

Appendix 2

Survey questions: Key open ended responses

QUESTION 5: Currently there is a range of commercial and non-commercial activities permitted on Gold Coast ocean beaches. For each activity, please tick whether you would like to see "more"; the "same"; or "less". Please explain the reason for your answer.

Online and hard copy survey comments follow:

I think the beach is for all people to enjoy however bearing in mind the strong part our surf clubs play.
The beaches need to be community friendly and be attractive and 'good value' for tourists. The council needs to be inivative and looking at new ways of 'adding value' and enriching the visitors experience. It is virtually impossible to purchase a coffee, cold drink or light food without walking for hours hoping for a shop other than Surfers.
The more people attracted to the beach the better for surrounding business
Great activities makes it feel like holidays even though you live on the coast it brings a great atmosphere of movement.
More promotional events will encourage people to come to the coast. Hire of beach equipment from Surf Life saving means that it would all be in good condition and money going back to a useful cause that needs funds. Need more surf life saver training - may encourage more people to join
Beaches are for everyone and only beach safety should be available on the beach. no commercialism
Good mix at present
This whole 'everyone else must suffer so a select few can make a dollar' mentality must end. The beach belongs to the generations NOT private enterprise.
There is already enough program's in place a a it is I think they need to look at making more parking before the start expanding!!
I think we need to educate more people about the surf to help out the life guards if the need every arose.
Beaches should not be used for businesses. They should be for public use only. They should be for the public to be able to escape from commercialisation. Also, the Gold Coast beaches are eroded each year. Will these new businesses be able to sue the Gold Coast Council for loss of income when the beaches are roped off from the public due to safety concerns? Keep the beaches commercial free.
I am happy with the level of activity on the beaches and do not want any more, as I want people to be able to access the beaches without being excluded because of "special interest" events.
Beaches are the most peaceful places. The only place you can relax. However surfing is part of the australian culture. Same as training surf life club members. Parachuting in certain places is ok. Not really for it but not against it either.
Keep our beaches clean free uncluttered, as we are now used to on our beautiful Gold Coast
I am supportive on non intrusive/restrictive activities that benefit the community but I am not in support of commercial activities, although tolerant of existing uses
As it stands at the moment the current likelihood of these activities happening is minimal. When they do happen they are occasional and do not cause prolonged annoyance to local or tourists. Surfing competition bring welcome tourism and surf life saving is obviously very important.
The beach is a sanctuary from the commercial world. It is a haven from the outside world and is a precious place that needs protection. It is a place of quiet joy and it engenders a peaceful state of mind. It is a place of nature. Nature needs to be experienced without loud music or P.A. systems or the raz a matatz of the outside world. It is a special place and a special experience where children can learn to play naturally as nature intended and not be subject to commercial exploitation. The commercial world is hell bent on grasping and then polluting every aspect of our lives....please leave us the beach for God's sake. Please look into your hearts and realise that not everything is about money....for God's sake and for the sake of the children. Let them have a place to be natural and free....at least for a few hours...Vote according to your heart.....not according to somebody pressuring you so they can make money....!!
Most of the above questions are based on community activities, with the exception of weddings of course, and are not intrusive. It's the commercial activities that must be kept off our beaches.
The Gold Coast Surf Council would like to avoid any intensification of commercial activity on Gold Coast Beaches. Gold Coast Surf breaks are highly valuable and existing use levels are at capacity - further commercial activity on beaches risks negative impact on recreational amenity through over crowding assets which are already at capacity.
I feel if there is a Law to not ADVERTISE at the Beaches. Great! There should be No Signs for people teaching surfing or what ever on the Beaches. But, Why does the Gold City Council allow Big Vans, Trailers to set up from 10 hours to 24 hours a day in public parking spots to ADVERTISE surfing lessons? The internet is to do this. Coming and teaching is fine with their Vans and Trailers, but to allow them there & with more than one Van or Trailer is over the top and wonder are they paying to do this?
It's a beach not a company
I believe that the main purpose of the beaches is to allow open, unrestricted access for non-commercialised enjoyment which DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE ENJOYMENT/USE by others.
Leave the beach for the residents....NO COMMERCIAL STUFF ON THE BEACH. WE ARE AUSTRALIA, NOT EUROPE.
It's great just as it is! More would be overkill I believe.
If they are not leaving a mess behind and they don't destroy anything then I think it is there to be used
Entertainment events are a great family use of the beaches. SLSC should be able to hire umbrellas for sun safety etc. Surf schools provide a valuable safe way to learn, and a great tourist attraction for the Gold Coast, but care should be taken at the Alley with Group sizes in the water to allow space for free surfers.
There is a good balance for all events to participate. Increasing the level requires more environmental control and the leve that it currently has works well without affecting public
I think there is a good balance for everyone on our beaches. I would hate to see it more commercialised.
Our beaches and the activities currently permitted on them allow the public to enjoy the beaches as they wish. There is no need for the commercialising and leasing of our public land

Surf lifesaving is a volunteer organisation to protect swimmers and should be permitted to undertake training as needed. Having travelled extensively through Europe and Asia, Australia's beaches are unique in that they DO NOT allow commercial activities to impede on the beaches. They are free and open to everyone. Deckchairs are available on overseas beaches because those beaches consist of either rocks or dark/dirty sand. They are not needed in Australia. People travel to our beaches to see them as they are, not what they're like at their home. Leave the beaches alone !!
I don't believe people should be able to trade on the beach
Fair to most beach users.
It's all good!
There seems to be a good balance of activities without intruding into what the beach is there for - swimming, sunbathing, exercising.
Professional Fisherman Beach Netting on Burleigh and Kirra. NONE.
I don't want to have to pay to go to the beach, or feel like I have to - this will discourage day trippers who are the largest and most constant form of revenue. What is needed is more parking near the beach, especially at places like Currumbin, Palm Beach and Southport.
Its public space - let the public get at it with more things to do, otherwise it could be deemed a wasted resource.
The beach already has plenty of activity and needs to remain open to public. Most of what is listed closes off sections of the beach while in use. I like having events on the beach but it needs to be limited if not for the beach itself then for the availability of parking and infrastructure needed to support it. You also left off 'Schoolies' I would be interested to see how that polled.
More entertainment events at night. Leave sand and water free in the daytime. No daytime permanent activities.
More locals that are proficient in life saving assists all us locals in trouble.
I think it's about right as it is. I don't want to be hassled at the beach and the beaches are so clean with no rubbish
There is enough commercial activity just meters from the sand. The beauty of Australian beach culture is that you're peripheral view from the sand and is clear, uncluttered, just nature and people frolicking and enjoying. You cross the road, or the path and mentally enter a zone where you are free from commercial activity. - If you require goods or services you seek them out across the road or path, behind the "line".
Rainbow Bay is way too crowded with too many surf schools, congestion in the water (sometimes 3 commercial surf schools), surf contests local club as well as sponsored events QS Pro, Kirra Teams, Snapper Board riders, Kirra board riders, Kingscliffe Triathlon, start of the stand up paddle board event... The list is too long. Time to stop the excessive over use of rainbow bay and the congestion. It is getting killed and spoiled by excess... It needs tight regulation and spread the beach use approvals to other areas..
Happy to see more people enjoy our beautiful beaches, there's plenty of room for everyone. I do however believe Surf Schools should be restricted to certain beaches and time slots as should personal training groups.
Getting spaced out of the beach by commercial ventures is unfair
We have some of the best beaches in the world, we should activate them as much as possible for residents and so tourists will associate there holiday with a range of beach orientated activities.
Gold Coast beaches are currently pristine and lovely - a major attraction for people who appreciate the natural richness of the GC coastline. I think our long stretches of natural beaches are a major attraction for tourists and locals. GCCC should support and promote a safe and healthy beach culture, thus my preference for 'more' beach activities.
Less Personal Training, it's free space for essentially a useless service by unskilled trainers. Can be quite annoying for the public. Train privately, or quietly.
It gets more people out into wonderful our atmosphere.
The beach is the only real attraction on the Gold Coast. There is little else to draw people to this region. The Gold Coast business model is outdated and significantly lacking in vision.
I don't have an issue with most of the above events being held on Gold Coast Beaches. I haven't seen the sky divers at North Kirra beach but I would be concerned not only with their safety but of beach goers. I do have a concern with the number of boot camps, fitness training groups that operate in close proximity to beaches.
Free Family Fun activities promotes a healthy and environmentally minded community. The greatest asset are our beautiful beaches that are free to visit, it's part of the Australian Culture.
We have a finite number of beaches but a growing population With the City projected to grow by another 300,000 people by 2025 (Draft GC City Plan) we cannot afford to let this type of usage of our beaches grow otherwise ordinary beachgoers will really miss out. We have to face a future of ever more crowded beaches simply through population growth. Let us not make the beach a no-go area for ordinary people. who just want to enjoy a swim and an enjoyable beach experience.
There shouldn't be any restriction on events like surfing, surf clubs etc. If there is demand for more then have more. Personally I don't participate in them but they are a great health/outdoor activity so should be encouraged.
I can only speak for my neighbourhood beach, Rainbow Bay. It is heavily used as it is and could not really cope with more use. I would hate to see commercial use of the beach. Food vendors would have associated litter problems. Beach parties would have noise issues. Other vendors might add to the hassle factor. I certainly do not want sections of the beach set aside for people hiring lounges, tables for food service etc. One advantage of our beaches is that they are freely open to all with no hassles.
Surf life saving training great idea but surf carnivals create a lot of collateral damage environmentally and socially. Same for surf contests. The QS Pro at Snapper leaves a lot of pollution mainly from the giveaways, this year Chia Pod plastic containers everywhere and disrupts the community for 2 months. During the actual contest there is a boost to the economy but this is offset by loss of amenity to locals and increased pollution. I know locals who get out of town when QS Pro on so money spent by tourist offset by lost revenue from locals to some extent.
too many already
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there are too many learning schools, and surf events now
Our beaches & adjoining public space should remain commercial free space for leisure enjoyment.
The beaches should be free for everyone to use at anytime. Not taken over by commercial or sporting events
The more our beaches are utilised the more the Gold Coast will be the place to come on Holidays and Business Events and locals will enjoy the beaches
Commerce has a habit of overdoing when there is competition This is difficult to control without special and costly supervision hence money is spend on no return for NON Rates or Rent paying venues, money which is not for the benefit of ALL Gold Coast Rate Payers. Commerce must find an outlet where they pay for and are forced to provide proper sales facilities to the Customer.

Beaches can be income producing for the GC economy, but every effort should be made to avoid environmental damage in doing so. Activities should be allowed based on level of environmental impact first and foremost.
I don't want the beaches commercialised. Nor do I want to have to pick and choose which beach I go to on any given day because special events have priority over my access. I hate the idea of hiring umbrellas or chairs or space at the beach for personal use - so prevalent in Thailand and those not wanting to hire equipment are then frowned upon - Wrong!
I want blatant commercialism to be prevented on all gold coast beaches and waterway. Advertising, loud music, touting MUST be prevented.
Because the Gold Coast is really a family-fun destinations and more entertainment in the Gold Coast will bring more visitors/tourists to the area and more Gold Coasters too.
Our beaches are our best natural resource for residents and tourism, and for the size of our population compared to the length of our beaches we underutilize this resource. When you compare how the beaches are used in Europe with how little our beaches are used in our city it shows you that there is much more scope for them to be used.
The current low(ish) level of commercial uses gives the beaches an open clean untouched feel, which is refreshing and welcome beside the highly developed surrounding lands.
Our beaches are very well cared for by the council and they are used extensively by local and visiting people. It may seem that we have unlimited beach space and could accommodate a lot more activity of a commercial nature, but the essence of the beauty in our Gold Coast is that it is not overrun by commercial interest and should never be allowed to be. No areas should be for exclusive use by operators to sell or hire goods, it detracts from the beauty of an area.
I think the beaches are great for the community and access for the community bringing the community, locals together, great for the children and families to experience more in a beach, coastal setting
Teach the Chinese tourists - learn to swim for free- between the flags at Surfers Paradise beach. Be great PR and maybe save lives here and in China
Commercial activities such as the sale of goods (including umbrella hire etc by surf lifesaving clubs) at beaches should not be permitted as this spoils the natural atmosphere of the beach. Surf schools and weddings are okay as they do not have a big impact on the beach atmosphere.
Our beaches are beautiful but very under used. I would love it if we could hire beach lounges or chairs. When I travelled around South East Asia, I always hired them, it was a fantastic service & made the beach more enjoyable.
The Gold coast's beaches are a major tourist draw, and should have beach equipment for hire as well as food/drinks to purchase. We have these amazing beach areas, why not maximise the opportunities our beaches present? As a local I would absolutely utilise these services too. Our beaches are world class but lack the services of our tourism counterparts overseas.
I love our beaches natural & uncluttered. People can bring their own umbrellas & seriously very few need a chair when a towel is fine to sit on. European beaches can be ugly with all their clutter & I would like to see that here. Chairs, umbrellas, food service vehicles, bins, rubbish ... I can't see the benefits outweighing the disadvantage. Furthermore, swimming with boogie boarders is already a hazard & making these more accessible will be a nightmare.
The beach is the perfect place for activity and entertainment. I usually spend a few hours when I am at the beach and my brain needs stimulation.
Happy with the current beach usage
The beaches in many parts are under utilised. As the city's principle natural asset, we should be leveraging more heavily on this resource to provide community benefit.
Community events are great on the beach. There are starting to be too many surf schools at Currumbin.
I would like to see a vibrant ocean-centred environment making full use of our natural resources that make us different from everywhere else.
I would like to see the community continue to have access to the beach areas and not to be taken over by private enterprise.
The beaches could do with being used more, without becoming too commercialised.
Our beaches are a wonderful asset and should be used to their fullest extent For example: I would love to hold dinners on the beach with diners being able to sit at tables, eating our fabulous cuisine with the sand beneath their feet as they gaze into the beautiful ocean(as in Bali). I requested to do this years ago but GCCC declined my proposal Liz Hamilton - Events Exclusive
I believe that our beaches are adequately serviced with existing services.
Good for the area
Believe beaches should be left as they are as much as possible
Current usage seems ok however would like to see more family orientated activities such as films on the beach, bands etc
The beach is a great place to encourage people to use
Detracting from the natural environment
Good balance with Northern Gold Coast Business
Boot camp and personal trainers not to use parks and beaches for their money making. The areas made with BBQ's can't be used when these people are doing their thing
Attracting more visitors is important
More tourists
Promotions of Gold Coast
I'm satisfied with the current activities.
beaches are a community asset and the ones I ticked for more should add to quality and/or safety or greater enjoyment options of the community
Noticed more Nippers being taught which can only be for the benefit of everyone
Believe Kirra is the beachy relaxed area of the Gold Coast and should never become like Surfers Paradise
Each would seem to promote beaches. As long as there is no commercialization of natural beauty its ultimate destruction. The natural quality should be maintained.
I am not well informed on what currently happens
The more you can get people involved in the art and the outdoors the better!
I want to be able to walk, run, swim anywhere along our beautiful beaches
I think activities are great on the beach as it encourages people to live healthier lives being outside and active
The beaches should not be commercialised

Promotes interaction
I don't really attend too many of these. Mainly the odd concert on Surfers Paradise beach
Mostly I think there is enough activities happening on the beaches
Public space - use for all. Not too many though
To fully utilize GCCC main asset, promote people coming to area
The area is so large that it still has the capacity for more activities to be done to benefit both locals and tourists
Anything to promote more community activities encouraging families and locals to participate
Prefer non commercial activities
Please keep Main Beach free of entertainment/concerts
More is better if we're serious about tourism
There is a reasonable level of activities. I would not want a significant increase. I appreciate the natural beauty and facilities; beach, surf and especially the unspoiled spit
Generally satisfied with the current situation. Would not like to see increased commercial activity
Could consider more
Leave beaches for people not for commercial gain by individuals
Bring money to local business
Less schoolies
I believe our beaches are a great asset and should be used as much as possible to enhance the visit,,by locals or tourists. A day out at the beach should meet the users ideas, whether they want physical exercise or a restful time, which may include food/beverage delivery to your spot on the beach or semi organized fun zones for families. Activities should always protect, even enhance, the environment of course but people who are irregular visitors will become regular if activities and facilities are provided eg Broadwater Parklands..we love going there as the area is so well planned and the facilities are excellent. If we do little to enhance the experience on our beaches the visitors will not come...if we snooze we lose. We need to out perform our competitors overseas.
I love to see activity on the beach as long as it doesn't interfere with those enjoying the beach near the flags.
Beach is for leisure not for exploitation from business
The beaches are well served at this time
As long as it doesn't impede access for all
Concerned about overuse and commercialization
To keep our beaches as pristine as they are
No more- leave those that already exist
No ice cream and drink type activities on the beach
We have a low level of commercial activity that is directly related to visitor's enjoyment of the surf (surf schools) other commercial activity should be discouraged because it's not what you go to a beach for and would interrupt the pleasure of going to a beach (not the least being the garbage on the beach that would result). Surf life-saving participation must be encouraged to ensure we have young people entering this healthy and necessary vocation.
Life events appear pro active
I travel around the world for my job and I would hate to see the day where you try to enjoy a piece of beach and your being approached for a pool chair or a beach umbrella. We do not want to see sandwich sellers/ice cream sellers etc. What makes the Gold Coast so special and different for Bali, Thailand, Miami South Beach is that you can put your towel down without worrying about any kind of beach seller. secondly the private exercise business's in the parks are becoming a little too intrusive now. When you try and work out in the park of a morning at broadbeach and need to dodge the tractor tires, weights and ropes it no longer becomes a public space, its a private work out session if my tax money is paying to maintain the parks then I want to be able to use them without private business's running in our park.
refer submission previously provided and resubmitted to City of Gold Coast. surf clubs on the beach should focus on saving lives and education fo beach users not be distracted by some form of commercial activity - this happens far too much with use of key sites for pocker machines and other such uses. The focus of surf life saving should be redirected to the beach and surf safety.
The first 6 add to the community and Gold coast without detracting from it. Families and visitors will benefit and North Kirra needs all the sky divers it can land. Surf Comps and SLSC balance seems ok. Surf schools are out of control especially at Currumbin. SLSC training seem ok but there is alot of unused beach not necessarily near surf clubs .
allowing these activities (or more of them) would create more jobs and a better atmosphere for our tourist town!
I am satisfied with the current level if activity near my home.
The beach should bw a place for families etc to come and enjoy themselves. There should be no more activities on the beaches as this will drive people away from the Gold Coast. Do NOT have lounges, umbrellas etc as a commercail activity on ANY BEACHES.
Have lived on the Gold Coast all my life, the beach is great for all to use, there seems to be a good balance with activities, however do believe that surfboard hire, beach chairs etc should be available as this creates more of the beachy lifestyle cultural experience for those who visit us. Surf Schools should be allowed to be more visible on the beach not only for tourism but for professionalism.
Our beaches are and should be for anyone and everyone to enjoy. Commercial and non-commercial activities should be able to co-exist with leisure activities given the extent of our beaches and the huge expanse of open beach space outside of the 'flagged' swimming areas. There is a need for guidelines, but I do not agree with any curtailment of these activities. I admit that I do not attend the beach overly frequently but on the occasions that I am there, I do not see any conflicts.
The gold coast beaches are not an asset for any government or business to make money from. They belong to more than just the community who lives near them; they belong to everyone and everything. The last thing the gold coast needs is more commercialisation, our environment suffers enough at the hands of Gold Coasters already.
We are ranked one of the highest most popular holiday destinations in the world with the most beautiful beaches in the world. Tourists expect at the very least to be able hire a sunbed and an umbrella to enjoy their time at the beach. As a local I would like nothing more than to not have to pack up the car with it all. They don't have to be available from one end to the other, but at least at a few key spots along the way would be nice. People selling water and ice cream would also be a great idea. It is what beaches all over the world are all about. Relaxing and enjoying.
Beaches are getting loved to death as they are and I believe we need to protect them. I have noticed particularly at Currumbin

