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Councillor Tom Tate
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Council of the City of Gold Coast
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2019 raising concerns about foreshore seawall construction works for coastal protection within the Gold Coast City Council (the council) area.

Coastal protection works, as outlined in your letter, are viewed by both myself and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (department) as vital for protecting infrastructure from beach erosion.

I note your concerns about perceived changes to my department's policy impacting the interaction between the council planning scheme obligations placed on relevant private property owners to construct and maintain works which benefit their particular properties. In recent times, there has been no change in policy of my department about the ability of private property owners to construct works on public property.

However, in response to your request, I have asked my department to undertake a review of its policy position, including council's suggested amendments to legislation. Given the complex nature of this matter, a full response to your request may take some time to finalise, I will endeavour to provide this to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff who will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

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