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The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP  
Department of the Environment and Energy  
Commonwealth of Australia  
CANBERRA, ACT

Dear Minister

**Gold Coast Ocean-side Cruise Ship Terminal EPBC Referral**

The growing cruise ship market represents an opportunity to enhance attraction and increase tourist visitation for the Gold Coast. This market holds strong potential to ignite the tourism sector on the Gold Coast. In addition, the Gold Coast's tourism assets, both natural and man-made, are a significant incentive for cruise line companies to visit the Gold Coast. The absence of a suitable cruise ship terminal is prohibiting the City from realising the full extent of this opportunity.

Given the shifts in the tourism market and the emergence and growth of the cruise industry in Australia and internationally, the development of marine infrastructure to facilitate cruise shipping visitation to the Gold Coast is considered a strong and necessary strategic response in accordance with the City's Economic Development Strategy.

The Gold Coast Cruise Ship Terminal (ocean-side) will be located approximately 1200m off-shore and will include a breakwater to protect the wharf area, connected to the shore side terminal via a jetty. This project will provide a return on investment, increase tourism, and create new jobs for the Gold Coast.

The City of Gold Coast, working with Price Waterhouse Coopers and AECOM, have compiled the necessary documentation for determination by the Minister, if the project is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance,.

The City of Gold Coast hereby authorise AECOM Australia Pty Ltd to lodge this EPBC referral with the Department of the Environment and Energy on our behalf. We look forward to your consideration of the referral and should you require any further information please contact the Coordinator Major Projects, Luke Adair on (07) 5581 7786, or by email [ladair@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:ladair@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)

Yours faithfully



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