/Palm Beach that the number of people at the beach esp on weekend has risen dramatically with all that usage taking its toll on the beach infrastructure.
Seems like an appropriate amount of these things currently. Not intrusive yet but any more might be.
Just to use the beach more. I rate surf schools less because although there are some legitimate schools I have observed too many rip offs.
We have a good balance now. Don't spoil it councillors!
Surf schools have always hired surfboards its not a lifesaving dept. it is for the survival of all surf schools.
The beaches should be used by everyone. Activities should be consistent with not alienating part of the beach for commercial purposes.
Feel all are necessary
Rainbow Bay is saturated with competitions, and surfing schools, this small area is struggling from the impact of too many surfers i.e.. learners, recreational and competitors; unfortunately causing limited, and in some cases unsafe swimming conditions even in the flagged areas.
Leave touting and private business to off the sand areas
the beaches are a limited resource but can handle more commercial activities during off peak days / periods. these commercial activities can help fund the maintenance of the beaches.
When commercial and sporting activities are held on our beaches residents living within a 4/5 klm radius NEED to be notified as these activities greatly affect traffic, parking and quality of life to these residents. It also allows the residents to support/participate in these actions if they elect to do so.
Less means none
Many activities attract visitors
I like how things are but more activities that young families can do (I have 2 under 3) is good.
Like it for surf related activities
Creates employment
Training is essential for saving lives
We have the best beaches in the world and should use
We have the best beaches in the world we should use them more often
The areas that are conducive to some activities are grossly over used eg. surfing contests/ surf schools at Rainbow Bay, these need to be better regulated and reduced to control the congestion on the beach and in the very small area. For example the 2 surf school located at greenmount regularly walk around the Rainbow Bay and run their lessons here, and then we have 3 groups on occasion all vying for limited space and the Lifeguard on the loud hailer trying to do crowd control. Not pleasant for anyone, and a bit of a rip off for the paying clients. other areas are sparse and barely used, for example the skydiving at Kirra is onto a broad expanse , near the air port and plenty of space on the beach... so it is feasible to operate.
Burleigh beach has been voted one of the best beaches in the WORLD. More commercial activities on the beach can only benefit our economy and the community
I'm happy with all that goes on. I love family entertainment events so more would be great.
Helps make a healthy and social committee brings people together
I think all these activities are in accordance with demands of the public and there for should really stay the same
The right things at the right time
Beaches are an underutilised asset, increasing commercial activity on beaches increases there usability. It is disappointing that the range of commercial activities nominated is so restricted, I'd love to see beach areas catering for a broader range of recreation, like restaurants, beach bars, nightclubs, food vendors etc
Great to see beaches being used as long as environment is considered and safe and happy environment.
By having more events, more people are attracted to the GC and therefore more exposure and tourist dollars.
There is only one off leash area in Broadbeach close to the beach - it is being taken over by personal trainers, impacting on the dogs ability to run around.
More filming will promote the Gold Coast further as a great holiday destination.
No extra exercise classes on beach (nuisance) More commercial rubbish bins for rubbish. We pick up a lot.
Need to promote life saver activities
It would be good to make available some space to introduce other activities such as more Tai Chi, Nia Dance etc
I love it the way it is
Opportunity for talent
Put dogs on leash
I think we have just enough entertainment on the beach,the beach is why we live here for us to RELAX & enjoy, make sand castles & swim. I would love to encourage more surf life saving competition & lessons .love carols by candlelight so beautiful & the romantic pleasure of a wedding yes memorable for those involved
People want something to do - lets offer alternatives and options at little or no cost to local government
Currently a reasonable balance for all users down Burleigh way.
My main concern is the overcrowding at Currumbin alley.2 of the 3 surf schools that use this area have grown to the point of being out of control. On weekends they constantly each take multiple classes totalling 30 - 50 students each into the water. It has got to point where there is very little room for families to be able to swim/surf without being in danger of being hit by a stray surfboard. There is plenty of uncrowded open beach either side of Currumbin alley that they could utilise.
Special Council Events usually are for families and are good to see on our beaches. Surf Schools - Too much congestion in the water on a regular basis.
I am happy to see the beaches used to promote healthy exercise like surf related activities above, community involvement like sand sculpting,carols etc and the film industry and some other activities that provide employment without negative effects on the environment.
I believe people deserve the right to be able to be married in nature without being blocked or booked out. I feel that our surf amenity is above capacity and that surf schools, although essential, are contributing to a dangerous surf environment in crowded locations around point breaks. I do understand that these are the safest locations for beginner surfers, however there needs to be a better balance in the water for everyone's safety.
I would like more organised events by council, the beach is a great asset and why not use it. Surf lifesaving clubs take up a huge

amount of beach with nippers, squad training, education training, carnivals, i know they are necessary to saving lives but I think they get enough space and beach time, they don't need anymore. Sky divers are cool. Surf schools do an excellent job introducing people to surfing and provide some basic surf knowledge to everyone who does a lesson. weddings are cool.
The beaches are a major reason people come here and tourism needs to be able to better utilise them. I have no problem with events and commercial use of the beaches provided they don't restrict public usage & access or become too onerous such as too many surf comps at good breaks like Burleigh.
I think the balance is pretty good now
My issues are mainly directed toward the parking situation at Currumbin Ally, although it's not the only site on the coast with this problem. I go to the beach to surf on average 5 days a week. For the majority of activities the balance is acceptable. Although I've ticked less Surf Schools the current level is OK most of the time. During popular time periods (holidays and weekends) facilities (ie parking) don't cope. More parking would be a temporary fix but there is only so much space. It's quite pathetic that the parking bombers ticket people for parking on the grassed areas at these times. Also (and probably more annoying) is the Personal Training businesses that utilise the area to run their training groups for personal gain. They pay no license fees, make no financial contribution to maintain the area and occupy many parking spaces. Even on a weekday it's a struggle to park after 6am and all you hear is grunting and yelling "COME ON, YOU CAN DO IT!! I'm sure you are chuckling at this by now but it gives me and many regular users the screaming s***ts. This is not what I pay rates and taxes for which in turn pays your wages. Obviously you have no magic wand but you can see you have a finite resource. You call it management but you are still encouraging constant progress and development. Not just the beach but in every sector. It's a world wide mind set not just a direction you guys inherited and are stuck with, but I'm getting off track, that's a discussion for another day.... Finite resource plus constantly development??? That's not a long term plan is it? Thanks reading this to the end, I'm sure nothing will come of it, sometimes I'm glad I'm 62 years old and I'll be dead and buried before the slow and painful inevitable collapse, but what about my kids kids??? I do worry for them. Regards Phil Brook
They are unique beaches and our greatest asset for the very fact there is little or no commercial activity.
The best thing the Gold Coast has got going for it for locals and visitors is our beautiful coastline. I will support anything that takes the delicate natural environment into consideration but allows people to appreciate it's value.
WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES WHICH ARENT ALWAYS BEING USED & I FEEL THE GOLD COAST COULD PUMP MORE MONEY INTO THE ECONOMY BY UTLISING SURFERS, BROADBEACH AND SO ON MORE OFTEN
I think these add vibrance to the beaches
I feel that we have the right balance in place we don't need to change it.
The Beach lifestyle should be promoted as it promotes an active lifestyle.
the more people who learn how to Safely use the beach, the better it is for all of us.
Our beaches are well used by residents and holiday people. At present there are exciting events for all to attend without taking away from those who just wish to enjoy a swim and relax.
I am satisfied with the use of Tugun beach due to the restricted parking available.
I thought this survey may have been about the commercialisation of the Spit for the purpose of the cruise ship terminal and other developments. The above activities listed above are minimal compared to the impact that could be anticipated by the cruise ship terminal etc.
The beaches are our greatest asset so they should be available for use by as many people as possible but controlled so that they don't become overcrowded.
These activities have a positive effect for our city and do not destroy our beautiful beaches.
Sustainable use of open spaces.
It's great the our beaches are utilised for a diverse range of activities and I think this should continue. I wouldn't like to see too much of an increase in activities though because I think this might start to compromise beach goes ability to enjoy the beach for its own sake. Also certain events such as concerts may result it damage to the beach and sand dunes and could generate lots of litter which would inevitably find its way into the nearby ocean.
Love community spirit events, great to get a lot of people together who appreciate events like them More GCCC Get Healthy & Active events
The beach is there to be used by all Gold Coasters, we need to protect it and let our surfers, surf life-savers, and sky divers enjoy the beauty of it.
Our Beaches are for all of us to enjoy
I have answered these questions based on my personal experience of travelling extensively through 80 odd countries and observing the coastal/beach activities in them
Night time loud events should be at minimum
Wasn't aware of many of these activities taking place on our beaches
I think its good to have family friendly activities going on as it attracts the right crowd. It would be nice to see more family activities, like the gold coast kids weekend that is held in surfers, teddy bear picnics and family movies etc.
lets not get beaches too busy
On some Sundays the surf club has taken up the whole beach from 2nd Avenue to the rocks on the point with patrol and "training" areas. They take over the whole beach and park and expect private people to move and get out of their way. Not acceptable.
I believe beaches are not suitable places for wedding ceremonies, and that deck chairs/loungers should be available for hire plus accessible beach wheelchairs to enable easier access for wheelchair users.
Surf Lifesaving Clubs should have the opportunity to hire beach equipment to create a revenue stream to support the Clubs. It would also assist international and interstate tourists to have the gear they need to enjoy the beaches.
lets utalize our resources there is plenty of beach for all
I think the beaches are becoming overused by groups and commercial activities
simply what i think
GC needs to really show that it is truly Number ONE Tourist destination so make it more vibrant & interesting for all.
I own a retail store in Surfers Paradise, which comes with a hefty price tag, we should not have to compete with businesses who are not on a fair playing field, ie.Beach front Markets, rentals do not match what the retailers pay. Keep the Beach Clean...If they want to have commercial products then rent a shop near the beach like the rest of us...
Focus on safety and perhaps a free short intro to swimming safely for international visitors.
Our beaches are such an under utilised resource.. compared other countries around the world.. Sensible Council guidelines

would ensure pristine beaches inclusive of commercial enterprises.
With population growth, more residents will be using beaches. There is no need for Council to increase commercial usage and later on have to reduce it and face costs or litigation.
I'm happy (mostly) how things are. However Surf Life Saving events do take up a lot of space and are quite frequent.
Support community events, not commercial profiteering.
I enjoy seeing activities on the beach, especially the sand sculptures. They attract people to the beaches and makes it interesting. Our beaches are long and the activities usually take a small amount of space so it is easy to stay clear if you want a quieter spot.
I think the activity on the beaches is fine at present.
A balance has to be achieved between organised and unorganised beach usage. The Quiksilver Pro is a classic example where it's infrastructure means you cannot walk along beach past it at high tide and the road and footpath past Rainbow Bay SLSC is closed off for long periods. BY all means have events, but they should not stop people from accessing the beach and surrounding areas. Also, vegetation should not be destroyed in the process. Also, I believe that body boarding should not be allowed between flags, but next to it- bodyboarders are now running over swimmers in the flagged areas.
It would be great to see our beaches utilized more. Especially activities on the southern beaches. If the above can assist with people enjoying the beaches more without compromising their cleanliness and safety I think its a good initiative.
Where is the option for 'none' ????? Another forced response question, great way to start the survey. Didn't the AEC P4 report from last year highlight that this was called 'leading bias; when they collated the cruise terminal survey results. Seriously, leaving out the 'none' option once again makes this question basically invalid. I would like to see NO "Hire of beach equipment from Surf Life Saving Clubs" - I believe there should be no direct business undertaken on any Gold Coast beach, not now and not ever.
My experience of these activities is that they are not too frequent and they are part of the beach culture
The responses do not apply to all beaches. However, the main tourist beaches (Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Cooloongatta) should offer as diverse and vibrant an experience as possible. The outer, or in-between beaches can be allowed to be more tranquil. Last weekend, during dinner at Soul, overlooking the Surfers Paradise esplanade we commented that there could be many more buskers, similar to Circular Quay in Sydney and permanent beach volleyball, floodlit at night.
Nice things that are fun - lets stop the dangerous radical activity.
I am pro events, and things happening on our beaches, however beaches are a public place that should be there for all to enjoy and use, in increasing commercial events this has the potential to diminish access to the beach, the only thing the Gold Coast has going for it that is possibly different to anywhere else is its beaches and climate. Having said this if possible to increase commercial activity and not deny access to non commercial users (residents and tourists should be the first priority) so that no one loses out while (local) business (shades of league of gentlemen, this is a local shop, for locals sort of applies hear) then I would be fine with any increase in commercial activity and profitability.
The recent Beach Life Event put me off all future events of this kind with the obscene language from performers while children were present. Absolutely disgraceful and the selling of alcohol at this location is totally unnecessary. We are trying to decrease alcohol fuelled violence not increase it and expand the locations.
Things that are inclusive and joyous need to be encouraged If something is becomes the only thing to be done in certain places and people are excluded this is not in keeping with the feel of the Gold coast When things cost money for participation, there needs also be a element of the event that is inclusive and provides some feeling of including others also
it is difficult to complete the survey if I have not seen some of the events listed. There is no option to complete 'do not know'
There are issues around parking and impact on local residents if there is too much of the same type of activity
I think surfing and surf life saving club competitions bring money and fun for those areas involved.
The balance of use of our natural areas is fine as it is. We should be very careful about exceeding the carrying capacity of our natural areas, especially when the infrastructure to deal with use impacts is currently inadequate. We need more rubbish bins and enforcement of littering laws. Many areas are being degraded due to irresponsible use and concurrent lack of maintenance by council/government. Waste management on our beaches needs serious attention. For example, tourist buses that visit Gold Coast beaches frequently leave a wake of destruction (i.e. cigarette butts and other litter).
Some activities on beaches interfere with the peace and quiet of the ocean which is what the beach is about. Anything to do with surf clubs is OK
There are already a lot of surfing & surf life saving events occurring, if there were more then it would interfere with other people's right to enjoy the beach, as these events involve blocking off large sections of the beaches, as well as large crowds and congestion.
That is what I think. Too much could spoil the atmosphere.
Pretty happy with the status quo. To answer MORE to the items above it would depend on the beaches the Council has in mind. I'd like to see fitness activities on ocean beaches given the green light.
Surf clubs should be able to create alternative revenue sources to pokie machines. Some on beach deck chair and umbrella hire would be attractive to people visiting the beach.
happy to see more use of the beaches, just not to the detriment of the regular user
Commercial activities on beaches do provide a good atmosphere but with the limited parking available it makes attending such events a nightmare. What we currently experience is sufficient but there is always room for a few more community events.
We currently have about the right mix of commercial use of our beach environment. Safety is most important. When considering adding another commercial addition to our beach area, ask yourself one question.... Is it safe?
When it comes to commercial activities, I don't think there is need for MORE of anything. "Don't destroy what you came to enjoy" comes to mind.
I love our beaches. I love having bands and entertainment on the beach. Anything that earns more money for surf lifesavings is great.
The beaches if the southern Gold Coast in particular should be kept known for their natural attraction instead of commercial activities. More community environment projects are needed, like native habitat and coastal care awareness and activities.
More community events scheduled for the beach front parks. Eg Burleigh live music.
I love the beach.
I believe people should use our beaches to get fit n healthy. Surf livings is to help community. Surf clubs play an important role in beach life. Hiring of beach equipment looks tacky and detracts from the natural beauty . It could get ridiculous like Europe and other overseas beaches . Although filming in Australia should be encouraged sometimes these events block the public from

enjoying a big part of the beach they are used to. Some council events n entertainment are fine but as a beach resident if it were there all the time you wouldn't enjoy the serenity or get reprieve from all the cars clustering.
Those surf life saving comps are ridiculous, they take up whole beaches for days, and they are very rude to other surfers/beachgoers.
Think the current use is pretty good, nice mix of events etc.
The more people that use our beaches, the more rubbish, plastics, cigarette butts, dogshit, bottles, etc i have to pick up. And the stuff that i cant pick up, as i cant be everywhere at once ends up in our ocean and in my face when i am trying to swim and in the stomachs of sea wildlife. Our beaches dont need any commercialism on them, there is plenty of land elsewhere for humans to destroy.
GCCC has the balance pretty well right - lots of fun and non-commercial activities but also space to get away from these activities if wanted. Most important NO commercial food and drink activities - promotes litter, takes business from the traders near-by who pay rent and spend considerable sums constructing their premises - people who are able to vend direct to the beach do not have these considerations. These activities are detrimental to commercial traders nearby.
i dont think taht access to our beaches should be restricted for commercial atilivities such as the XXXX beach cricket. Beaches are there for the public to enjoy as a beach and are the Gold Coasts main attraction. Commercial activities should be held on commercial land, not on Council assets. I would make exceptions for things such as the Roxy Pro which gilves the GC world wide publicity.
Our beaches are under utilised for commercial purposes.
I want to see less commercial activity on and around Surfers Paradise Beach as it is meant to be for the public and tourists to enjoy, not to be blocked off for commercial activity where alcohol is available.. The same with Markets along the foreshore, way to many and in direct competition with Surfers Paradise traders.
I think it needs to be precinct based, i.e. certain precincts or beaches have more activity than others with some designated commercial use free. Its about balance and equity.
I find there to be enough activity on the beaches
adequate
People want to go to the beach and see it enjoyed for its natural beauty. And see surf life saving supported in every way. We don't want to buy food or drink on the beach , will add to rubbish on beach.
I think that beaches are a natural asset and are there to be used for the benefit of locals and visitors. Of course regulations should be kept in place to preserve the beach so it doesn't become destroyed, but it is what draws people to the coast.
They need to more action and entertainment! Hiring lounges and umbrellas is a must!
The current level does not interfere with family beach activities. I have no problems with the current allowances.
Our beaches should be looked after and looked upon as an enormous asset, if they get used more they will have more value and therefore get looked after more
Hate schoolies, avoid surfers at all costs during this time. My sons birthday falls around this time which means we can never celebrate at surfers. didnt know you could hire beach umbrellas etc and im a SSLSC member? Sky Divers can see the water from anywhere why on the beach? There's enough surf schools, comps, and nippers. anymore and it will be too congested
Our beaches should be for sun, surf and sand with NO commercial activities. You can get that in Asia, Europe, USA etc. Let's keep out uniqueness.
The gold coast has KM's of beaches where there are quiet areas that can be used or the busier areas for spectator sports. More promotion of the GC's beaches is a fabulous thing. They are there so use them! Winter is a great time to have things happening to bring the tourists
Beaches should remain predominantly for the public use and access should not be denied or restricted for either numerous or long periods of time
Depends on which beaches and where.
I think the tourism industry is the driving force of the Gold Coast economy and we need to cater to this.
I feel the beach is a gorgeous venue for any event. I did go to the carols on the beach at surfers paradise last year and felt that the way it was set up was not practical for viewing the stage, we were sitting on the eastern side of the stage and the sand dunes were falling away from the stage which made it very difficult for us to view the stage especially when people were standing up.
Promote activities and events to draw in tourism, make iconic places and events. To also keep hotels, shopping centres, businesses busy and people spending their money on the Gold Coast and providing jobs to the City. Also promote healthier life styles, free events sponsored by business and Council to provide great value to the residents and tourists.
I would not like to see any more commercial activity on the beaches and I would not like to see any less
As a surf school operator I feel that there are too many surf schools operating on the Gild Coast beaches. We need less surf schools. Ensuring that the approved schools are run to a very high standard. These surf schools need to be given proper operating locations. Well designed bookings and operating booths
The beaches should be retained as unspoilt refuges not turned into European hell holes of deck chairs and vendors.
We should be capitolising on our destination
it really depends on which beach you are referring to as to what answer you might give.
There is currently a good mix of things happening on our beaches & it balances commerical & non-commercial very well. Having said that I'd consider it okay to further support SLSC & general promotion of our beaches via Council events & filming for movies/tv.
GC beaches are fine how they are. But some Surf Schools have shops and seem to be fine but the ones out of vans taking money in public and hiring out of vans should be stopped. Some seem to go where ever they want whenever they want. Keep the good ones and get rid of the dodgie ones. There is one running out of surf club at Kurawa
I am a performer and would appreciate more opportunities to promote my craft.
I would like to see more activities to do along our beaches. It seems tourist only have a small range of choices on what they can do on our beaches and water ways when they come to the gold coast
I would like to see more sustainable events/festivals/entertainment that caters towards GC families i.e. opera on the beach, beach festivals, film nights with coastal theme, and using the beach sustainably and with the care it requires. Use the events to promote and inform the community about the beauty of our coastline
All of these commercial activities ensure that both locals and tourists are able to enjoy the Gold Coast beaches. The beaches are some of the cities greatest assets, in terms of both the lifestyle of locals and also by drawing tourists to the area to support the local economy. Allowing commercial activities as listed above increases the amenity of the beaches for all and showcases what

a truly spectacular destination the Gold Coast is.
What we currently have operating on our beaches already causes enough harm to the environment and open space amenity, any more activity will take away what we go to the beach for - the wind, waves, open areas and relaxation.
The level of use at the current time is not obtrusive.
Because the beaches are a great asset that should be used for clean healthy activities which in turn raises awareness of the state of the environment - increases social interaction - encourages a healthy lifestyle
We have over 50km of beaches and heaps of opportunity. Let's make the most of this wonderful asset!
for both social and keeping healthy
There needs to be a balance of free public use and entertainment and options for extra activities.
I have no objection to the above activities and would like to see more sky diving because it is lovely to watch.
The Surf Lifesaving training and competition and the Surfing competitions breeds fit skillful lifesavers for now and the future. Commercial activity on the beaches can take away from the Australian culture. Everyone should have the right to a peaceful day on the beach.
All these activities encourage use of our beaches in a positive way ..
There is already a great atmosphere at the beaches with a mix of sports, entertainment and leisure. If anything, during the summer months, there is the risk of over crowding in the water particularly at beaches where a variety of craft are in use incl. surfboards, surf skis, surf boats, boats.
I think everyone that has travelled to beaches around the world with some commercial activity on them has really enjoyed it. Hiring of beach chairs, music, bars etc can really add to the enjoyment of the beach. Very private activities such as weddings and sky diving which blocks others from being in the area I disagree with.
its good to have activities and events on the coastline however not at the expense of local residents on a regular basis - with the exclusion of surfers paradise which should be a tourist zone and should be able to have events as often as is appropriate.
Anything that encourages people to use our wonderful beaches is a good thing although commercial activities don't need to increase as they are only for a select few. Special Council events give Gold Coast residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy varying experiences without too much cost involved. Surf Life Saving training should always be encouraged for the benefit of all beach goers.
I FEEL THERE IS A GOOD BALANCE AT THE MOMENT
I think marriages should take place in churches or on other private property
I feel that increasing the use any further will impact on the community use
As the population increases on the GC so does the frequency and amount of people visiting our beaches. We are well known for our beaches because of the way they are now. They should not be spoilt by the increase of commercial activities and they should be left as they are as a beach with sand and water and void of any increase of commercial activities. Locals live here and they use the beaches as well as tourists. The beaches should not just cater for the tourists alone.
There is a great amount of space there that can be utilised for all of the above activities. Surfers Paradise is a top destination for locals and tourists. The new additions of Soul and Hilton have added class to the glitter strip enticing new and exciting businesses to open up. It's the one place that offers dining right across the road from the ocean. This should be taken advantage of.
Commercial activities are good, as long as there a firm regulations around intefering with general public use. Ie, Surf schools taking over the use of waves in regular used areas and public health and saftey.
I think the beaches are a great place for live events, entertainment, and community gatherings. We are blessed here to have access - let's make the most of it, but without destroying our environment. Strict littering laws should be in place.
Further intensification of commercial activities would spoil beach amenity and its current non commercial characteristic.

