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The Hon. Chris Minns
Premier for NSW

The Hon. Stepehn Kamper
Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and
Minister for Jobs and Tourism

The Hon. Paul Scully
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

The Hon. Penny Sharpe
Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and
Minister for Heritage

Kiersten Fishburn
The Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)

**Invitation to meet and walk on Gumbaynnggir Country with Aboriginal Elders
Re: Proposed Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshores Development**

Dear Premier Chris Minns, Ministers Paul Scully, Stephen Kamper and Penny Sharpe and Secretary Kiersten Fishburn,

Firstly I would like to say thank you to the Premier and Minister Sharpe for attending the The Great Koala National Park Meeting held at Bongil Bongil Picnic Area Bonville on Friday 18th July 2025.

It was wonderful to meet and greet you both on the Traditional Lands of the Gumbaynnggir people. It was also very appreciated that I had the opportunity to meet the Secretary of DPHI, Kiersten Fishburn in Coffs Harbour on the 31st July to briefly discuss the Jetty Foreshores and the importance of the area to the Gumbaynnggir people.

On behalf of the local Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Elders here in Gumbaynnggir Country, we identify as the Garlambirla Guuyu-girrwaa Elders Aboriginal Elders Corporation.

Ministers and Secretary, we would like to extend an invitation to you to please come and meet with us in the Jetty Foreshores Precinct here in Coffs Harbour, it would be fantastic if you could come visit with us, just like the Premier and Minister Sharpe did at Bongil Bongil Picnic Area.

We would like you to come here and visually view this area instead of viewing through a computer-generated plan or with members of the pro-development minority. Your presence here would give us the opportunity to share with you our vision for this area which is deeply entrenched in Aboriginal history and culture, Aboriginal significance, Aboriginal heritage, Aboriginal spirituality, Aboriginal connections to country, Aboriginal sacred sites and the environment.

This is a special place, it's a gathering place, it's a place of healing. It's a very important part of who we are and our Aboriginal cultural identity.

The invitation will focus on meet and greet, walking together, talking together, sharing together awareness and understanding and respecting one of the many oldest living cultures on this earth.

We write to you to express our profound dismay at the proposal for rezoning at the Jetty Foreshores to allow for multi-story private residential and tourist accommodation.

Premier and Ministers we feel very disappointed in regards to the misinformation being presented by the minority of people and their supporters of the Jetty Foreshores Development Plans.

As traditional owners and custodians of this area we have an obligation to protect and preserve this special part of Gumbaynnggir Country.

We do not oppose all development, however we do oppose this kind of new private Residential or Tourist Accommodation here within the Jetty Foreshores Precinct. The scale and height of this proposal is outrageous; it will desecrate and scar this landscape and environment forever.

Once we lose this area to this kind of development we will not be able to get it back, the damage will be done.

We elders strongly believe the Jetty Foreshores Precinct can be rehabilitated by a Caring for Country approach so that it can be improved without losing it to private multi-storey development which will harm this special and sacred place.

Kind Regards,

Uncle Reg Craig
Spokesperson of the Garlambirla Guuyu-girrwa Elders Corporation