vision for The Spit master plan. These strategies include:

- Growing a green peninsula
- Promoting tourism and recreation
- Making places and cultural connections
- Linking experiences
- Connecting to the city
- Opening the gateway to the Gold Coast.

Precinct outcomes



The Top of The Spit

The Top of The Spit will become a regionally significant park with views of, and accessible pathways to, the ocean and The Broadwater. Key outcomes include:

- a seaway promenade with postcard water views
- a series of pavilion buildings and a tower structure
- upgraded picnic, nature play and event spaces
- dog off-leash areas
- planting on Moondarewa Spit.

Wave Break and Curlew Islands

Wave Break and Curlew Islands provide a natural retreat in the heart of The Broadwater. Key outcomes include:

- natural area management of Wave Break and Curlew Islands
- a day use area on Wave Break Island
- an underwater sculpture garden for diving and snorkelling
- a viewing platform and jetty on the southern side of Wave Break Island.



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Federation Walk Coastal Reserve

Federation Walk will provide the opportunity to be immersed in enhanced coastal landscapes, with a focus on environmental protection and management, low-impact recreation and visitor education.

Key outcomes include:

- a centre for coastal resilience
- a littoral rainforest and ephemeral wetlands
- accessible pathways connecting the beach, Federation Walk and the Oceanway
- bird hides and lookouts positioned at key locations
- interpretative and educational signage.

Muriel Henchman Park

Muriel Henchman Park will include additional boat launching ramps, community facilities and parking to improve access to The Broadwater.

Key outcomes include:

- reconfigured, safe and efficient boat launching ramps
- additional car and trailer parking
- a waterside park with amenities
- launching areas for smaller and non-motorised vessels.



Precinct outcomes



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Village Centre

A vibrant Village Centre will provide an exciting range of retail, entertainment, cultural, accommodation and commercial activities that make the most of this waterfront location. The Village Centre will involve three distinct sections. Key outcomes include:

Village Centre Sea World

- a continuous boardwalk along The Broadwater's edge
- a light rail station adjacent to the Sea World car park
- comprehensively landscaped Seaworld Drive frontage.

Village Centre North

- an Aboriginal cultural centre with adjoining event space
- buildings and spaces that show the Gold Coast's rich maritime history
- a new marina to accommodate the fishing fleet, superyachts and charter boats
- a market and retail pavilions for fresh produce, seafood and dining
- a landscaped arbour connecting The Broadwater to Seaworld Drive and Philip Park
- a new resort located south of Sea World.

Village Centre South

- a village plaza with shopping and dining opportunities linking The Broadwater and the ocean
- a Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort public beach club
- a new mixed use development with a marina with superyacht berths.



Precinct outcomes

Philip Park

Philip Park includes two alternative outcomes – the first shows Philip Park as an open parkland space; the second includes a potential cruise ship terminal.

The master plan for The Spit will not decide whether the potential cruise ship terminal may or may not proceed in Philip Park. That decision will be subject to a separate process of approval that the City of the Gold Coast may pursue once the master plan has been released. However, the plan is considering the anticipated effects so they can be managed if the potential cruise ship terminal is approved. Key outcomes include:

Alternative one – Philip Park

- upgraded low-key parkland areas and facilities
- an open structure with a covered space for cultural and community activities
- accessible pathways linking Seaworld Drive, the parklands, car park, beach, Federation Walk and the Oceanway
- ample car parking.

Alternative two – Philip Park with a potential cruise ship terminal

- potential cruise ship terminal to operate as a home port accommodating the largest cruise vessels anticipated to use the terminal
- the rest of Philip Park offers parkland, amenities, ample parking and accessible pathways.



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The Southern Gateway

The Southern Gateway will become an attractive entry to The Spit offering a range of recreation opportunities and facilities. Key outcomes include:

- an urban youth space for events and skating
- an elegant gateway structure
- a boat storage facility at the Southport Yacht Club
- a superyacht berth located along the edge of Jack Gordon Park.

Have your say

We are seeking your views on The Spit draft master plan until Sunday 31 March.

To have your say visit the project website (qld.gov.au/thespit) to complete the online survey or find out where our community pop up information sessions will be held on the Gold Coast.

The final master plan will be released mid-2019.

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