Telephone survey comments follow:

Would like to see the beaches be the way the were years ago.
not too much to help them hiring equipment
Commercial and non commercial activities are great as long as they don't interrupt the beach goers
don't like schoolies, surfers can hire our equipment
we need to support local business and its growth
slsc competitions all good
filming not around the flagged areas, there is alot going on but more is good!!
Would like to see more of everything and thinks the Gold Coast Council run everything exceptionally well
Changing huts available on the beach.
schoolies are a nuisance
visits depend on weather
Hire of beach equipment from surf life saving clubs - Only if the money goes to the Life Saving Club.
school is bad for our local children to see
we do a lot of walking, would like to get rid of schoolies all together
v8 supercars is ok but schoolies not so sure about
promotes healthy lifestyle and obviously need more advertising that the SLSC hire beach equipment
filming as long as they are not interfering with people on the beach. skydivers as long as the area is away from the public
promotes the area, I've done the sky dive
if am against the personal training on the beaches. surf schools are good as long as they don't interfere with the general public and beach goers
marriages as long as there isn't 20 in one day. surf comps - just one every now and then and don;t lock up the beaches. Doesn;t like to see surfing schools taking up so much room on the beaches
Everything that is needed it already available.
schoolies i think is an element we dont need in the community. better things for young people than schoolies
I don't go to the beach or down towards the beach so these things don't worry me

Parents also need to be encourage for nippers
Everything that is needed it already available.
surfing comps to be spread around more - not just in one place
music on the beach would have to be a plus and there should be more!!. Filming is good advertising!!, surf schools
Beach needs more shade. Skydiving should be done elsewhere. Not at the beach, that should be for the public to use. Need own space. Nippers needs to be encouraged more so that kids can learn to swim in our oceans.
filming good promotion for the GC, beaches overseas are filled up with commercial operators, ithis should not happen here as the beaches are very special - if you start hiring from the surf clubs makes it a commercial venture and shouldn't be on the beach.... Skydivers don;t present any problems and is good for tourism...
in broadbeach is ok....don't turn into europe where its too commercialised - surfing taking ova the beaches for a whole week...
I don't like schoolies or anything it promotes
walk on the esplanade. Schoolies does nothing for our community and the gold coast
With filming there needs to be somewhere else where they park all their trucks etc. so it does not intervene with public access. The Indy could have gone near Yatala where there was enough room and there wouldn't be all the hassle or traffic now - A lot of money could have been saved. Skydivers could donate gold coin or something each time a landing and put that to a charity or to maintenance. More family events -
dont like schoolies or v8 supercars because of congestion, noise
Surfing Comps - As long as the weather is appropriate
Hire of beach equipment from surf life saving clubs - as long as it is affordable.
movies would be a great idea at the beaches. Deck chairs are great as long as its not all ova the beach - only to hire... Marra
Less of events as it stops families going. Would be helpful for families especially. Both the swell and the sand castle festival are amazing and can relate to kids more - need to see more of that as it shows awareness. More art and culture on the Gold Coast.
Do something Broadwater for younger ones
sky
Like to see more hire options e.g. beach umbrellas, seats and towels. Haven't seen the sky divers but thinks its a good idea they have somewhere safe to land. Like to see more council events such as carols by candlelight and the jazz festival. The training and nippers are a great source of inspiration for the community.
When she use to take the dog down to the beach and one morning she went early and there was no signs stating that dogs were not aloud and when she was on her way back along the beach the sign was put up. Cheryl picked up the dog so that there was no issue but then a council worker was very rude and abusive towards her. She explained her situation and he continued to abuse.
some surf schools are great others are just cowboys who don't care about other beach users
Public liability for hiring equipment
filming brings in more
Less Of Schoolies.
Family activities are good but not always advertised up this far
filming is fine and notice they do their best - when do they do shoot they take up all the car parks - short periods are ok but long periods is not good due to parking facilities. Hiring of equipment is close to the slsc and as long as it doesn't restrict general use of the area? no until further info is released and guidelines for hiring of equipment. Weddings: i don't think there should be amplified microphone usage... regulate the times... Sky divers - so long as it doesn't interfere with beach users....Opera on the beach is awesome! If there were more open air cinema screenings for adults at the parklands - would be a fantastic spct..... Surf competitions we can hear amplified noises at Currumbin - ridiculous.... SLSC are great as long as safety is foremost!! Same deal with amplifications - over the norm... Surf schools are great and teaches water and safety
As long as it is always safe.
more volleyball especially would be great, more slsc as we seem to have more drowning's lately
hire should only certain areas like surfers
more for the tourists and schools for hiring beach equipment.
its good to have beach chairs and seating shade, especially for elderly
Not enough parking on the Gold Coast. As long as skydivers don't interfere with public and swimmers it is fine.
Don't think that should be on the beaches, can always be another location.
we need to support local business
not in for schoolies but they do generate visitors. There is plenty of beach to accommodate most activities. exclusive use for skydiving doesn't seem appropriate
filming keep limited -
filming is great for the beached
Surfing comps - do they pay a fee
was in the hotel industry and i know hotels cost money but we need the people to come and spend money here. Schoolies should go
Dont like the beaches to be interfered with, as long as events dont take up too much time or room.
Skydive away from public
not keen on schoolies
more festivals brings more people - filming as long as they don't take the beach for too long a periods....Hire of equipment is good - bit more shade areas - not too much of hiring as it would get too much like Bali.....When commercialism starts taking over beaches it gets to a point where the commercialised aren't paying rent that's not right!!!!.....Gold coast is all about the beaches that's all we have - we need to look after and to be used.....Plenty of parks on the beaches and as long as the alcohol is controlled.....surfing comps are excellent and need more!!.....surf schools as long as they don't abuse the system
i would like to see more rock'n'roll groups especially at the Oasis centre, movies on the beaches are a great idea, Life savers do a great job
THERE'S ENOUGH THISNGS ON THE BEACH TO MANY AND IT BECOMES MESSY AND DIRTY
Skydivers are taking up too much time.
often see them
once every couple of year. filming shouldn't impact beach users. surf comps do take up alot of beach space but how often

when I was younger I'd go everyday
its enough
more of everything is great - brings more people to spend more money - especially if we had the cruise terminal here!!!
allocated to everyone at Kirra which doesn't impact public use
definitely like to see less of schoolies, I would like to see controlled crowds
good range of things to hire is good just don't turn it into Bali.
schoolies is not good but everything else more of
no schoolies
everybody likes sport
Anything to help the Coast grow
schoolies brings bad publicity and our beaches are filthy and my family avoid going to surfers at this time
Don't want to see restriction to the public on the beaches.
more sporting activities - less V8's and schoolies
Hire of beach equipment from surf life saving clubs - As long as money goes to SLSC
No Schoolies.
Hire of beach equipment from surf life saving clubs - As long as money is going to the club.
But like to see of fitness activities along our beaches.
As long as there is enough space for the skydivers.
schoolies is not needed
don't know enough to say more so just the same
free pilates and things there's enough of these
not really a good place for young people to get blind drunk
hire of the beach equipment from the SLSC only - not as private enterprise - Cooly Rocks is still too loud
that's what's there for
its all pretty good
these things can be exciting but also annoying for locals
Controlled SLSC
SLSC are important
Its pretty good how it is but schoolies always brings trouble
I surf
No more schoolies
Marriage Ceremonies, SLSC Comp and Surfing Comps - as long as its not restricting public from access to the beach.
I don't think skydivers should be on the beach. Encourage children to participate in nippers more.
here on palm beach the concerts are nice
what we've got is enough, SLSC should be cheaper
are the skydivers paying for exclusive use of that area
No filming in crowded areas.
Great for water safety,
schoolies is not for the good of our young people. what message do we want to send?
At the moment the beach is closed from Broadbeach to Palm Beach. Because of the erosion (3-4 weeks)
current laws are good for filming. surf schools need to pay fees and same with the fitness classes
some works have been completed but the beaches are currently not accessible. Activities cannot just go anywhere on the beach and if there is sufficient amount of activity here on the Gold Coast. parking, congestion can cause problems
filming promotes the GC - SLSC should have sign up that they hire the equipment....Not many people know about this...
Is schoolies entertainment?
SLSC QLD taking over too much of the beach - can't enjoy the peace and quiet
schoolies is a terrible thing to be celebrating but everything else should remain as is
Would like to see more of everything as it promotes a healthy lifestyle and brings more income to the Gold Coast
Hosts exchange students and takes them to beaches to experience the GC
not really
hire of equipment a good idea
festivals yes, schoolies won't move, V8 Supercars causes too much congestion and time taken to setup etc.
Schoolies is not an attraction I would like to see our city promoting
not keen on the hiring of equipment. not a good look for our beaches that's so Europe
supercars is a big attraction, schoolies we can't stop them stronger policing. All monies for hire should go to surf clubs
filming good for tourism, skydiving safely is maintained all good.
more to everything but schoolies we don't need
Try have as many events as possible, we need to entertain our tourists and families. The more family orientated. Allow filming will bring more income. Trial the option of hiring beach equipment. Really think there needs to be more family activity events throughout the year.
if you are on a large beach and your away from the public are that's ok but if too close it becomes dangerous... Hiring as long as its not motorised....sky divers needs to be away from public....surf schools are annoying but teach safety awareness.....
hire of equipment for tourists is a great idea. Marriage ceremonies in certain places not every where
nice to see things happening
more movies on the beach and family events
lots more in entertainment in W.A. Hire of beach equipment would be great more of it needed.... The older I get the more angry I get when older people close their blinkers
Schoolies-No.
kids did nippers but not much these days. money for the surf clubs is good
do not like schoolies and the trouble that comes with it
Better equipment

I think there is enough entertainment and promotional events. More filming would bring more jobs, Hiring of more equipment would be great. More marriage ceremonies are always nice. More free council events would bring more locals back to the beach. More surfing and surf life saving events bring in more money to the district. Plenty of SLSC training and nippers already there
More of everything would be great and bring more tourism to the Coast
I don't think we need more and you wouldn't want to see less maybe just a change in what the events are
more they know about the surf the better - better water safety
we avoid crowded beaches
all sporting ones i would support but not the music festivals on the beach
No Schoolies. Marriage ceremonies - Limit Areas for this.
mainly frequent paradise point havent been to a beaches
don't like sand
more sport events like supercars less schoolies
Concerned about life savers being distracted for hiring instead of saving lifes. Takes it away from how they are earning their money. As long as these activities do not affect the environment.
Don't like schoolies and the alcohol fuelled teenagers that overtake the beaches for a month every year. It looks terrible and promoting the wrong kind of message
i dont attend but is a good idea
schoolies is not of interest to me and i dont like seeing it in our community
Pay for kirra?
filming: any publicity is goo publicity. Skydiving as long as it doesn't interfere with beach goers,
Close off Surf parade and make it a pedestrian mall.
Filming will promote and create interest for Gold Coast. More activities but as long as residence are taken into consideration and maybe get permission from them first.
less of the surfing as they take ova the whole of the beach, parking everything....Less of the surf schools as sometimes there are 5 surf schools at Currumbin alley its just too much and dangerous safety issues need to be addressed...
quite often previously walked them for 20 odd years. Schoolies I'm deadset against i think its a no no! Keep it in Hawaii
Hire equipment at the busy beaches. Change the location of skydivers landing point each day
schoolies give us a bad name more harm than good, festivals with a positive message im in favour
Only main clubs need that available. Need to encourage nippers/training more. Need to explain to parents what their children really could be learning.
will encourage people to go the beaches, hire equipment good to protect from skin caner. Marriage on the beaches is great for the young ones.... sky diving as long as its not dangerous to the beach goers... surf comps and to encourage sports -
filming and if helps promote the GC more is better.. more hire equipment from anyone not just SLSC...more at the parks carols by candlelight surf competitions as long as they're well run
Think of better organisation for council events. Think more into positioning of stages.
schoolies is part of the gold coast and as much as we detest it, It will never be moved
as long as things aren't on a permanent basis its all ok
Have a certain amount available for hire.
Skydive away from public
Too many hours a day for skydivers
More promotional events promote good community involvement. More filming would bring more jobs. Hiring equipment is a great idea. More marriage ceremonies are great and fun to watch. Didn't know the skydiving existed but is keen to go see them. More surfing and surf life saving activities would be great as it promotes a healthy life style.
your answers? (please specify) schoolies is terrible and encourages young people to misbehave. v8 supercars causes congestion and should be moved further out
concerts in the park are excellent. Nippers is vital for young ones
Thinks its a safe place for skydivers to land.
yes for a tourist point of view
Traffic from parkwood - its a nightmare to get to the beach - been here 16 years its terrible we are looking at moving down south....
Doesnt like seeing the Schoolies events. Just an alcohol fuel event. Hiring equipment is a great idea for people and tourists, SLSC and surf school teaches the kids sun safety and water safety which is an absolute living by the beach.
Would like to see more equipment available and more surfing competitions as will bring more employment opportunities
don't really see much of this so if suppose the same?
more of everything brings in more tourists and money
not a big fan of schoolies or the supercars. the schoolies come in run the place
no
we visit every Tuesday with grandson. not sure about schoolies
There are already a large number of events. Thinks that the hire of equipment will clutter up the beach and surrounding area's. As long as the skydiving is safe for public. More for families, keep to the theme and keep it around family activity. There needs to be more policing on where the surfers can be and there needs to be more objective planning.
don't want to see more of things like schoolies
the broadwater - there is a section of the beach cordened off then you have to pay to use the beach where . Sky divers good unless it blocks access to beach goers
Would love to see vendors on our beaches. Is for the terminal going ahead - thinks it will be a great opportunity for Gold Coast
There is enough room for everyone for skydivers to land.
Special Council events (eg. carols by candlelight) bring back the Burleigh one!
no skydivers at other beaches. Traffic when there are surfing comps on cause issues
Need more entertaining for families not just at Christmas.
schoolies should not be categorized as entertainment. It's not for the community and has no positive message
Certain area for marriage.
what they do now is great just keep improving the things they already have and introduce new tourism ideas

i live in main beach and i dont particularly like these larger events but understand local business' need this support. Marriage ceremonies should be free
leave the way it is but some facilities need updating
suumer weekly in winter fortnightly
that's why we love the gold coast because there's always something happening for families and fun
hire of equipment good idea - brings money and more people to the beach....Surf schools are more of private business and should go to the life saving groups
Need more handle on organization, Needs to pick another area for skydiving
filming as long as it doesn't interrupt the beach goers. Marvellous idea to hire beach umbrellas and deck chairs, have a little kiosk with a big sign saying what they hire!! and people to put sunscreen..... Carols and events are great... i think the beaches need to have more signage
hire of equipment then you wouldn't have cart them down there... Surfing brings the tourists,.....
No V8s or Schoolies. Filming - As long as they pay some sum to the maintenance of the beach.
don't agree with the schoolies coming here. maybe the different states should share it
loves the beach but wants less restrictions when going to the beach such as the surfing comps - go there and told you can't do this and can't go there when there's a comp on. More promo events would be great, more filming and hire of equipment is a great idea and love to take family and friends when they visit
Wouldn't want to see it dominated by commercial activity. Hire of equipment needs to be managed.
we have beautiful beaches but the thing is it is dependant on how its managed
Spread out the location of surf comp for each beach
no hire of equipment it'll look like bali. IT would be an eyesore
Sell a licence per set amount of chairs and have a person for each section -
V8 supercars can go. hiring equipment should limited to certain areas
don't know about skydivers
they have to keep the SLSC going somehow
don't think council should promote anything that endangers people. Council should not promote these activities necessarily as they are individual taste - purely entertainment - unnecessary cost to rate payers. Surf school - commercial enterprise self supporting - council shouldn't promote as is SLSC to promote. Branch of lifesaving - council support needed particularly if its volunteers.
good idea to hire things
surf education is important for community and visitors
didn't see any movies. French beaches have drinks and seating and that was good
That is just for Broaddbeach.
I don't go to many of those but they are wonderful ideas
these are all good things
beach is not really of interest
Don't over do the events, make it something to look forward too.
v8 super cars and schoolies i am opposed to. sky divers are they endangering beach users
more of everything is good
filming great for money coming in - but don't block off half the beach and restrict beach goers!! hiring equipment could be dangerous not getting put in properly and flying around!!
Schoolies makes a hell of a mess and a different ball game - shouldn't be allowed!!
Thinks the carols should be back at Burleigh - there was a lot more attending when it Burleigh
Really need to push equipment hire. Would really help for tourist as well.
surfing competitions are great and as long as they are run safely
I don't promote schoolies, there could be other ways to celebrate. sports and concerts
more advertising for the hire of beach equipment.
we have so much beach so can afford more activities as there are so many more people, and attracts more people. The exercise groups/boot camps should have specific areas and be charged accordingly
these activities should be promoted locally and fully informed to all areas of the GCCC
filming - as long as there's no damage and pick up their rubbish... Marriage is all good.....Nippers great water safety...
more of the surf schools - becomes a bit cheaper for everyone
Don't think skydiving should be in public area.
skydivers should be limited - nippers should take part but not exclude people from using the beach
I think our beaches are busy enough no more
Public transport needs to be improved from the outer suburbs from pacific pines. How do we get to these things without public transport. V8 supercars costs millions and what do we get out of it
not on our beaches
Less of schoolies and V8 supercars. schoolies I would not encourage
Not at the same beach everyday for the skydiver
keep entertainment in the party precinct. hireage is good for tourist and young families
hiring of beach equipment food for tourists... skydivers as long its supervised....surfing promotes tourism.....
need these things to promote our destination. This is marketing worldwide
surfers like Kirra but not bothered
hireage is a good idea
i don't really want any extension
only surf club permitted to hire beach equipment no commercial operators.
Donates to life saving,
no
our beaches don't need to se hiring of equipment.. Filming as long as its not disruptive to the public... Surfing comps brings in the business to the area.....Surf schools should be in a controlled area away from the public

Schoolies should go (should be happy with formal)
Hire of beach equipment from surf life saving clubs- Limited stock
schoolies not of interest
Plenty of room for the skydiving.
Its hard to get transport to any of these activities
Careful with safety of SLSC
Lived here for around 10 years and haven't really spent time at the beach. promotional events cause congestion
As long as there is no change to the beach while filming. Renting out chairs on the beach would be good for locals and tourist. Would like to see more events for families but not at cost.
there is enough entertainment for the amount of people and places required. Marriage ceremonies should be allowed for the amazing reasons. Skydivers should be allowed to as it is safe area and for public to enjoy. A lot of events do cause a nonsense to residents close by. Surfing comps should be spread around for all people to enjoy. Encourage nippers more for kids.
you dont like to go surfers paradise maybe just broadbeach. too many people and also parking is difficult
Beach user

GCengage Forum survey comments follow:

