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To whom it may concern

Re: Gold Coast Airport Hotel – Preliminary Draft Major Development Plan

I am writing on behalf of Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) in support of the creation of the proposed Gold Coast Airport Hotel. QTIC is Queensland's peak tourism industry body, representing more than 3,000 regional tourism businesses, all of Queensland's 13 Regional Tourism Organisations and the industry associations across the state.

Tourism in Queensland is a \$25 billion industry with over 24 billion visitors across the state. The tourism industry on the Gold Coast welcomes over 5 million visitors annually with an expenditure of over \$4.3million in the region¹. Gold Coast is a strong growth market with domestic visitation growing by 8.1% in the year ending December 2018 and international visitation growing 4.1% over the same period.

The proposed hotel at the Gold Coast Airport will support the growing number of domestic and international flights coming through the airport. Such a hotel will provide a convenient option for those visitors in transit and who have early flights. Such capacity and amenities is important to grow a strong tourism offering on the Gold Coast and to promote the destination as an access point for the wider region and state.

QTIC supports the planned development and applauds the Gold Coast Airport for this strategic move. Whilst the environmental impacts of the development of the hotel are well considered within the development plan, QTIC urges the Airport Corporation to also include the impacts of climate change on the structure to ensure that resilience is embedded within this development. The aim for Greenstar Rating is commendable, as per the climate change adaptation and mitigation plan for tourism, we encourage new builds to aim to achieve a 5 or 6 star rating to minimise any development impacts on the environment.

QTIC strongly supports the proposed development and advocates for a favourable consideration of this application as an opportunity to stimulate jobs and the on-going growth of the tourism industry on the Gold Coast.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Tourism Research Australia. Gold Coast Regional Snapshot. Year ending December 2017

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