I prefer personal-oriented or one off social events, rather than ongoing repetitive organised commercial things.
I do not want a repeat of Bali ,but mark my words if you all keep going this will happen.Leave the beaches stay natural
I think is good for Surf Clubs to control the hiring and Council keep commercial activity to a minimum
I think that the hire of beach equipment (sun loungers, umbrellas etc..) should be much easier and even have areas where they are already set up. I think we are missing out on an opportunity to increase the quality of beach experience for our tourists as how may tourists bring a sun lounge or umbrella with them on a flight - its not practical with cost of excess baggage. I understand that a balance is need to keep our beaches looking attractive but I think we are currently at one extreme which is not healthy for our tourism industry and doesn't help us attract new or repeat tourism.
The gold coast beaches is large enough to support a whole range of activities including commercial activities with out it being an issue.
For some answers, I do not know the current frequency of some of the activities listed. I think the Gold Coast beaches and surrounding parks are fantastic locations for outdoor activities.
the beach is a community property and should be treated as such. Many people try to take it over as their own private property
The beaches are the Gold Coast's most significant asset. I would support just about any event held at or on the beach but would be vehemently opposed to any activity or event that polluted or changed the beaches in any way. They should be left in their beautiful natural state.
Want to see coast used by locals for family and reasonable business activity - but NOT Cruise Ship Terminal Development.
Should be more surf training to understand it better
We need to promote the Gold Coast. Stop drownings by training. We must work out a way that overseas visitors can understand the dangers of swimming outside the flags.
We live in an area where learning about the hazards of the sea is so important. This is why we need more education from the SLSC on the beaches. If we want more tourism to use our beaches, make them user friendly with SLSC being more visual.
What a great back drop for weddings.....why wouldn't you want to be married on the worlds best beaches?
Parking and access to most beaches is limited and the system as it is seems to have reached the optimal point
It is important to provide a variety of activities that suit the clients who come to coast for holidays as well as the locals.
This is my personal opinion
Surf Lifesaving should be given every opportunity to make money to help run it without it being an impost or distraction to regular beach users.
It is important to promote and maintain recreational use of the beaches as free of charge places to enjoy.
As long as events have good litter management and security we should keep using them for events. I think we should allow surf life saving clubs first chance when it comes to profiting so that they can patrol our beaches longer in summertime. If they can make more money they can employ people longer hours and prevent drownings. They should be given the first option to rent out chairs and beach umbrellas if they would like to.
Anything that promotes safety in the water is good
These items generate revenue for the coast and attract tourists. They should be focused on the beaches whose local and public attendances are lower.
Surf life savers should be allowed to continue current activities & expand them where possible. There are too many surf comps & schools blocking access to crowded areas eg Currumbin Creek
Things seem to be fine at present
I would like to encourage surf live saving education
Born on the Gold Coast I have enjoyed the beach all my life although I do not go there regularly now (getting too old)
I believe non-intrusive activities should be allowed outside the flag areas.
Limited commercial activity should be encouraged and provide a tourist attraction e.g. John Patterson spraying suntan oil (although I always stayed away from the odour)
I believe the beaches are there for everyone to FREELY use as long as they dont litter or cause damage.
The beach should be utilised to it's fullest extent. Too many NIMBY's put a stop to good activities.
Because it's promoting a healthy active lifestyle especially for our youth.
The Gold Coast city has emerged in an unplanned fashion because of people wanting to visit its beaches. It continues to grow ad hoc without the normal regulations of other cities, and its too late to change this trend.
apart from allowing clubbies to hire beach stuff, little other on-beach commercial activity should be allowed. Maybe some stationary or mobile licensed, limited-hours and fee-paying ice-cream/cold drink & coffee stands on boulevards or walkways,(shops shouldn't get all the action) especially during promo/council events. Yes, more of these type of events please; let's show off our beaches to best advantage and encourage more locals to use them

Gold Coast is / are the beaches - we could make more use of them
Surf life saving really limits the usage of the beach during the week end.
Events bring more people, jobs and money to the area. More importantly, they build the reputation, culture and appeal of the Gold Coast. I find there are lots of surf life saving activities and this is fine. Not concerned about sky divers at Kirra but there would obviously be some sort of threshold for safety if too many people jumped out of the sky.
Never seen SLSC's hire equipment. I think more equipment should be able to be hired .. boards, deck chairs etc .. only by small business operators though ..
The amount of cars and quads on the beach takes away from the freedom of the beach. It is not a commercial area, but a community one.
Beaches are for public use and public areas, Not commercial use... There is sufficient shopping and food outlets around the beaches. Let's keep them free and accessible.
The amount of activities currently occurring is working well without being invasive for people not involved in said activities! To increase any activities would put the balance out of sync!

QUESTION 7: Are there any particular ocean beaches you would like to see more or less commercial activity on and why?

Online and hard copy survey comments follow:

The main beaches - Surfers / Broadbeach / Kirra / Burleigh etc
The main tourist beaches
surfers, Broadbeach, Burleigh because they are the most popular beaches. And have sufficient parking to cope
No
Main beach
Less commercial activity on all Gold Coast ocean beaches because these beaches belong to generations NOT private enterprise.
All of our Gold Coast beaches get used eNough sounds like the what's next ?????? Is the council going to start charging us to use the beach like come on give it a brake
I think the Gold Coast is famous for our gorgeous beaches we don't want to commercialise them!!! so less would be wise lets keep our beaches just the way they are!
All Gold Coast beaches should have less commercial activity on because people come to the Gold Coast to enjoy the beaches in peace.
Commercial activity on all beaches, to remain as is.
I would Not like to see any commercial activities on any beach that would potentially increase Noise, pollution, parking congestion, wear and tear on infrastructure or which would further restrict the use of any section of the beach at any time by community members, residents and tourists
They could all stab to have much less commercial activity. Beaches are for everyone to enjoy freely. No one should own any part of it permanently.
Beaches are sanctuaries. They are places of nature....they must all be preserved and protected from commercial activity....it's Not always all about money. All beaches are off limits!!
Currumbin Alley
Less commercial activity on ALL BEACHES
All beaches should be governed by the same principles of low impact, Non-commercial accessibility to all that is environmentally responsible and sustainable.
No.
leave the beaches alone. They are for everyone, and should Not be changed due to money talking. I am strongly opposed to any commercial activity on our beaches.
Would like to see all beaches stay Non commercial. They should be for the use of everyone, Not commercial. Keep the businesses on the streets! Why spoil our assets because of some greedy people.
I would like to see more on Kirra beach as it so wide it would be great to have beach volley ball, beach cricket events
Less filming at Currumbin alley as Car parking there is limited.
Surfers Paradise Beach It is time to start doing something different and find reasons why we can do things rather than reasons why we can't. The public want services on the beach in an overwhelming majority. Stop being dictated by undemocratic miNorities. If the council continues to do the same things expecting a different result then that is just the definition of stupidity. Trial it, trial the Meter maids unique MAID TO ORDER Smart Phone Ap which is a delivery service of products from existing businesses. What is the harm in trialling something different. It seems that you are making a decision on personal biases and Not informed experimentation.
No
I would Not like to see more commercial activity on any beaches. Surfers has the most activity and it can stay there.
All or any.
Professional Fisherman Beach Netting. I think it looks terrible seeing mostly NSW professional fisherman on Burleigh and Kirra dodging folks on the beach and chewing up the sand dunes as they access those areas. There are few fish on our popular beaches Now for our visitors to catch without the pressure of dragging nets
The spit as this is where I usually go to get away from all the crowds at the other beaches
No
The only extra activities I would like to see on ALL beaches is the ice cream trucks and roving drinks sellers purely for the convenience of the beach goers. Anything permanent should Not be allowed. There should be a Queens chain around all public waterways as is in New Zealand. No 1 person or entity has rights to any shoreline because you cant regulate where that boundary ends. The only way to do that is with a mark above the high tide mark. That would be the end of private property and the start of council land.
Greenmount & Currumbin Beaches
No
No
Kurrawa beach. It's perfect the way it is Now
No, I understand Surfers Paradise and Coolangatta are tourist hubs. Surfers Paradise events on the sand occur mainly at night and are temporary. I don't want to see sand based commercialisation during the day, every day as permanent arrangements.
Burleigh, Surfers - more
All the beaches suffer from litter, and any increase in commercial activity will just make that worse.
Rainbow Bay: far far less commercial activity and tighter regulation and co ordination. Who issues the permits and who follows up that the conditions are being met. The general public is being taken for a ride and walked all over... ENough. Time to draw a line in the sand... Get rid of the 24 hr a day surf school van and truck parked on the beach front, it is a bloody big free bill board and we are all stuck looking at it. Dave,s surf school trailer and storage on the beach front 24/7
Would love to see more events on Surfers Paradise beach as its more central and better parking. Broadbeach is also great for a

parking point of view
Evening events like carols or movies are fine
Surfers Paradise is great space for commercial activities and events.
It would be nice to have dinner on the beach.
Not any one in particular
Tourist areas have events, but keep quieter ones for locals to use at all times with No commercial activities.
Commercial activity should be restricted to a bare minimum.
Anything that promotes responsible fun is a bonus
Commercial activity is fine adjacent to or near beaches but beaches are for simple enjoyment. We should Not have to compete with multiple commercial users on any Gold Coast beaches. Some, like Currumbin, are more special than others and this special atmosphere will be lost if more commercial usage is allowed.
Less at Snapper
Rainbow Bay
Rainbow Bay
Rainbow Bay
Perhaps review adjoining areas of beaches to determine commercial opportunities rather than on beach, haphazard & intruding on leisure time & space. Are we that lazy of a society that we can't walk to adjoining shops for food or drink supplies, or be prepared & pack? Why do we need food carts on our beaches? Do we really want car parks used by commercial operators trying to sell us things?
Less on all of them
Beaches near the hotels and accommodation
Surfers Paradise more commercial to support tourism businesses. Southern GC more community based.
More promotional events around Coolangatta beaches
Less commercial activity on all beaches. Commercial fishing from gold coast beaches must stop.
Surfers Paradise, King Beach
I believe that there is easily sufficient beach length on the Gold Coast for there to be a sustainable mix of commercially used sections of beach compared to basically un-serviced areas of beach. If we allocated say 30% of the beaches to have more commercial activities, in areas such as Coolangatta, Burleigh, Miami, Broadbeach, Surfers and Main Beach, there would easily be sufficient beach area to allow uninterrupted beach use for people who do Not want to be impacted by commercial operations.
No more commercial activity anywhere.
More at Surfers, but you need better car parking or free parking at some events. It will bring families back to surfers
NO MORE Get Fit exercises at the spit sand jetty. 60 people yelling and screaming at 7.30 last Saturday with a high tide , very hard to get past them.
Less of invasive and beach spoiling activities such as the sale or hire of items.
More activity create better use if great facilities
Kirra & palm beach
Limit to specific tourist areas, eg Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach.
Less on all beaches.
Yes. I think there should be a few select beaches that are quieter so that if there are people who want to have a peaceful experience at the beach, they can choose to go to a specific beach that will deliver that. Much like a dog beach.
No
More activity to promote tourism between Surfers Paradise & Burleigh Beach. Leave the rest for locals to enjoy.
Yes all main Gold Coast surf beaches
No
All beaches should have the same opportunity to be used for events as long as the guidelines and regulations are adhered to
None
Less crowds at Snapper - southern beaches
Some areas of beach should be kept free of commercial activity
Tugun and all southern beaches
N/A
No
Ocean walk way
No
More at Southern end. Big events ie: Beach cricket comp and opera concert
Volleyball sports
More beach activity on Cool-Greenmount-Kirra
No
Less at Snapper rocks
No
No
Bring new energy and activities to create interest enthusiasm
No change from present
Nil
Shops, restaurants
No
Opera on the Beach
Nice balance
Same level, No more
N/A
Just utilize what we have that appeals to the whole range of the community
More at Kirra (North)

No
Kirra to Bilinga Not used enough
Tallebudgera
where best appropriate
Coolangatta - more sand, too hot need a lift to beach, dehydration, need shaves, drinks, hire of umbrellas and chairs.
Kirra more, needs to be bigger
Burleigh beach No 1
Coolangatta for tourists to hard to walk to beach need a little train
Coolangatta
No
No
No
No
No
N/A
Not really
More at Kirra
Kirra Beach - less commercial
Kirra Beach - less
The 'big centre' sites - S.P, Broadbeach, Coolie + sites with room eg Kirra
Coolangatta, Currumbin, Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach etc
Coolangatta
No
No
Keep as is!
N/A
More - Surfers Paradise sale of drinks, food eg: Europe, Noosa
More band and concerts a the spit park
Keep beaches public Not commercialised
No ship terminal
All beaches, No cruise terminal
Less on all apart from Surf Life Saving
No cruise terminal at the spit!!
Leave them the same I have No problem
Generally less commercial activity overall
More concerts
Less hire of scooters. More local music in the parks
Surfers/Broadie etc due to main tourist location
Surfers
No
Main Beach, Surfers
Paradise Point, Main Beach
Less at Surfers Paradise so that more of the public can use the beach
All
No
Live music, markets, surf comps
No
Prefer commercial activities on Surfers Paradise beach more for tourists
More at Main Beach
More on Surfers beach
Surfers Beach - reason - tourist magnet
Bars, cabanas
Shelters, sun loungers
No; I'd prefer No increase on all beaches
Stay away from the spit
No
No vendors
Broadbeach - Main Beach
No
Less on all
No
No
Less
Monitor fitness groups - often v. large groups
All of them more
N/A
More commercial activity on all beaches
Certainly Surfer Paradise, Burleigh and Broadbeach as they are the main tourist beaches.
Current activity is good
More food vendors and hiring of beach equipment for beach users.
Less on all

Main Beach
No - I only frequent a few and I am content with the status quo
No
No
No. It is managed at the moment
Main Beach - more community activities Surfers Paradise - more community activities
Main Beach - create a holiday beach fun centre. Surfers Paradise
Main Beach - keep it less (nice quiet down here)
No
Burleigh Beach. I enjoy limited beach activities
No
No
Tallebudgera creek beaches
Surfers because that's what tourists want
About same
No
Palm Beach - never
Probably the same amt Not more on Burleigh beach as it is getting so busy in our little home
No
No - it's about right.
More stalls to provide sunscreen
Seems to be an increase in beach concerts at Burleigh. I recommend that this be moved to the park and Not on the beach. its leaving trash and erosion after the concert is over. We have eNough beach erosion going on without creating more.
refer submission previously provided and resubmitted to City of Gold Coast. fundamentally the beaches are Not a commercial space and should Not be treated as such. they should remain freely available for people of all abilities and should provide for equitable access facilities wherever possible.
Currumbin Alley - out of control level of commercial surf schools in particular. Burleigh Point John Laws Park - numerous Commercial PT groups from 5:30 am Noise, apparatus, the grass and amenity is wrecked the activity is a poor fit for this park,(even started dragging car tires recently) nice park directly across the road is better suited to these belligerent bandits
surfers paradise and broad beach for concerts etc these locations would also (potentially) offer the most amount of car parking
None at Narrowneck. Surf clubs could supplement their income with very limited hire of equipment . Some areas should never have commercial activity, in fact it should be restricted to a very small percentage of our beaches.
Less Commercial Activity on ALL BEACHES.
No
I'd like to see less commercial activity on all beaches. The beach is naturally beautiful and would be ruined by an increase in commercial activity.
Don't think we need commercial activity on our beaches as it is what sets us apart from other countries and makes us unique
Less on Burleigh
No
Girls surf groups
More commercial activity but only at Surfers Paradise.
Burleigh - concerts maybe jamming sessions
No. We are Not Kuta Beach
No
Burleigh needs more it keep it safer
More Surfers and Broadbeach and Burleigh
More Surfers and Broadbeach
Surfers Broadbeach Burleigh Kirra
No
Marathons
Rainbow Bay
Drink and ice cream van on beach where No shops
Chinese tour groups - less fishing
The Pavilion white elephant is a problem that needs to be solved - CALL ME
Burleigh
Surfers Paradise needs to be regulated - already heavily used
All beaches
No
N/A
Leave our beaches natural! Especially the southern beaches as they have Not been Commercialised yet! We need an Ocean way from Bilinga to Tugun. One suitable, wide and well lit, mornings and evenings for walking, bike riding and wheelchair access for all.
Burleigh Heads
N/A
None
No! Current activities do Not prevent use of beach
No. Answers in general
Broadbeach to Burleigh are the best beaches, they need more love
Broadbeach to Burleigh more activities cause they need love too
Way less at Rainbow Bay/ Snapper. Needs tight regulation of surf contests (including local surf board rider clubs (Kirra and Snapper) which come and hold their club contests here and take over the area, set up tents and seem little regulated, through to

large board riding club events (Malfunction/ Kirra team Challenge/ tag Team event...) and then the Quiksilver Pro event... it has gone to excess and the impact on the local small area and amenity is significantly negative... the days of a quiet peaceful swim at a safe beautiful beach are being ruined by the excessive over throw of some groups who have gone beyond reasonable.
The vacant site on the Burleigh Beach Building (Meeshas) badly needs a tenant. The building is currently a disgrace and eyesore!
No
Free public events
Less training/exercise on beach/parks
Not applicable
Broadbeach to Surfers Paradise dog beaches
Less @ Nobby - keep it down Surfers
No
Not really
No
Broadbeach - more music, family days, music
The Spit and the parkland flanking the spit beaches could be developed into a spectacular recreation precinct with the addition of commercial activity like restaurants and kiosks, coupled with the provision of additional pathways and the clearing of vegetation, creating of formalised parkland and bbq areas.
No
Would prefer commercial activities to stay in tourist/business areas
As long as activity is consistent with family values #No meter maids on beaches at all!!!
All beaches can do with more activity
No
Good public space and interesting as a daily user to watch and enjoy.
Main Beach
Broadbeach, Surfers only major locations
Less surfers b/c it creates unwanted behaviour
No - but would like to see more diversity in what's available (refer Q 5)
Broadbeach, Currumbin
Kurrawa - heavy usage already
Family events Broadbeach
More commercial activity on Broadbeach. It needs attention.
Massage, yoga
Beach volleyball. Brings tourist, Europeans - love volleyball, Americans - love volleyball, music needs to be on daily and free. Same 90's. awesome!
No
Less trucks from high rise developers dumping sand on the beach
Yes
I like to see commercial activity only on tourist beaches, such as Surfers and Broadbeach keep the others as BEACHES
About the same
Please keep Burleigh for families.
The south end of palm beach and areas from Tugun to Bilinga could be used for learn to surf schools.
CURRUMBIN - NO MORE SURF SCHOOLS THE SPIT - NO CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL
More at Coolangatta /Kirra
No
Less at Currumbin Alley
No
Load up surfers paradise beach with an event at least once a month and pump it in summer. Burleigh has potential to be utilised more. all other beaches should remain as is.
More on Surfers Paradise beach since it's the tourist centre. Probably also Coolangatta since it's well protected from southerlies. Instead of just having surfing schools & Non-commercial clubbies training for life saving, there should be commercial surf survival courses available to teach tourists how to swim at the beach, recognise rips, get out of rips and how to body surf.
The busier ones without adequate parking for additional crowd...Currumbin alley and Burleigh.
See point 5.
No
The main tourist beaches should have chairs for hire as well as refreshments offered. It would create more jobs in hospitality and draw an affluent visitor also to stay and play for longer.
Burleigh beach it would be fun to have family activities such as picky back races, wheel barrow races, volley ball games, sand castle competitions etc. Having a family each day/competition once a month would be fun and something new
MORE ON SURFERS AS IT IS THE MAIN TOURIST SPOT
more festivals in Surfers paradise, In partnership with local business . Not just SPA
I don't want to see commercial activity on all beaches - possibly one or two at each end of the Coast.
No
Surfers, Burleigh, Broadbeach for more commercial activity as they are already high tourist areas
More on Surfers Paradise Beach. It is the promotional Beach for the gold coast with lots of tourists. It should have consent energy.
No
This needs to be assessed regularly depending on the condition of the beach & dunes by a reputable organisation like Griffith Centre for Coastal Management
Tugun is the only beach that has an effect on me
Not really.

Main beach has many group fitness groups using the beach and the dunes for exercise. They are destroying the vegetation on the dunes.
Every Beach area along the Spit both sides. Because this is the last true open space area for boaters, surfers and general dog walkers and beach users.
I think the situation we have at the moment is pretty good.
N/A - spread out would be great Not just "Kirra" for example
I feel that all beaches are equal but that commercial activities should be focussed on surfers if any
Commercial activity needs to be kept to a minimum, unless it is promoting tourism eg filming the beaches/surfing competitions
all beaches to be treated the same
I believe it is essential to have some beaches with the activities and many other beaches with No activities for the many people who wish to go to a natural, unspoiled beach
Surfers Paradise could do with less on foreshore
No, it will be the thin edge of the wedge if commercial activity is encouraged. It will be abused very quickly by get-rich-quick hucksters and the integrity of the beach will be lost. The beach is the most democratic part of the Australian society. As soon as you start allowing the Haves to profit it from there will be Have Nots who will be envious, resentful and contemptuous. You will then need to police activities and set up a whole costly bureaucracy to regulate. You risk destroying a special part of the Australian way of life.
The Spit is quite pleasant as is.
The more activity on the beaches the better, as long as it is organized correctly
None
Currumbin/Palm Beach, less, give the locals room to move
All beaches with less commercial activity. We are constantly told by tourist agencies that the number one attraction on the Gold Coast is our beaches. Why does the council seem intent on denigrating our most important asset by commercialising it.
Surfers, Broadbeach and Burleigh
More in SP Burleigh Greenmount
Increase activity in certain sectors e.g. Northern beaches and provide choice by keeping others free from this activity
None
More activity would be desirable on those beaches which are directly located next to major activity centres so there is compatible user catchment and land uses. Places such as Surfers, Broadbeach, Burleigh, Nobbys, Kirra, Coolangatta
No
Coolangatta & Kirra so the focus is Not just the Northern GC
Only beaches would be ones where there is No retail infrastructure to begin with.
No more activity as this would cheapen the beauty of our beaches. It would also take revenue from all of the traders that pay massive rents to be in close proximity to the tourist areas.
More on the Broadwater, Surfers, Broadbeach, Kirra and Rainbow
No, I don't think the current level of use interferes too much with community access on the beaches I use.
We visit the beach at Surfers and enjoy seeing the activities there.
More activity on Surfers Paradise beach for visitors to enjoy
Focal points like Surfers and Broadbeach. Coolangatta and Burleigh. Specific Nodes where people gather.
The southern gold coast beaches seem to be getting very busy with commercial activities and this was shown when the Quiksilver Pro and Qld SLSC were held on the same weekend. The traffic in the area was chaotic as were the crowds in the water. Better coordination has to take place so big events do Not clash.
As stated I would like to see No direct commercial activity on any beach ever. No vendors, equipment hire, No stands or stalls, No coffee shops or sunscreen, drinks or anything. Events such as surf lifesaving, surfing, special concerts and such is fine but NO SALES, NO VENDORS, NO DIRECT BUSINESS ON THE BEACHES!
The main tourist beaches (Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Coolangatta) should offer as diverse and vibrant an experience as possible. The outer, or in-between beaches can be allowed to be more tranquil and / or host events that are appropriate to their location and appeal (e.g., adventure tourist, family, surfing etc.)
Currumbin Creek - its lovely there
Surfers Paradise, for the reason at point 5. We are trying to promote families back into the place and this is against that idea.
IT seems like there is a fairly good mix at the moment
Less personal trainers at Burleigh/North Burleigh Beach.
The heavily used beaches (patrolled areas etc) should be the areas where commercial activity is increased.
Less commercial activity on all beaches except surf life saving clubs who need the money more. Stop tourist organisers 'ripping' Japanese tourist off by making them pay to visit a beach.
I think that Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach would be suitable for commercial activity, as they are already tourist-oriented. I would Not like to see commercial activity at small quiet beaches like Miami.
Coolangatta because it is so long. Burleigh - same.
No. Beaches should be used commercially to encourage tourism and economic development.
More commercial activities on Surfers Paradise, Main Beach would be OK
Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach could have designated commercial areas towards the back of the beach.
Less on the best surf breaks. More elsewhere.
I think there is currently a good balance. Broadbeach could possibly have more entertainment on its beaches like Surfers Paradise does. It would be great for Burleigh Beach to have cinema nights on the beach also as Burleigh lacks things to do in the evenings.
No however those responsible for planning need to spread the events and Not just give major events to Surfers, Broadbeach and Coolangatta
No.
I would like to see more food and kiosks, music concept eateries on the beach. Like in other countries, Brazil there are restaurants with music and food and drink. This ensures a chance to really enjoy the day at the beach.
Rainbow Bay, Greenmount beaches should be left out of more commercial endeavours so as to keep the attraction of their pristine beauty intact.

Burleigh. Let's spread major events along the entire Gold Coast . I am happy for exercise groups to remain and even increase in Burleigh as people should enjoy our big open spaces and get healthy.
I would have to be biased and hope that Miami beach stays clear of surf life saving comps.
Makes sense to ensure use is distributed across our beaches so there is Not an overuse on any one beach. Some things like events could/should be put into high use beaches i.e. Surfers, Broadbeach, Kirra.
I would like to see more sand on our beaches, because after the next couple of big storms we wont have any again. But if your going to try to sell things or sell the rights to use our beaches then keep it to Broadbeach and Surfers.
I would like to see commercial activity only on the main tourist beaches such as Surfers, main, broad beach, Burleigh and Coolangatta
The more the better there limited things to do on the gold coast except for pubs and clubs.
Current balance is good - I am a 62 years on the Gold Coaster and like your current balance - DON'T CHANGE IT!
All beaches
North Burleigh
same reason as in question 5.
Beach equipment (shade, boards, chairs), temporary lockers for valuables, limited food and drink so families don't have to pack up and leave
Surfers, Broadbeach, Kirra would be good as the special events based precincts. Surf schools along the coast in designated areas. Less activity on the more residential facing beaches i.e. Currumbin, Palm Beach, Rainbow etc.
Beaches that are further removed from retail centres require more commercial activity as there are little or No existing options within convenient walking distance. Beaches such as Mermaid/Northcliffe/etc
No
No
I think having some beaches that are used more commercially than others allows activities to support the precincts of Surfers, Broadbeach and Burleigh. Retaining activity free beaches will help to satisfy locals and ensure that there is parts of the beach that can remain activity free for all to enjoy.
I would like to see more commercial activity on a beach (maybe Surfers). I work in the travel industry and bring around 2,500 tourists to the GC annually - one big issue with the GC Now is that there is No real point of difference. there are plenty of destinations around Australia that have beaches, so there is No real reason for people to come here any more. Having travelled overseas extensively and seen how other countries utilise their beaches, I think QLD is really behind in this aspect and we should be using our biggest asset to the best of ability.
Everywhere from Surfers Paradise down to Coolangatta Beaches
More in the locations that have patrols. These commercial activities would draw people to these locations and therefore they would be closer to the flagged areas.
I do Not want to see any more commercial activity on our beaches. I do Not want to be pestered by commercial activity when at the beach and I do Not want commercial activities taking up beach and ocean space used by Gold Coast residents.
Narrow neck, The Spit
The Broadwater: This is the jewel of the Gold Coast and has great potential to be utilised as an ECO draw card
Surfers is good, love the family friendly stuff like beach volleyball etc. This needs to be advertised all the way to the Northern end as we only stumble upon these events. cater to the community Not the tourists alone
More on Surfers. Less or same at Burleigh.
Broadbeach. As a business operator in the area it would generate more activity in the precinct
Think around the flagged areas and surf clubs
More from Kirra North
Broadbeach sun lounge beach hire.
Less commercial operations at Currumbin Alley due to how crowded it gets
one's Not directly located in areas of built up commercial activity
Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach are well placed for commercial business/tourism events and functions or activations
Currumbin alley - too many operators
Surfer Paradise same Broadbeach less Burleigh less Currumbin A lot less to many people at the alley already. Coolie same
Broadbeach/Surfers Paradise - tourist hubs
No
More activities in broad water
Keep all the commercial activity around surfers paradise and leave the beaches from Broadbeach to Duranbah as they are Now.
Currumbin Estuary - Notification of use prior to an event would be appreciated so we don't turn up the following weekend to a crowded beach
Surfers should have food / drink outlets - it is unique with such a fantastic urban environment adjacent to the beach - catch up with the rest of the worlds best beachside holiday destinations and offer some appropriate beach amenity - sun loungers, food, drink etc.... The usual destination resort offerings . Other places should be free of commercial activity - where it's Not needed .
More on southern gc beaches (wide sandy areas - lots of potential), Burleigh, broady, surfers, main beach.
More activity on all
More activities need to be focused on the southern beaches rather than Surfers all the time. Try to get the locals of the areas more involved.
I would prefer the types of commercial activities on beaches are Not increased/diversified - any beach
At Surfers Paradise would be okay as it's a purely tourist beach
I think it would be good for tourism if Surfers Paradise beach goers could hire deck chairs, surf boards, boogie boards, sun umbrellas etc on the beach .. Not lined up in roped off areas like they are in Europe and No private usage of the beach. Just an opportunity to hire things that might be too bulky or difficult to bring on holidays :)
Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Coolangatta. I think the busy tourist beaches should be the focus point of this and the quiet neighbourhood beach towns should be left as they are.
Not particularly

Surfers Paradise could be increased as this is the No.1 tourist beach destination
Definitely Currumbin should be left as is, as it is 'just far eNough away' from those beaches to the North that seem to attract more tourists and would probably benefit from more commercial activity. The coast has to have somewhere left as is.
No, the more the merrier
I am open to all beaches being utilised for commercial activity as long as there are regulations around how much it will interfere with general public use.
Less activity at Burleigh Heads. There is too much already.
No
Keep commercial activities restricted to high tourism areas such as at Surfers and Broadbeach - keep more local residential and remote beaches (eg spit) free from commercial use.

Telephone survey comments follow:

The beaches should be left for the public and there shouldn't be commercial activity on the beach. There is elsewhere for that to be and the beach is for people to relax and enjoy.
more use of south Stradbroke - more cheaper services would be good.
less at Burleigh
what we have is good a few improvements needed. updating things takes a long time though
No.
no
we got a big strand of beach - surfers main beach should be restricted.. share it around
NO.
No Cruise ship Terminal. The Gold coast beaches are beautiful as they are.
No.
Same
Everything is pretty evenly spread - paradise point and beaches up north need some more
Broad water could use more
Broad water could use more
i don't believe there should be genuine commercial activities such as equipment hire and food stalls
no
No - all good
No
Toilets are good and water for the dogs are available. Not much at labrador
Less at Burleigh and Currumbin, because there is more rubbish and its harder to maintain when commercial activities are taking place.
my main beach is Miami to Burleigh heads and there's no problems there
I'd like to see less on Currumbin beaches
No
No.
I don't want to see it have segregated areas for Hired equipment! No areas put aside for a commercial service. Bring back vegetated Sand dunes. NO paid parking.
surfers has enough and should be contained to that area
no
no
in favour the hiring of beach equipment like cahirs as long aas they have a system where they are taken back and monitored as it could become messy
opposed to the cruise ship terminal and i dont think we can afford it
no
No.
no all sufficient
not in favour of the stand up paddle boards going through the swimming areas - as long people let other people enjoying the beach and sea
When they have the surf comp at snapper they close the road off for too long. road closed for a month is overkill
no problems with any of them
no - its relevant what they are doing at the moment
No. Currently don't see much commercial activity being conducted on at the beaches that she attends. (The Spit and Main beach) surfers is too packed.
i would really like not to have too much on the beach don't want people trying to sell things on the beach or commercials making money from activities on the beaches, don't like shouting and exercises in the park . Don't want to be hassled on the beach
schoolies is not a positive message to be promoting for our community
public transport for senior citizens is not available to get down to the beaches. and the walk for me to a bus is just too long
No
No
No, I think if people want to do all these great things (like exercise) on the beach it is an awesome way to encourage healthy living out in the community and in everyday life.
Invalid Pensioner: No, its not physically possible for people like us to get to these things maybe if they could make special privileges or pathways for Disabled people or elders.
no there's just enough - well regulated

don't really need any of that on the actual beaches - up in the parklands or grassed areas are fine
Surfers and Kirrawa get a lot of the activity but they should.
nothing in particular
Renting beach chairs etch - totally opposed them on the beach. No more around Parkwood ...
No commercial activities on the beaches is better - tourist activities are to be encouraged but don't like to see too much commercial activity.
not really
everything moderation hireage is messy like in the UK Personal Training should be conducted in a designated area Weddings are more like a birthday party these days vendors not good as they create rubbish and mess
No more commercial
No
Less Dogs on the Beaches
More festivals and family events but less commercial activity on Surfers Paradise.
parking is hectic because of competitions and I tend to stay at the northern because of these things
No Development on The Spit and that Area
No.
Not Really.
No - all good and not too much is the key
family events
No.
No
No.
NO
Burleigh is good as it is. Take it easy on Dog Walkers, DO NOT book people especially in front of Oscars.
i would like to see civilised beaches like they have in Europe
Less paddle boarders around Currumbin.
No
No
Less at main beach to the spit its a nice uninterrupted beach - no changes would be good- more activities to happen surfers paradise and Broadbeach area where the hub of tourism is
Surfers Paradise open up Liquor licensing to boost the economy. Also Palm beach way, build the area up with commercial activities as its holds the same potential as Surfers Paradise
More on the Spit.
No development on the Spit. More morning fun exercise groups. (yoga,thai chi)
Maybe less fitness classes toward Burleigh. Personal Trainers should pay for a registration or some type of fee to use the spaces on the beach.
not really
More
Less Commercial activities on all beaches as Surfers paradise has enough assets to compensate.
no
No.
None
No
More safety - Not as much commercial
No Comment.
No.
a bit more at surfers, night movies university students movie makers, film festivals, art students,
No more! Do not allow dogs on beaches at all. The bikes are Burleigh should not be on the foot paths. It is dangerous for public walking on them.
No
Leave the little beaches how they are, nice and quiet
No.
we go alot to runaway bay which is busy on the weekends some events are good but parking is a struggle
Family activities and not just tourist activities
i would like to see all the beaches used more fully
no
No. As long as the changes are tasteful
food available on the beaches, kiosks and people. Restaurants set up on the beach.
No
No
Do not get to active with activities or development on Kurrawa Beaches. Do whatever you want on and around surfers paradise.
Concerned about the Council charging to go the beach. Provide services that warn dog owners when dogs need a lead.
No.
No
Don't think people go to the beach to buy things so less would be good
More commercial activities as they provide more work opportunities for the Gold Coast Locals.
no not really
I think surfers and main beach and Burleigh should have more commercial activities
No i dont think so there are good as it is
I think commercial activities on the beach should be restricted so they don't interfere with public enjoyment.

heavily built up places like tugun id like to see more on surfers. the beach is ideal place for entertainment all weather permitting. my apartment is on the beach but i dont go there
No
No
empty shops and business' closing down is much worse than a few overcrowded beaches
I dont know that much about how much commercial activity is held on each beach. the sun tan man at surfers was a good
No.
i don't think there should be commercial activities on any of the beaches
no
the exercise fitness programs should be limited and pay a fee to the council and they should use the parks not the beachfronts
More towards the Northern Beaches
No, not really
Wants to see more activities on as many beaches as possible.
All beaches should have commercial activities, less criminal activity and more awareness about the beaches and their Environment/Wildlife.
No.
No quite happy with community events and kids events. I'm in a wheelchair and cannot get to main beach. Id rather see that than dog parks everywhere. Oyster cove was riddled with dogs and that's enough. Dog poo is a major problem. I see people all the time running dogs without poo bags.
No
North Burleigh
No. I don't mind.
No
No
No
No selling ice creams towing kites or any commercial activities on the beach.
surfers and Broadbeach should be used to attract tourists
Surfers Paradise needs less attention because locals know not to go there as it has become a tourist destination rather than a beach.
No.
i think the main beaches Greenmount, Kirra, Burleigh heads, more facilities and shows, Currumbin is good but needs more parking everywhere!! just be more lenient especially wen there's an event on!!!
No
Less in Burleigh,I don't want things from Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach flooding down to Burleigh.
no all good
Less commercial activity everywhere and leave it natural
No
no
Surfers is messy and full of dirty visitors and often we avoid it
South Kirrawa, Miami and Mermaid should be left with as less activity as possible.
No
like the way the spit is preserved, Surfers is to commercial
We dont go into surfers as we live on acreage. At mountain Tamborine we dont get anything for our rates not even a rubbish pick up or local tip anymore
No
No.
I do two exercise classes a week in our local hall not on the beach. For a lot of people the beaches are good but when I did taichi on the beaches all the activities were distracting
I'm all for more activities as long as they do it properly
No there's a good balance at the moment
No, no overuse of any activities on any of the beaches
some people enjoy commercialised beach caters to everyone
All the beaches could use more
No.
quite good as is
I would Like to see a Cruise ship Terminal to provide more commercial Activities
never go to surfers its full of loud people and its always filthy
no im not worried about crowding and do go past and around surfers
Do not disturb the peace.
No.
No - doesn't want to see all beaches end up like Surfers.
No
surfers has enough
No
No - all good
Surfers Paradise, use all assets there.
a cruise ship terminal would be a very good thing, create more commerce jobs tourism, property prices will increase
No.
More warning bells from bike riders on the beach, signs/continuous noises.
No
No.

No
No
yeah I think there should be more at surfers paradise that the place for it
Not really
No
no not really
Greenmount or Kirra is just right so no more or no less
wouldn't add anymore there's currently enough
no maybe more places to get coffee without leaving the beach. parking is a joke
Surfers could use less but wouldn't help tourism.
Im all for job creation and employment
The Southern side of the coast has less commercial activity to Surfers Paradise and all the main beaches and that's how we would like it to stay. More preserved towards the Southside of the Coast.
All the beaches along the Coast.
I think its a good to have a mix. it wouldn't be good to have as much on all beaches
No
no
No more schoolies as there are better ways to celebrate finishing school
Less development against the terminal keep it as it is
Not particularly
not really there's enough already
No
No. It is shared across the Gold Coast well. There are places for tourism and there are places for locals
No
No not really. when i walk along Currumbin there a quite a lot of dogs on the beach. this should be limited to a particular area
no not really.
think that alot of activity draws tourists and is needed
Leave Burleigh the way it is
more on the spit
no all good the way it is
surfers is busy but needs to be to support business' there
No - believes there should be vendors on the beach.
No not really - just doesn't worry me
No.
northcliffe area should have more activities - if they have too much it would upset the beach goers
No beach in particular but as long as they are sensible.
Hireage is so different to what I know as our culture. its very european. user pays? Surf comps because it creates a buzz with spectators and is good for young people
Surfers Paradise/ Main Beach more activities where the tourists are!!
All good
There's alot of traffic when events are on. locals are not given sufficient warning as it impacts our regular routines and errands
no
The spit - less commercial activities on all beaches especially the Spit
no I like walking along the beach but it gets busy sometimes
usually go to Burleigh Heads and think there is plenty going on but would encourage more
No
they are ok but need to be lifted
no its good as it is
not thanks
surfers has enough already
No
No
Burleigh is our main beach. In the last ten years there has been a major decrease in parking so access to the beach has become a difficult task for us the local rate payers and the developers are only worried about the access to the beach for tourists! We need a reasonable amount of parking or a decrease in commercial activities in areas that can't compensate for parking for the activity.
less activity at surfers and Coolangatta
no
personally doesn't effect us too much at Currumbin
Neutral
more commercial activity in all the beaches
no all good
there is enough in surfers and Broadbeach
more is good to support the local business and keep the gold coast active
No - Wouldn't go into surfers at all - feels creepy and unsafe.
i would prefer to leave them nice and quiet - some are getting too crowded
No
More Broadbeach
no
surfers is crowded
id like to see the spit more often and parking is difficult. it could use some developing

no i think its all pretty well spaced out
no i truly are open to anyone making an honest living - no touting, hawking - cafe's are fine
No
No.
probably Burleigh not anything there
Not on the quieter beaches
No, all pretty good
No
no
No, not really as long as there are areas for the little kids to swim. Keep the boogie boards away from the fags.
The Spit could be utilized more.
There definitely needs to be more beaches with less commercial activity. Keep the local (quiet) beaches preserved.
No but there should be a change in the types of activities more focussed on family, health and positive messages
Not really.
No
no
No, i think they are all pretty good and expect to be more commercial in the busy areas
No.
No
we frequent paradise point for family events and avctivities
No not too much commercial on smaller beaches.
No.
I couldn't really say
More entertainment at the spit
Less on Main Beach. No selling of food on beaches. There will be lots of rubbish.
no
if people like to do things that's fine it should be everybody
All beaches stay the same. For everyone to enjoy nature with less development.
Broadbeach and surfers have a good range at the moment
i avoid surfers because its too busy but would love to go to main beach more often but parking is an issue
None in particular.
surfers has enough and needs to be cleaned up
No
No.
No
No - main beach maybe
No
As long as they are maintained to commercial areas, perfect facilities to cater for such events. Currumbin, The Spit however, do not have the facilities such as Parking and Bathrooms suitable for any groups especially families so should not host events. Keep the events within the beaches that can compensate for the Crowds and groups of people.
Night Markets offered to the public for free! More entertainment
I only go to Currumbin and Burleigh for convenience
i think they are doing are a great job - its a part of our life and where we live... The spit to be developed a little more with better roads
Like to see a big Harbour on the Open Beaches or the Spit for the Cruise ship Terminal which will provide more commercial Activities and it will also mean they will need to extend Seaworld and Improve Marina Mirage.
No particular beach
No -
No
50/50
Probably the Currumbin alley needs the exercise groups need to be addressed as they take ova the whole alley - other businesses pay for the places they work at so they should pay a fee to council...
no
We moved here to be closer to nature and the hinterland so we stay away from surfers.
Leave Tallebudgera, Currumbin, Rainbow Bay and all the little beaches alone
Main Beach needs to be tidy, open it up more. Palm growing on the beaches.
not really
No
No
no
more activity on all to keep people active
Leave Main Beach as there is already so much going on there. Etc new buildings construction
Burleigh should not be changed. leave to tourist stuff at the north end
No
No.
Less commercial activities on all the beaches
More events at Burleigh
No
No
No.

No -
would like to see at least one of the smaller beaches left just for people.
paddle boarding
No.
No.
I think that we've done enough damage to the Broadwater and I'm a long time gold coaster. we shouldn't be doing anything else we are going to wreck and i think its criminal. I'm opposed to the cruise ship terminal
Less commercial on all of the beaches. Do not think that having vendors on the beach is going to be good seeing as there is going to be more of a mess.
no not really
I'd like to see less commercial activity on palm beach
No preferences
No, not really they are all big beaches and provided there is enough room for everyone that's ok.
I think if they spread it around all the beaches - and not saturated in one area
No.
More in Surfers Paradise.
No
Not really if like how all that is kept up toward surfers
No, not really
When they have snapper i didn't like it and making people pay to go into a public domain. Who has the authority to say who and who doesn't use these beaches. Surfers is totally for tourists only and locals do not go there
not really
in favour of progress so we would like to see more activities on the beach and is currently under-utilised
More at Surfers Paradise & Broadbeach
No.
No but we need to be a little bit more careful of areas at like Main Beach especially for the hazard reasons and changing movements of sand.
less commercial activity at the Broadwater as there is not enough parking!!!
No.
Not really
Have a bit more e.g. coffee shops etc...
No, more activity on Burleigh Beach would be good
no never seen it overdone on any of the beaches
All beaches need to have vendors and also have them responsible to clean the area they are allocated too.
Kirra and Coolangatta needs to stay the way they are. They are nice, relaxed and quiet.
No, the way it is at the moment is fine.
MORE Hiring of beach chairs and umbrellas. Tai Chi
Currumbin alley the surf schools are just too much
Less tourists in Surfers Paradise
not really
No
less bikes and scooters along the beaches
NIL
No
No.
Would prefer to see quality events instead of more events that don't really rate
mainly go to greenmount. leave surfers as it is as it attracts surfers
no there's a good spread at the moment and if your local you know where and when to go
i think surfers should have more as its such an iconic venue
i think they can more activities on the beach and need to be rotated and not the same all the time.. A bit willy nilly at the moment
No
No.
No
i think because i live near Burleigh - more activities at Burleigh - to bring more people into the area to boost the businesses
No
I don't want to see Building on the beaches
not really
All the surfing events seem to dominate the beaches - take the events to the non popular beaches
Think with the population that there is always going to be/need more activities
No
Keep all commercial activity in Main tourists beaches. e.g. Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach.
Beaches that have abroad accommodation for big events and parking should be allowed. Parking needs to be taking into consideration. The residents need to be taken into consideration. The beaches are a rare asset. Facilities need to be carefully managed.
Nor
I'll be very pleased when they look after Bilinga. they filled it in and its been flat and no activity there now I sincerely hope they get it back to how it was. One of the outlets there
No
Kiosks on the beaches and parks at paradise point. All along rio beach has coffee and juice bars. not necessarily grog but family focussed stores and facilities

Would love to be able to hire seats and umbrellas on the beach.
Yes, we should utilize our beaches wit no damages
No
More on surfers, and less at the spit
Less on all beaches, because I am an environmentalist and I am opposed to commercial activities on Beaches. The council should never let the atmosphere become adulterated with commercial activities!
no i don't think so. they are all popular activities which are pretty well managed
Not really
not really
no I think its good really
No
No - other peoples opinions are probably better on this questions
schoolies is a joke
No
No
No
the main beaches we frequent are the spit, Burleigh and Greenmount. there are no particular area but things should be spread to make to appeal to all
None in particular.
No
No its fine
not really just leave it as it is
No
more dinner places on the seaside. outdoor eating places and a place to get a drink without leaving the beach
No.
hire and food and drink vendors would be ideal on patrolled beaches. surf clubs could offer more to the public also to make money for them
beaches are different so some are suitable for activities and some are not. The spit has limited parking. surfers needs to be used appropriately
Not really.
Main Beach could use a bit more activity.
No
I don't want to see it built on
not really, if there's an event on you can always find more beach
No. Does not like loud speakers and noises in Surfers Paradise.
No
walking
Main Beach, Burleigh, north cliff need more commercial activity. Has been oversea where there are kiosks on their beaches and said it was a great idea, opportunity and should trial it.
no not an specifics
No.
More along the broad water Southport - Lab. Definitely more shaded seating.
No
No.
surfers paradise is a bit of a worry - and don't the rest of the GC end up like bali or Phuket...
Less at the spit
North Burleigh, Nippers is a good thing on the weekends, it keeps kids off of the street. Encourage a Gold Coast Coral reef. (example in Rockhampton)
More at Palm Beach - Not a lot available there at the moment.
Surfers there should be more and Broadbeach needs more and maybe even Main Beach for people travelling longer distance.
no
not really
no
No
i don't like it when there's something on and blocks public access - there should be alternatives
No
No
The same but Evenly spread out throughout the beaches.
Less on Burleigh beaches as they already provide everything that you need from the beach. Its not too commercialized like Surfers Paradise and If others are looking for further activities Surfers Paradise is not a long distance from Burleigh so they can make the trip.
Less commercial activity on North Burleigh and Burleigh Beaches.
Doesn't matter
Vendors on weekends for coffee, ice creams,
i think at the main tourist beaches high density there needs to be more hire beach umbrellas, chairs etc as you can't bring these things as a tourist and makes it quite appealing if you know you can hire them- not into coffee shops or vans on the beaches - don't mind them on the parklands and recreational areas
any of them
It would be nice if there was a board walk along the palm beach to Tallebudgera...
No
more in the vicinity of Miami, Nobby and mermaid beach as there is not much there..

There shouldn't be any commercial activities on the beach. Those type of things should be left at shopping centres or else where. The beach is for people and families to enjoy and shouldn't be events that take up the space for them.
No
No
mainly go down to the southern beaches - all good
leave the commercial stuff in surfers
There are enough activities that cater to tourists but are they supporting the local business'
Id never go to the V8 races, waste of time? We dont want it or need. Sure it brings money but there are other options to create
Surfers and Broadbeach should hosts the tourists
keep at that commercial activity in surfers and Coolangatta
No
Currently fond of Dog walking on the Off-leash dog beaches
No.
Nothing in Surfers Paradise, money making things that we get nothing from. Encourage the cruise ship terminal because it will create an amazing economy boost and help rate payers of Gold Coast
No
Not that I can think of.
No
The gold coast is an outdoors community and that is our culture. I think our beaches are quite well used
Less down at the spit.
No
no
As long as they stick to the main beaches
I thing there are a good mix at the moment. wouldn't like to see Burleigh commercialised. leave the the southern beaches pristen
They all need activity
no
Sport is popular and countries like Hawaii are drawn to the GC for these surfing events. I think its very good at the moment and enjoy the quiet season as well as the summer buzz
I don't see the problem with having more places for dogs
No.
As long as you Keep them maintained.
no not from what ive seen or been involved in
not really as they are
No.
No
Don't know.
Burleigh i think i would not like to see any more on there. Kirra Beach I wouldn't want to see anymore there either
Think most of them are fairly balanced - if there are too much activity on the beaches it is going to take away for the unique beauty - Don't have to go like the rest of the world and ruin our beaches too.
More down at Tallebudgera.
No.
no
less commercial activity on Burleigh Beach - the parking is horrific - other beaches ok
See less on all our beaches
More parking at Burleigh (Surfers take up all of parking.
Less at Surfers Paradise
Restaurants along the beaches (e.g. Spain)
No
Happy with private family functions on the beach as long as there is access to the public.
No.
no not really
No.
Not really.
No.
No
No
cant think of any at the moment
NO.
I wouldn't like to see all the things happening at Surfers move outside of that already overused area
love kurrawa beach and at the moment its fine
Yes, More activities as the beaches made for tourists (e.g. Surfers Paradise & Broadbeach) go hand in hand. As long as they conduct commercial activities on these beaches and leave the more preserved beaches for locals to enjoy.
I would like the terminal to be put in and casino, to create jobs opportunities
All the beaches need a little bit activity.
No
Good idea to hire out beach equipment, good for the have shade as it is hot
No, i think they should have more shade available to hire - semi permanent type thing
no
No.
any sport is great but wouldn't like to see the sale of ice creams and drink

GCengage comments follow:

NO.How many ways can you ask the same question
No pretty much the whole beach.
I think that we do not need very much more commercial activity on the beaches. They are a natural draw card for many water based, land based and family friendly activities for tourists and locals. I do not want to see the currently, so called "undeveloped" beach areas between Sea World and the Spit being given to developers for a cruise ship terminal. I do not support having a huge amount of tax payers land becoming off limits to thousands of ordinary families when it turns into another playground for wealthy tourists. People with money can already choose far more locations for their winning, dining and shopping.
the fitness businesses are intrusive
I think there should be a balance of some beaches used for commercial activity and events and some left untouched.m I think the locals should still have some less commercial beaches to go to an enjoy.
Leave the Ocean Beaches AND Broadwater Beaches for locals to enjoy.
Do not develop our 'Green Areas' at ANY COST.
Certain areas need to be dedicated and roped off
Less at Surfers Paradise. Spread the events up & down the coast. Car parking in Surfers is a joke.
No
Stopping home owners from claiming beach areas as their own
Burleigh Heads needs expansion behind it with a large car park and mixed businesses(no supermarkets) in a low level complex which is open and gives beach views. This would open up the area behind the beach for more natural vegetation and picnic areas,stage events space and keeping the car anarchy away from this area. The businesses already in Surfers should have pocket stores accessed from the beach that are easily demountable or storm resistant eg: Hermosa Beach California.
Please, no more activity at Surfers Paradise.
I would like to see people renting out Beach Umbrellas and Chairs,
Restrict commercial activities to the tourist strip of Surfers Paradise. Restrict commercial activities to the tourist precinct to retain family and local beaches for local resources. Limit the beach activities to low impact activities
Much less activity at Currumbin Creek - it's currently too crowded & the existing multiple surf schools are a large part of the problem. There would appear to be no reason that they couldn't move a few hundred metres away from the Creek which would help alleviate the problems.
Southport enclosed swimming area. I swam there once and it was beautiful and the next time a lot of pollution from the boats moored across the broadwater was evident in the water. The tide must have been going out or in to direct all the pollution into the swimming area. I never went back there, Also I notice along Surfers Paradise beach heaps of rubbish thrown on the beach by people using the beach. More education or fines required. Same applies to sandhills in other areas.
put it all on the tourist beaches surfers paradise & broadbeach,leave the others for us the residents to enjoy the peace of the sound of waves not money jingling
All beaches should be restricted to one operator per beach and not be a chain of the same.
no
No
Activities should be spread along the Gold Coast rather than concentration on the central part of it.
About the same
More commercial activity is appropriate in Surfers/Broadbeach where most of the tourists are but appropriate events for locals in the Southern end of the Coast would bring the local community together. Bleach is a great example of this.
I don't want to see any "real" commercial activity on any beach, just low key fun things. Please no gawdy commercialism.
Kurrawa - the activity here takes up too much of the parklands surrounding the beach, making it unusable for the public and tourists during that time. The grass also suffers with the high traffic.
No more commercial activities on our beaches. Beaches are open space for public use just like our parks and gardens. Please respect the community right to free and unobstructed use to our sand and surf. Not turning our beaches into commercial areas.
No

QUESTION 8: Would you like to see any alternative activities on ocean beaches?

Online and hard copy survey comments follow:

Anything to do with exercise has to be a good thing. I don't think the 'on the leash' beaches law work as few dog owners adhere to it.
Volley Ball is a massively popular for participants and spectators. Much more should be made of this sport with Council Run fun competitions each month and facilities at all main beaches.
Jet ski/ boat racing competition
As a massage Therapist of 13 yr I would be interested in setting up massage by the Ocean for weekend of sun surf and sand relaxation, works well as I use to do this When I worked on Brampton Island Resort
yes movies, entertainment, council funded activities, active lifestyle, more dog activities
No
Air show
Less commercial activity on all Gold Coast ocean beaches because these beaches belong to generations NOT private enterprise.
maybe more fun days for kids!
No
No I like it peaceful!!!!
No
Community education about caring for the beach - garbage, erosion etc and appreciation of the marine ecology -fish, shellfish, birds etc
No. The beach is for walking, swimming and lounging
None whatsoever... The beach is a sanctuary from commercial life.
No
Na
NO
None
I think Kirra Beach would suit Camel rides like at Cable beach WA and Noosa North Shore
Not currently
Trial the Meter maid TO ORDER Smartphone AP as was featured to great applause on national breakfast television. The service is simple and uniquely Gold Coast. A delivery service to beach patrons. No touting, but rather patrons invite the delivery of services and products from existing businesses ranging from food and drinks to sunscreen and beach balls.
restaurants and cafes
No
NO.

A yearly Air Show / or Air and Sea show. Get the armed forces to show off their toys like they do in the US Offshore powerboat Racing
No
There is an opportunity for large national and international product launches to occur on the beach. See the success of the Magic millions BARRIER DRAW AND THE RACE HORSES CANTERING ON THE BEACH.
Drinks caddies. Roving Drinks Caddies from licensed vendors with Non permanent caddy. These licensed vendors will have a section of the beach to Rove in but will also have the responsibility of litter control in that area. All litter containers sold by them or the same as sold by them would be their responsibility at the end of each day.
More events like Bleach Festival.
Beach fishing competitions on the sand on the Spit.
No
No
No activities restricted to adjacent parks.
Perhaps educational activities, eco-tourism style, or in the same vein as those Council already facilitates in the wetlands like frog or Nocturnal animal spotting.
No. More sand castles and less commerce.
Yes, night time Bon fires in a dedicated area would be amazing.
more concerts. chairs/beanbags.
Cafes, coffee places, Beach bars
No
POP UP BARS, POP UP COFFEE/CAFE, ANYTHING THAT IMPROVES THE VIBE AND PLACEMAKING OF OUR BEST ASSET
Free volleyball nets or similar.
I find councils' decision to prohibit commercial fitness activities on Gold Coast beaches incredibly short sighted. Surely enabling commercial fitness activities on beaches, under reasonable usage conditions will Not adversely impact on other public users. For example, I'd suggest council consider allowing commercial fitness activities on beaches with the following usage conditions. - canNot occur within 100 metres of a life saving tower or within 100 metres of a flagged area, - commercial fitness activities canNot be conducted between the hours of 8am and 5pm daily - limiting group sizes to No more than 15 participants - No use of signage Surely by implementing these reasonable conditions council can permit commercial fitness activities without adversely effecting other beach goers or impacting on the environment.
No. Other activities are well catered for at other venues. Beaches are special public open spaces for simple enjoyment, Not for commercial exploitation. It could simply be an operator's' cost-saving strategy to stage his event on public open space rather than renting a commercial premises.
beach/day clubs would draw tourists and some sort of license fee could be charged to then be used for other beach needs. ie conservation, funding life saving, sand pumping etc
NO
Beach care, litter clearing days, education about how important the ocean is to the ecosphere
No
NO
Let's leave our beaches free to use as beaches.

No
more dog walking beaches, Palm Beach is packed every Sunday.
Perhaps more activities at night time such as live music, markets etc.
Yes. Umbrella and sun lounge hire. Controlled areas of beach huts like in Europe. Areas of beer gardens and commercial outlets.
No
Pretty well served for a wide variety, if more there would be too much exclusive use restricting regular beach goers.
Ocean beaches should be left as free of commercial activity as possible. The shops adjoining the beach front cater for the needs of beach goers, particularly in terms of food and drink and swim gear and lotions etc. I think the beach needs to remain a commercial free zone and especially in terms of throw-away food and drink containers.
Beach night movies, sporting events
No-we should keep gc beaches in their natural state as much as possible.
Beach cafés sun lounges umbrellas Bars Beach night club
Volley ball nets
Yes, as many as possible. We are lucky to have the climate and should take advantage of that. Volleyball at the beach is an inexpensive social activity which is great for the community. Fun days, e.g. soccer, rugby, cricket, running, exercise, obstacle courses. Also activities in the water.
Beaches are a public space and should be accessible to all activities
There should be more bars and restaurants built along the foreshore. Surf Clubs have a monopoly & provide a very limited selection. Need more upmarket selections. Also, need more kiosks selling essentials such as sunscreen, hats, water etc. Allow people to sell to public on the beach.
Umbrellas and beach chairs. Ability to buy drinks.
Ok as is.
I wouldn't be in favour of too many commercial activities on the beaches. You go to some beaches overseas and can't get a moment's peace for people trying to sell you something. Having said that, it would be great to have beach lockers, deckchairs, ice cream/drink/sunscreen vendors on the beaches. It would be convenient and, provided they didn't tout, would be a great addition.
No
More smiles
More festivals on the beach
More beach and music festivals. Bars
No
Massages on the beach, ocean walkway, more trees (palm, pandanus)
As previously described
Snorkelling
Chairs and umbrellas. Able to sell ice cream and drinks on foreshore and beach
Volleyball, soccer, seating and umbrellas available. Sell Ice-cream and drinks
No

No!
No
More volleyball comps
Family activities
No - keep same as Now
Yes - should give people a chance
No
No
No
Food carts eg: ice creams
Camel rides
People enjoying the environment
Volleyball
No
4 Wheel driving. No sand mining
availability of a range of food & drinks from licensed operators on the beach
Yea, Non-commercial activities, such as cultural activities - eg Swell at Currumbin, Opera on the Beach at Coolangatta
Nothing comes to mind
Concerts, entertainment
No
No
As much as possible
More markets
No
No
No
Nil
No
No
No
N/A
Don't kNow

Ice cream and drinks
No
Carols by Candlelight
Concerts in association with Not for profit events eg: Blues on Broadbeach
More beach hire (umbrellas, lounges, shaved ice and drinks availability, board hire, sunscreen availability)
Yes - drinks supplied on beach. Transport to take people across the hot sand, umbrellas
No
evening dining on the beach, like they do in Bali! we should be having beautiful balmy evenings down on the beach to have an active beach in evenings with volleyball etc would be gr8
No
Organized yoga/meditation
No
No
Beach safety, charities, fun raising
More fundraising events
More beach safety training
Yoga
Not really
Kite flying (NFP) art/sculpture/painting
Any sport related
Off shore spectator events kite/jet ski
No
Kids activities
Keep fit
Beach runs for locals - why Not sand run?
No
Ice cream and drink vendors at tourist beaches
Like to see more people go around with sunscreen lotion and more safety messages
Fitness Groups
Maybe coffee/drinks carts but Not permanent stands
Vendors, hire of equipment
Lounges
No - I prefer the natural attractions

No
Public displays and activities
No
Massage stations
Massage
Yes, anything
Kids activities and competitions
No
Fashion parades, commercial promotions etc could be held alongside food and beverage events...who Not do product launches on our beaches? The Magic Million launches are successful so why stop there? I could see cars, four wheel drive vehicles/camping gear alongside a dairy product or home and garden products. The choice is endless.
Beach volleyball, concerts, beach cricket, water boot camp, aerobics, deck chairs, sandcastle comps, board hire, beach umbrella set up areas more beach showers and taps
No just basic access undisturbed
No
No
No
No
Beach huts - drinks, music, beach activities
Beach huts (alike Bali) kiosk style. Music over speakers
No
No
More fitness and entertainment as long as they are well managed and do Not effect environment
Beach cart with drinks
No
No extra
No
Some vendor activities allowed (sNow cones)
Yes free council activities`
Volleyball comps
No
No
Yoga
No

No But I do like the drummers on Sunday night at Burleigh.
More nippers
More life guards and flags on the beach's from Kurrawa to Burleigh.
Hire of beach chairs, umbrellas etc similar to Europe and USA. Restricted to certain areas. Also, service of food, drinks. Again, restricted to certain areas, Not randomly over all our beaches.
refer submission previously provided and resubmitted to City of Gold Coast
My kids always love a free movie! There is heaps of beach space for most activities maybe they can fit in instead of push in. Management should be able to slot them in an underutilized strip of beach Not always jammed together at the most popular local area. (and charge an appropriate fee)
Non motorised ice cream and drinks vendor. Love to see umbrellas available, maybe with sun lounges set up in a few key locations.
NONE AT ALL
No
Don't kNow
Free ocean safety courses paid for by the gold coast city council.
The Great Ausy BBQ, selling snags and shrimps on the barby. This is the great Australian way, our culture, why would be Not share it with world?
No they re being overused Now!
No
Volleyball or other suitable sports - but in less populous areas eg. Not main part of Burleigh beach.
Fire twirling, music, dream circles
More equipment hire (deck chairs, umbrellas)
No
No
Surf Schools on the beach as it is a beach activity. Surf schools need to have a shade area on beach for clients - slip/slop/slap. Operate 8-6pm to help beaches be safer. Have areas such as the sheds changed to Surf school storage and meeting points.
Sunday Bongos and flames at Burleigh
Cafe
Sales of drinks and ice creams and sunscreen
No
No
No
No
All things should be considered and vetto power by the likes of Warren Young
Supply sun loungers and umbrellas

Mobile coffee and other catering should be encouraged.
Yes. Hire out umbrellas and deck chairs. Food stalls
No additional
N/A
No, the ocean beaches are great and natural.
Buskers
Meditation, yoga and massages on air in Burleigh Heads
I have just returned from a family trip to Bali and every time I get there I always say to my husband that we should have umbrellas and beach lounges on the Gold Coast beaches. We hire 2lounges and an umbrellas in Bali for about \$5 a day. We think the beaches would be better if there was lounges and umbrellas as available here on the gc, for a small amount of money so it would be affordable. They use metal frames for their umbrellas in Bali so they don't get caught in the wind.
Don't sell things at beachside
Volleyball
NO
No
Speakers corner
No
Restaurant, food & drink (alcohol)
Children safe swim programs
Activities similar to Whitsundays etc would be awesome!
We need a nudist beach
No, Not especially. ideally would like the beaches to be left as "commercial free" and safe as the last bastion of Non commercial in contrast to the major commercialisation of the rest of the Gold Coast and the glitz. Leave the glitz on terra firma and leave the beaches pristine.
Coffee outlets, ice cream vendors, drinks outlets similar to the beaches in Thailand and Vietnam. Very civilised. Our beaches should be used. They are Not holy sites.
No
None
More the merrier
No
I'm happy with any activities on all beaches
Surf comps, fitness activities or comps
Sun chairs and umbrellas private business
Cant think of any
Yes council organized

More active and healthy activities
No
Restaurants, cafes, beach bars, private sunbaking facilities
No
Possible selling food in tourist areas
Maybe night time walks/music/markets
Drink, food, boot camps
Perhaps on Non bathing beaches, recreational fishing competitions.
Yes - Another leash free area for people with dogs. located between the Spit and Tallebudgera (on the beach) Currently people have to drive to the beach leash free areas - Not good for health and environmental reasons.
Volleyball available to daily users
N/A
No
Yes
Boot camps
Beach lounges and cafes
Yes - dance etc
Yes
Massages
SLSC buggy competition
No
No
Council sponsored movie screening and concerts
Yes - would like to see walking/cycling path run the length of beaches
keep all activities on tourist beaches
Movies on the beach - similar to 'movies in the park'
Not at the moment.
NO
Regulated retail sales eg drinks/ice cream/sunscreen/food
Surfers paradise should have a beach bar.
Food & drink should be available on the beach like they have on Sydney Harbour beaches. Rubbish is an issue but as we already see too many tourists already leave food & drink rubbish everywhere from the adjacent shops.
more council healthy active activities - benefits whole community, Not just those who can afford a personal trainer

NO. It's a beach leave it alone.
Would like to see more hospitality services on the main tourist beaches particularly Surfers, Main Beach, Burleigh.
Family activity days
BEACH PARTIES AND HUTS OR UMBRELLA AREAS LIKE OVERSEAS
I would love to see more cultural events with music & art etc.
No
No
Yes, look at Venice Beach California. look at this link for a short video showing all the activities people can get involved in. https://www.facebook.com/funfitandhealthylife
pagan activities, beach fires etc.
Would like to see more activities that provide a service to existing beach users e.g. equipment hire, food and drink sales
Definitely NOT deck chairs and huts.
No
Anything that is assessed as minimal impact or improves the condition of the beach and dunes.
drinks, ice creams etc
No
No
Possibly a sand sculpting competition down the southern end of the Gold Coast.
More of GCCC Get Health & Active More Kids activities must be sun smart (such as surfing lessons, kids yoga/ meditation)
No
No
Would love to see beach dining like some places in south east Asia
In many countries you can hire a beach lounge and there are waiters who will bring your drink order. This is very sophisticated, cultured, relaxed living.
More concerts and family friendly events would be great
NO
beach soccer very popular elsewhere
Yes but well planned and for special events
No, apart from probably more litter collection as there are cigarette butts and ever more plastic
Sale of ice cream and snacks e.g. 4WD bikes and carts like North Qld. Surf clubs could provide this
No
Activities that are FREE and attract people to the area.
More information sessions for locals and tourists e.g. - How the tides work - Wildlife explanations

Beach Cabanas, Beach dining and cafes, film festivals, beach concerts
Not sure
Not that I can think of.
Snake catchers near Main Beach would be appropriate.
Markets are great, but small cafe or bars related specific Nodes.
I would like to see better dune care, more council workers and volunteers working to maintain the dunes and revegetate them naturally. I would like to see better dune management and more focus on the fact that our beaches and dunes are a natural treasure, and should be given our utmost respect.
Promotion of public involvement / activity should be encouraged. Some examples are open air dancing at Southport and Broadbeach, Beach Volleyball etc.
Some cooking classes - healthy vegetarian
More busking and encouraging recreational activities such as active and healthy type programs capoira local yoga groups etc
No
More shade trees and more seats would be a start.
Hire if equipment to be used in waterways - Talle creek and Currumbin creek - near ocean beaches
Fitness activities by commercial operators I.e. pt sessions and group training allowed on the sand would be great.
Yes, ocean education - teach people about sharks so we get the stupid nets & drums removed.
No. The beaches are for public use. What we have is eNough.
Ball games
I would like to see more food and kiosks, music concept eateries on the beach. Like in other countries, brazil there are restaurants with music and food and drink. This ensures a chance to really enjoy the day at the beach.
Please consider the need for more coastal care, revegetation and NATURAL environmental control education and awareness programs. Right Now the length of our gold coast beachfronts are being treated with toxic herbicides that wash through our dune systems and straight into the ocean. Instead of this chemical practice, we could be employing people to control weeds: more jobs, more awareness and connection to the land, less ecological destruction and climate change impact.
Personal training and group training at certain hours of the day within limited sizes and with No equipment should be allowed. Those who are Noisy should be fined. There should be a permit so good businesses can abide - also a revenue stream for Council.
Fitness events
sand pumping dune restoration rubbish collection
No
No
Food stands, coffee stands, cold drink stands, sunscreen etc.
More restaurants on the foreshore. Surf clubs are Not adequate.
Mobile drink vending
I think the Surf Life Saving and Beach Volley ball are good events, I think most related healthy sporting activities would be good
Business events, group training (controlled and Non regular to support an active and healthy community), opportunities for one

off events and activities that suit the beach and the community and help economic outcomes.
No beach to stay as is
No commercial activities at all. No.
More recreational sporting activities such as beach cricket, beach touch and beach ultimate would enable more people to enjoy our natural asset.
I think we need to introduce a commercial area for people to hire deck chairs on, purchase food & drink etc. Ideally would like to have an area that is licensed. We need to have more places on the coast that 25 - 35 year olds can enjoy - you can do all of these things overseas and we should be doing the same here and creating a reason for people to come here.
Yes they should have music, concerts, bars and shows etc
Yes Snack and Ice cream providers. Whether it be mobile or stationary.
Only activities such as free sports for the public to join in such as activities run by GC active and healthy or similar
Food, ice cream and drink carts
Camel and Horse riding, quad bikes
fishing comps, kids activities, more advertisement to the Northern end. eg, if its family friendly let the schools know so they can put it in our newsletters
Yes
All activities should be assessed for their merit. The more the activities the more the events and fun for the City.
More music/community activities on the Southern Beaches
Sun lounge hire.
We need to offer specific locations for Stand Up Paddle lessons in the surf. These locations need to be well away from the Point Breaks. I want to see professionally run SUP lessons run at quiet beaches such as Palm Beach Tugun and Bilinga. There is a need to provide professional instruction to beginners to train and educate them in the important safety aspects of Stand Up Paddle in the Surf. At the moment total beginners are heading out into the crowded point breaks with No experience at all
No
Horse racing for Magic Millions sporting events on the beach (ie cricket)
No None
A green space or section allocated to private business events like welcome cocktail functions and sit-down dinners
Council funded fitness activities for the over fifties
No.
Ice-cream vendors - anything that does Not have residual rubbish or rubbish that does Not break down
A more European approach would be great - dining on the sand etc....
Hire deck chairs etc like Europe, food and beverage services
bike hire to use on bike footpaths
Food and beverage vendors - with strict waste control
There should be a section on the beach just by Oscar's at Burleigh which can be roped off to have lounge chairs & beachside service.

No
No
I would be ok with the occasional beach cafe so that people could eat with their feet in the sand etc. I would also like ice cream and water carts to sell ice creams and water to people on the beach. If I am at Main Beach (Tower 39 at Breaker Street) for a few hours with kids it's a big deal to go and get them an ice cream for morning tea
I like the idea of more commercial activity on the beach but also am concerned with the associated littering that would be associated with such activities.
Any music and entertainment
beach volleyball nets in more locations
Perhaps more public interactive activities, competitions etc.
Not really
more food and drinks being sold by council approved vendors I would like to see portions of the beach have permanently installed bamboo/timber style conical sun shades installed with 2 timber sun beds/cushions per shade as in places like Spain where you pay to use the facility on a daily basis. Food and ice cream vendors then visit the beach so customers and relax and have services on hand. These areas are fenced off and provide a nice more calm sophisticated environment away from people kicking balls and screaming kids Main beach and Surfers would work well Not everyone wants to put a towel on the beach and sit there with No sun shade you need to create a more European style beach experience
No
more music concerts, and events like they have in Broadbeach for the Blues Fest. Could be pop or Australia's Got Talent
food services and general selling of goods ie; kites, t-shirts, art, music.
Kids activities - they need to be outside more!
activities to be mobile and that does Not leave infrastructure on beach

Telephone survey comments follow:

No
No
there could be a couple more barbies at Burleigh. Burleigh is the perfect beach to use as a guide for any additions. MORE GREEN
more healthy lifestyle activities and less booze
Nothing I can think of at the moment.
not really
no
No.
No
Horse Ridding.
More night movies
Maybe more "clean up Australia Day" of these days to clean up the beaches
More family and fitness groups
More family and fitness groups.
no - the beaches should by and large be for visitors and residence - expanding commercial activity would be at the detriment of the public and visitors
no
No - all good
Movie nights in the park and the beach and alternate beaches and parks. More activities for the children at all the parks especially Broadbeach. More effort and planning for their activities for kids, there is plenty of space in certain areas for there.
Not really im quite happy to walk along the beach paths
No.
no if think its all covered -
no
Volley ball, Cricket, along Currumbin there could be more care taken. It looks very unattractive and untidy. All the trees and plants are dying and needs a general clean up to make it looks beautiful and welcoming again.

Off-shore power boats make a comeback. (free)
"Sun Tan Man"
more family events
no
no
I saw in the paper about the chairs, not for every beach. Awnings would be good for the elderly to sit and people watch and have a rest
not for me
no
Massage Tents.
no all good
no
Great to see ice cream vendors someone to sell without leaving. Noosa heads has them
no
no
No
someones dream? things have changed age limits have changed and society
No
I love nature and being outdoors so less commercialisation and more environmental stuff
senior activities with transport provided
Night movies - a lot more family events on our beaches
No
No.
Sun Tan Man, Free Sun tan Lotion down the beaches, rent and buy kiosks, people walking around with Ice creams, lollies, soft drink etc.
more space allocated for dogs....
No, not really - maybe touch footy would be a good idea,
Picnic days, cricket, marathon, get people out of their comfort zones.
pony rides
Not that i can think of
No, would like to see too many more activities on any of our beaches - 2-3 days of sksc is ok, surfing for a whole week is too much
bike riders are everywhere and cause alot of accidents along the walkways
When I walk along. We had a separate walkway and bikeway. It's non-existent now and its dangerous. If it hit me it would seriously injure someone. the weekend is crazy. separate for people walking and people riding.
More family - no fee - not music festivals
NO.
No.
No.
I like going to the spit, love to shop at Australia fair. Like to watch the boats come in
Concerts and Local Artists
No.
No
everything that is going on at the beaches are all ok
I really like to Broadwater and would like to see another area like this closer to the beach
No.
Movies in the park - more family events that will restrict younger generation which could have drinking in public.
No. Depending on which commercial activities.
there seems to be a good variety as is
Controlled Drinking for families.
No
No.
No
Would like to see more opera, and more of the events that are held at Kirra.
No
Liquor Licensing, Dinning on Beach
Yes, anything!
Nudist Beach near Kingscliff or within an hours drive from the Gold Coast.
No.
Thinks it would be a great idea to have Bali style huts/vendors the beaches. Very useful/convenient.
No
more hiring of chairs and umbrellas
Things and activities for kids.
No
No.
More parking at main beach or change the joggers run each
Cleaning services provided by both public and council. Cleaning Day?
No.
Yes and No - a bit more wind surfing and kite surfing competitions should be publicised. Less animals on the public beaches. use of designated ares for dogs and such
No

No
Any sports that can be played on the beach would be great - cricket & volley ball
No.
*Not really flea markets and things are good. sometimes the movies in the parks are good events
more family events
orientation for tourist our sea conditions and be aware of the surf
i would like to see council maintain the foreshore and re landscape looks terrible compared to other parts of the coast.....
No.
No
No.
No
drink and ice cream vending.
No.
No.
The active and healthy gold coast is amazing and need to see more of.
Social Beach Cricket would be great
Tai Chi, healthy Living encouragement (exercise)
movies on the beach, local art and artists
restaurants, fitness groups and dining would be great on the beach
No none that aren't already happening
No - what they have is good
an orchestra on the beach, music events
More but as long as it doesn't make higher payments for rate payers.
No
lots more music events
No I think the ones that are happening are a good draw card. I dont go into surfers as its a bit ordinary these days and light rail construction is an eyesore
No.
No
no
no but if think the wind surfers should be cut back
No.
No
doesnt bother
No
No.
Why are the ibis' protected they are a pest. We should be educating the community and beach user to always leave the beach as they found it this includes anyone who uses it for commercial and leisurely use.
No
More fishing competitions
No. Market on a regular basis.
Movie nights would be nice.
More sports on our beaches.
No
no.
not that would personally interest me. but could always use more family events
No.
No.
no
what's there is good
No.
no
No leave as it
No
more environmental awareness
NO
Need to be more dog beaches. There are a lot of restrictions at the moment for the public with dogs.
Volley ball
we even have to mow council grass to deter
Live band, fitness group.
No.
Healthy lifestyle activities. hoping I can get back to it but after my operation I might be able. Social activities for seniors
no
not really
No, pretty well covered
great to have a range of various events
not really
More like Rio, Our Beaches are boring and too expensive
Neutral
More advertising for the locals. we always just stumble on events taking place
no

no
No.
No.
No - if there are too many activities it is going to be over done.
Family Activities
more healthy lifestyle activities
No
Not than i can think of
No.
also casino
No.
No.
No
No.
Live bands, volley ball & cricket
No
not really. i think the opera on the beach at Coolangatta is a wonderful idea
Not really - like the way it is
No
no not really
any sport is great but wouldn't like to see the sale of ice creams and drink
*health and fitness programs
fishing
Make it more family orientated - maybe cricket, volley ball.
Job creation again
Less Dogs.
Ice Cream man/ Truck, (like in Noosa) who provides Ice Cream and soft drinks
there is a good range of things available to date
No.
no that i can think of
family friendly vents and nature events
I'm a fisher also so dont want to impact on the environment at the spit
No
surfers and Broadbeach have enough to cater for visitors
No.
No.
No
Not really I just like walking along the beach
We dont need to advertise anymore big events as what we have is good enough
not really
Respect the residents that are around the beaches. Maybe have music on the beaches.
busking would be great and in the streets of surfers
no
not really
believes there should be vendors on the beach,
no just go for a walk could have more seating and shade. at the momkent theres only one under a tree. we need more in the shade
NO.
no
Kite Flying.
activities are good but could we support thing happening everyweekend? Im a dog lover and we obey the rules so they need to be publicised and enforced.
Nothing i can think of
No
I think there is plenty of beach and lots o things to do in comparison to other sates. more family things
no
we're getting a little overcrowded - anything organised attracts more people and ruins the serenity
Not really
No all good what they are doing - are they doing anything for the commonwealth games
No, keep the beaches as is. Private family functions etc
Seaside restaurants, outdoor markets at night
cant think of anything at the moment
no
healthy stuff, less booze and violence
No
Volley ball available for public. Roller speeding on pathways.
No.
not that if can think of The erosion is a problem and I thought heavy machinery could go out and push sand back up and create a gutter along the beaches to help prevent penetration of the sand movement and create a natural protection.
Yes, I'm very impressed with the activities drumming and torches on a Thursday and Sunday. that's nice for families
i would like to see areas where you can have your dog off the leash at certain hours and heavier fines for owners who don't pick

up their dogs business!!! fully aware about the safety to the beach but there should be certain times maybe earlier in the morning - and more patrolling of the people who don't pick up their dogs mess!!
No
absolutely you should let people sell ice-creams and selected areas have al fresco dining available - and more shade on the beaches... e.g. palm trees, big Message on slip slop slap - so more shade needed
no all good
no
yes more music more cultural events
Horse riding on our beaches - great for all ages and would bring a lot of attraction. Try set up more weekend activities for kids to encourage to get out doors.
no
No.
More movie nights, live bands.
no its good
no not really i work part time shift work but i do go for a look at some things down there like volley ball
surf awareness classes for tourists - touch rugby
no
No
No.
No not really maybe more areas for dogs and dog owners
the gold coast should be family and healthy lifestyle orientated not booze and mischief
No all good
No. Plenty of things all ready available.
Yes anything would be good such as music, and food festivals
Yes, i'd like to see setups where people can actually sit on the beach and order drinks instead of just the surf clubs - open areas with a roof on top where you could grab a sandwich. Wooden structures with no great cost - easy drink/food on tap. Otherwise you have to go up to a surf club or into a mall
No.
No.
not that i can think of refer to the above
No.
N/A
yes, areas to sit and watch the waves with going down to the beach
more stuff for kids ages 15 up more sporting activities touch footy, building sand castles, beach cricket
Can not name any at the moment
No
visit closer waterways not because of over crowding or commercial activites. Paradise point is local and great
night movies, live band.
No.
No
More bands down at the spit.
No
more motorboat and sailing events. Boating events
nudist colony would be good
The council does enough for the public in this regard.
better quality markets
no
No.
healthy lifestyle activities
Get more cricket events down at the beach.
No.
More fitness groups
No
Fitness groups, movies nights
No.
More local Entertainment
Probably not
any activity is good As long it doesn't interfere with beach goers
More Topless Beaches.
More Dog beaches and activities.
No private enterprises - beach volley ball
Horse riding on the beach would be an amazing attraction and experience for people.
No.
there's enough going on in Currumbin - i don't see any harm in selling ice-creams and drinks - quad bikes with trailers - without having to pack up everything just to get a drink - I've seen it overseas and it works really well -
no
I like the thing they have at Currumbin the sculptures by the sea and the winter sun rock and roll festivals
No
Near Q1 in surfers there is no path along the beach. There needs to be a walking/track along the beach not main road.
a lot of European beaches have vendors to offer. i am in favour of this so you dont need to leave the beach to get a drink, ice block, coffee

No
Learn to swim classes at the beach to be available
no
surf awareness programs especially for asian tourists
NIL
No
Maybe have more areas at beach where there is netting around so people feel safer.
No.
No
More events would be nice but as long as weather appropriate. Sand sculpturing was a great one.
No - the beach is the beach leave it be.
No
The more merrier. Volleyball Areas and competitions.
More shade tree along beaches - especially Miami and Main beach - Live bands
More coffee or cafe's closer to the beaches or on the beaches
popera in the park at the outer regions of the gold coast at the northern end such as light the night
People should be able to have Personal trainers.
No.
the light rail is a waste of money. Someone's made money from that initiative
Sporting - volley ball and cricket.
not that I can think of. its good to see people get fit and I like the healthy lifestyle living.
surf awareness or orientation class for tourists - children from the outback coming down to enjoy the beaches -
touch footy and beach cricket would be a good setup
NO, can't think of anything and doesn't like to see vehicles on the beaches.
Yes, the cruise terminal at the spit would be so beneficial to the community. Coming into Brisbane is like coming into a third world country. Build it and Hurry up about it!!!
Volleyball. (more areas for sporting)
More animals or similar attractions.
No
suppose more music events
No, can;t think of any
The beach is a great place to hold an event. but it should be for surfing and swimming. its got to be controlled. you cant just have a free for all attitude
no, maybe family and children events
not at my age but for younger people. more concerts, music, local artists
Beach Volleyball, sand sculpting, school holiday programs.
No.
No
if would like to see a council group for anti bullying groups in the holiday programs
No.
music festivals?
More coffe shops and snack bars would be great - should be right along the whole area.
A cruise terminal would be an alternative activity - get it in ASAP!!!!
surf awareness for the tourists especially the asian tourists
They should also have certain licensees available for different vendors - but supply drinks, ice cream, maybe even hot foods that could be available. There really needs to be a plan in place to make sure that the build up of rubbish doesn't reach a noticeable level. Maybe the vendors should be responsible of making sure that it is done otherwise their licence could be revoked. Have a back up or team process for the maintenance of the beach WITHOUT cost to the rate payers.
Winterson in Coolangatta should come back. Keep the events on the beach spaced out.
No.
No.
more sand would be good and redevelopment and looking after them
Teaching children to swim in the Ocean NOT in Pools to suit different conditions. More training for children to make them aware.
Id like to see more areas for dogs and animal park
more movies at night, things for the kids
use of dog designated areas only and PT should only have access to certain beaches
NIL
No
No
concerts, night stuff
The amount of commercial activity in surfer and broadbeach should be contained in those areas.
more free events for kids during school holidays
No
i would like to see rotunda's put up in parks where people can play music - where as people can just go and listen - such a shame its gone!!
No
No.
Volleyball is good, cricket and baseball can a little dangerous. I know the life savers do marvellous work but should do more patrols...
the beach that has the fire dancing is very enjoyable - should be more of that
More fitness groups.

No.
not for me
more bikini girls and meter maids
few lives bands would be something new, enjoyable and more exciting
Think that GCCC has thought well in regards to what events and where they are held. There is the right amount of events at the moment for the population of people and for all ages
No.
No
No.
I love Currumbin creek its always very entertaining and if love it to walk and see all the activities and people
No - they were talking about putting a sign up that Currumbin was the best beach in Australia they should be put in place.
They could do with a few more beach volley courts. we have everything we need but that would be good
Everything is fine the way it is.
More Volleyball competitions, surf life saving carnivals.
Picnic days - beach cricket - volleyball - been allowed more do more on our beaches - as long as it keeps regulated and clean.
No
No
no
not that i can think of
No im too old to do these things
no nothing in particular
No do well
No, not unless the general public has some desire for special functions
no not more there's enough
Bands, big picnic lunches/days
i would like to see more of the aquasplash - big inflatable thing which draws people in and seem to be enjoying it
No
not off the top of my head. sporting events and activities for teens and family fun
No.
Movies on the beach, lockers on the beach.
Not really fun family stuff is good
A bit old for that now. One section I walk is between Nobby's and Miami there's no toilets. There is one at each end but none in between. there areas for BBQ and seating but there needs to be the addition of toilet for walkers and families near the rock wall and path.
No
no
Diving classes.
It needs to be controlled. responsible drinking needs to be taken into account and monitored. More volleyball and beach soccer to draw families and tourists
not especially. The beaches lack other infrastructure support. Europe, Hawaii have better support. these areas need to be supported. The spit is baron and created by man and is grossly under-utilised. we need to have better vision
No. They are efficient as they are.
Like to see night movies on our beaches,lives bands, and other enjoyable relaxed events
Yes
Tai chi for the elderly Broadbeach pls let me know
I don't know if possible but id like to see a walkway from the spit to Burleigh. if at all possible i think it would be worth the spend
Social Events (organized)
More coffee shops or restaurants along the beach
beach volleyball i like and should be spread along other beaches not just surfers
More beach movies. Have permanent volley ball nets set up on the beach for the public and also cricket.
no thoughts on that
NO.
More places to get food and drinks. Updating BBQ areas so wont take to long to heat especially.
Markets are great - No more commercialisation of the beach
No.
no
No
No.
No - unless the younger generation wouldn't be attracted to it.
More activity on the beach, live music is great and would LOVE to see more of them.
just like to see the beaches being used
family things are nice
Anything related to healthy living, markets, concerts
Hasn't lived on the Coast long and doesn't like to go into the beach but thinks the events that are being held are enough
No
No.
No.
Concerts, festivals.
No
No.
Enough at the moment

Movie nights, huts on the beach (shows some shade) As much activity as possible.
No, don't want to spoil it with too many things happening - taking away from the beach experience - hire in the recreational areas but not on the beaches. There does seem to be enough
*family events - kids stuff
no all good
More surf carnivals
more tourist surf awareness programs
Only for activities like nippers for kids.
Some wind surfing competition would be good or more kite surfing comps....
More live bands
none that i can think of
not really
No there's enough
in favour of the cruise ship terminal. not in favour of the V8 supercars. not in favour of the casino. 1 in brissy 1 on the GC that's enough. on average everyone that walks in the door of the casino loses \$50
not for me
no there's enough
More park runs
No
Yoga on the beaches, e.g. sunset, sunrise yoga (Sunshine Coast.)
No.
Vendors on the beach to make it more convenient. Open up more avenues for work.
NO.
more pubic toilets, places to sit, more parking spots.
More family events, sculpture by the sea and arts
No.
More family events and kids activities
possibly more live music events, local artists. outdoors
No
Coolie rocks on - Id like to see some more of these events and festivals. maybe on a smaller scale supporting local artist
As much as healthy activities as possible.
some of them have more exercise groups and tai chi groups for the older people for early morning groups
boat races, yacht races, wind surfing, more activities to make THE place to go to. Good for holiday goers and the community its exciting
I do a lot fishing so there would be cool. There's a competition that have in Texas where you catch bull sharks and tag and release them for research that'd be awesome on the goldy
Less Snakes.
No.
no i think what we have is sufficient
not for me
Promote beach games more often for example Beach Volleyball and cricket.
No
No
Not that I can think of
Opera on the beaches - night movies in the park - cricket and volley ball (always very popular and great for the public) Camp volley ball - AS LONG as these things are not over done then it would be great. Do not allow vendors on our beach. Only allow Surf life to have the rights to sell/hire etc. to public.
No
No.
maybe some more seating closer to water
no we've got enough as is
Thinks there is enough
Continue seeing the "Movies on the beach" but at more accessible locations for locals. Also Oprah on the beach.
NO.
No
No
She is Italian she would like to see More kiosks on the beach to grab something "quick" to eat. (other than fish and chips) more of a European feel.
More Dog Friendly beaches
probably less jet ski activity in the Broadwater. more controlled in the canals
Fireworks more often for special events.
Tallai, Northern Palm beach, they have section where they don't have surf watch camera, maybe bring one in.
No.
No
No
not really but public transport is the problem. The light rail will not solve this problem for me personally. Taxis are expensive
No.
I think its hard for people wanting to get married on the beaches. personally I don't think newly weds should pay and this doesn't support local business like mine as a photographer
no
more programs for tourists.

once these things are established the people will come and support the small business' down there
More cricket, volley ball, maybe even night movies but not to interfere with the public trying to use the beach for the main purpose of swimming, relaxing and getting out in the sun.
There are plenty of parks for other events to be held. Thinks there should be vendors on the beaches as long as not overly done and make sure that there is plan for the rubbish that may occur.
I prefer more shade to relax and be close to the water. near the trees and walking areas
No
no room for it!
No
all of them - we've just come back from Antarctica and stopped in at south America and the beaches were revolting with people selling stuff - beaches need to stay clean and fresh

GCengage comments follow:

NO
No
Preset up areas of beach lounge and shelter/umbrellas for hire.
The gold coast city council should built, in some key locations, some leaseable spaces such as cafes, restaurants, market structures, bars, etc to make some rent to be spent on beach and park maintenance.
I think the beach already has lots of activities on it. People make their own fun using what nature has provided for us. The natural, clean, unspoiled beaches are what tourists come from all around the world to enjoy.
as few as possible
Teach surfing, body boarding, tips on what to do if you get into trouble in the water
Fitness training, food/drink services, & security so people feel safe.
No
beach volleyball courts. basketball hoops(I know the difficulties with these but they are a worthy investment as families with children like them) and on the larger stretches, beach cricket.
YES The beaches are for everyone, there is plenty of room for any activity people want
Any business that involves sales harassment of people on beaches should be banned. Perhaps a Kids Bouncy castle with other activities fenced at the back of the Beach for parents to have their swim time without wording about the kids safety but the kids can only be left at most for 1 hour and are dressed for a beach visit not used as a day care. Even a jetty could be looked into
I would like to see areas where trees are planted for sun protection. This is something that works well overseas.
Entertainers, Sand castles sculptures, Art displays, beachfront markets, Colloate motorised activities to one specific beach (jet ski hire, ocean jet boat, sailing) Scuba diving (Sink battleships off the coast to attract tourists.Specialist drinks (E.g. Pineapple drinks). Hire Deck Chairs and Umbrellas and cabanas at end of beach for hire
Don't want to see our beaches become like Bali with vendors offering massages, food & drinks on the beach.
more kids sandcastle competitions , kids need to be able to express their imagination get them away from computers etc
Beach sports outside the flags.
as long as no damage occurs
Hire of beach chairs, umbrellas.Ice cream / food / beverage sales.
Organised health exercised should be encouraged.
A 'quieter' beach to encourage natural fauna and flora, natives
Not on the actual beaches but on parks adjacent it is appropriate to have various markets including craft and farmers markets. I think the Council's activities such as yoga and other group exercise are fantastic and should be maintained.
A marriage or two, a film or two, a musical band or two, being able to hire something for fun or convenience is OK.
No

QUESTION 9: Are there any ocean beaches that Council should never permit commercial activities on? Please add to your response why those beaches should Not be permitted to have commercial activities.

Online and hard copy survey comments follow:

I think all beaches should have opportunities for commercial activities unless there is a specific beach that only the elderly frequent due to safety issues.
Quieter local type beaches, eg Miami Nobbys
Miami & beaches that have limited parking spaces
All beaches. the beach is free and should stay free. You should Not be hassled when using the beach by vendors.
Surfers paradise
Less commercial activity on all Gold Coast ocean beaches because these beaches belong to generations NOT private enterprise.
All Gold Coast beaches. There are eNough parks and other areas where commercial activities can be held.
All except activities above. Don't destroy the lifestyle we have. Look at Asia for instance - you can't even sit without being hassled. People can walk the to the shops etc. There's eNough everywhere
All of our beautiful Gold Coast beaches
All beaches but in particular, The Spit, Tallebudgera Creek Estuary, Currumbin Creek Estuary and Stradbroke Island
Basically all of them. They are a public space for the puck if to enjoy. They should be kept pristine so thy can be enjoyed by everyone well into the future.
None whatsoever.....beaches are sanctuaries. They are places of nature. For God's sake....stop bowing endlessly to crass commercial interests....haven't they got eNough already.
All southern beaches should be left to the people to use for surfing, swimming, family activities. Never to be hassled by commercial "hawkers", never set aside for private use.
There should never be any consumer products sold on gold coast beaches particularly if there is the potential to generate plastic waste
ALL
ALL OF THEM.. ALREADY ENOUGH BUSINESS AROUND THE BEACH.
All Gold Coast beaches should remain free of commercial activities
All of them. These beaches are for people to enjoy in their natural state. Not for commercial use!
No
No
No, as long as its limited to an area that wont interfere with other beach users.
Yes. All of them. See response to Q5. The beaches are unique in the world because there is No/little commercial activity on them.
No
No
Spit, Currumbin, Tallebudgera, Southport as there are already usage pressures on these areas
Burleigh/ Main Beach
In my opinion only certain beaches should be allowed commercial activities so people have the option of choosing to go to a beach with or without commercial activities.
Not sure.
All. Commercial activity should occur off the sand.
Kurrawa beach as there are plenty of restaurants in the immediate area
South Stradbroke Island, so it remains pristine.
Never at Rainbow Bay: the area is way too small, it is already congested by beach goers and surfers who like to visit and use the beach freely. There is No space for commercial activities, as they will further add to the congestion. Parking is v v limited and most people come to Rainbow just for the beach and to swim. move all the beginner surf school activity to Greenmount-Coolangatta area where there is more space, more parking, similar surf conditions and they will Not end up with crowds of beginner surfers in the small flag area.
No
Anything that blocks walking or forces you off particular parts such as private rental or ownership
The Spit as that is the only off lead dog area in the North.
No
All
As another ption, council could seek to implement 'training zones' where outdoor training activities are permitted within certain areas. Again, given council has 52km of beaches, surely areas can be found that will Not adversely impact other users, residents, etc. Particularly when council already allows off-leash dog areas on certain beaches.
Palm Beach. The lack of parking congests the residential areas.
The southern beaches, south of Main Beach still retain that simple holiday atmosphere people treasure. People enjoying a peaceful, invigorating walk along these beaches or some simple beach games with the family should Not have to dodge platoons of people trying to get their money's worth out of some activity they have paid to participate in. The healing power of the beach and the ocean are necessary to the human psyche and this is part of the amenity of the Gold Coast we need to protect.

The beach is a public space so commercial activities should share the beach with other activities so it should be in select and relatively small locations ideally away from the current high use areas to encourage different clientele.
Froggies. It is small and fragile.
Rainbow Bay, overused already
Rainbow Bay, too small and already overcrowded. it is a family beach Not a party beach
All / majority - if it is allowed how will it be regulated? Look at our parks & how they are over used by personal trainers & boot camps because it's a free for all. There can be a balance of promoting healthy lifestyle & commercialisation.
All of them but if you where going to trash one do at surfers. It is already ghastly
There could possible be restricted areas which would satisfy everyone
Currumbin activities should be limited as of high natural beauty in Australia.
Areas such as North Kirra which is a quieter area.
All
Paradise Point, Main Beach
Yes, I believe that say 30% of the total beach area should be made available for commercial activities, and those areas should be allocated to whare the highest uses are known, such as Broadbeach, Surfers, Main Beach, Burleigh, Miami, Coolangatta, Tugun.
No
Keep the beaches as they are, free to use for the public. have seen plenty of commercial activities on beaches around the world, Not a good thing. as they are here is like Nowhere else and we would want to stay different.
South Stradbroke Island-some areas need to be pristine North of Main Beach to the Spit-some areas need to be free of any organised activity
The spit / Broadwater inlet leave it for recreational locals to enjoy. And Currumbin/palm beach pirate park leave it for families and recreation locals.
all beaches should be for community use Not for commercial profit.
All beaches should have limited invasive commercial activities.
The Spit Dog Beach - it's for dogs and surfers
No
No, commercial activities should Not be prohibited anywhere. however each beach should have a target market and the commercial activities permitted should reflect servicing that target market.
No
All should be treated the same.
All beaches except Surfers Paradise, Kurrawa, Burleigh, Coolangatta Limit to the current major Tourist areas
MOST OF THEM
Probably where dogs are allowed off leashes
Nil
No more Quicksilver or Not as big
No food on beach
In my opinion all beaches
See Q7: specific areas Not specified
Currumbin beach busy enough
N/A
No
Now and again
Snapper Rocks and Rainbow - family safe and interesting for the children
Only been here a short time
No
Beaches should always be kept for the people Not for private profit
Development - units etc
No
Less promotional activities, issues with parking and closure of beach sections
Kirra, unique surf should be left alone and reef reinstated
No
No
Yes, the quieter family/local beaches, Not usually visited by tourists.
Anything likely to damage the beaches eg increased vehicular traffic
No!
Burleigh Beach No 1
If badly washed away consideration should vary
No
No
No
Anything with vehicles motorised
No
No
No
Miami - Broadbeach. Too much erosion naturally occurred increased events will have more impact.
unsure
Kirra area - beach area. Don't want this end of the Gold Coast as concrete city
No
Only those with infrastructure eg toilets, parking etc
No
No

It's good to have some pure relax beaches too
Yes - commercial only in high tourist areas
No
all of them: public space
Most of them
n/a
Tallebudgera, nice family area
Spit
4WD
Burleigh, too small, very popular
Southern End except for Bleach and Opera
No. Probably more on Surfers Beach
Yes - all Gold Coast beaches
None
No
The Spit. I would like to see it left is
Smaller beaches, Protected areas
No
I'd prefer Non. The Spit (all of it) should be preserved in it's natural state
From Main Beach North to the seawall
The Spit - No cruise ship terminal
Need to have some nature reserves
The beach North of Marina Mirage along the spit
No vendors
No
Big commercial activities
All beaches
No
No
N/A
No
Smaller beaches may be too impacted by the larger commercial ventures and parking could be a problem..Burleigh (although Not small) is already a problem for parking so this needs to be rectified first.
All we don't need it. Do Not let us become like Bali
No cant see any reason to refrain from using rather than aNother
Along the spit. Just keep it in its natural state
No
Beaches close to residential zones such as Main Beach etc. Beaches are a place for peace and quiet and revival ie tranquillity
N/A
N/A
Spit
Should be related and Not damage environment
No
Currumbin
No commercialization - have seen o'seas beaches ruined
No and No shipping terminal
Yes
No
No
No
No - Not on the Gold Coast - I think the whole stretch of the Gold Coast is already so commercial so it wouldn't make any difference
Currumbin to Tally Creek section
Dog runs
The ones with the most erosion should be left alone particularly with the dunes and restoration, this should be kept to the parks. Regardless of what restrictions you put on the beach events there will always be glass and trash so we need to make it easier and put them back in the parks.
refer submission previously provided and resubmitted to City of Gold Coast
No - unless there is a cultural reason Not to hold events in a certain area.
Some concern over increased litter with commercial activity. Concern at lack of respect for the environment by personal trainers.
All BEACHES
No
Only if there was a safety concern.
Currumbin, Coolangatta, Burleigh, Duranbah. All of these beaches should be restored back to their original, pre-colonialism state, to ensure their magnificence is preserved for current and future generations. Not only do all of these beaches have particularly great waves and surfing conditions, but They also are the most beautiful and precious natural beauties on the coast line of the Gold Coast.
All of them
None. Popular family beach and all areas should be available, especially parents and small children.
It's hard to say one beach area can have commerce whilst aNother one can't.
Limited anywhere

Anywhere near wildlife habitats (nesting areas)
No
Of course Stradbroke Island
Yes, designated Indigenous beaches
No
Miami to Kurrawa, Kirra to Tallebudgera, Main Beach to The Spit
Rainbow Bay, is too small, limited park size and too close to accommodation.
The heavily populated one where there is plenty of shops.
No
No. They are everybody's beaches.
The SLSC areas should be reserved for slsc activities
No
No
Straddy
Beaches south of and including Burleigh Heads.
Burleigh Heads it's a beach Not a shop
Dogs
N/A
No
Yes all beaches . We come to relax and enjoy. Not trade
No
No
The ones that have the most wildlife on
All should offer activities and more dog allowed beaches
All should offer activities
Yes, Rainbow Bay. it is too small to sustain commercial activity, there is v little parking, people come to use and enjoy Rainbow Bay for what it is and how it is, Not for what commercial crap that can tackily be appended to it.
All should
No
None in particular
Exercise groups charging daily running a business
No
N/A
Filming for TV
No
No
No
Most commercial activities can be carried out in the parks with permits.
No, all beaches should be available to accommodate commercial activity
No
No
Take concern in pristine wildlife areas
No
No
No
Yes. I think these uses should be in designated areas
No
Spit
Non major flag locations
No
No elicited activities
Private secluded ones
No
Miami
Council should never permit developers to use the beaches to dump sand
No
yes Burleigh etc No commercial, leave them as beaches for us to enjoy who live here
Burleigh Heads and beaches south of here. This is the family-friendly end of the GC.
Not sure, but maybe beaches which are more narrower and near rocky headlands, where there is insufficient space for extra activities.
No
North of the Sheraton Mirage should be left for walking, sun baking, swimming, dog walking particularly for Gold Coast residents but also tourists.
The Spit has been promised to our people in perpetuity by our elected representatives. There must never be a cruise ship terminal there as it would destroy the entire marine environment.
No all beaches should be considered.
The Spit North of the Philip Park car park (opposite SeaWorld entrance and where Friends of Federation Walk have their office.) should Not have anything that conflicts with off-leash dog exercise. On your map it appears that you have Not listed it as an off-leash dog exercise area and I strongly object to that relatively deserted area being restricted to dog access. The Northern area at the sand pumping jetty is already very crowded at times with dogs and more space, Not less, is required for off-leash dog

access.
horse riding, hire of mass chairs/umbrellas, paddle boarding without leg ropes
See point 5.
No
I think Council should stick to the built up areas so locals/visitors can still enjoy 'time out' at beach without commercial activities if they desire.
BURLEIGH AND PALM BEACH - I BELIEVE LEAVE THESE FOR THE LOCALS AND USE THE BIG BEACHES AND TOURIST SPOTS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, AS MORE MONEY WILL BE MADE THAT WAY.
Not specifically
No
Would prefer that all the beaches remain free of commercial activity.
No
any activity that involves any drugs including drinking
Most of the beaches should be left in their natural state for all to enjoy. People flock to Australia and the Gold Coast for the open space and beauty.
This needs to be assessed regularly depending on the condition of the beach & dunes by a reputable organisation like Griffith Centre for Coastal Management
No, as long as the environment is considered before financial gains of the Council or any other organisation.
No
No
All beach areas on the Spit - both sides - including Marine Stadium.
N/A
the more natural ones like the spit
N
Already answered
At present it is ok but I would definitely Not want to see the level of commercial activity increased, that would spoil our beautiful beaches and they should be treasured by Council and locals alike
None of the beaches should be prostituted by commercialism.
Can't think of any, No
All beaches free from commercial activity.
No
Yes, away some of the tourist areas
Frankly, all beaches should be banned from commercial activities as they should be available for all residents as common use property.
Dog beaches due to traffic issues
Compatible commercial activities need to be located near major activity centres. No commercial activities should be located where there is predominately residential land use.
Same as Before.
Keep all of our beaches clear of commercial operators other than the surf orientated ones that presently use the surf.
No
South Stradbroke (Southern tip), because the eco-system is far too fragile, and any development or other activities that risk damaging that are Not acceptable.
I don't know all the beaches to comment
North of Main Beach (Southport SLC). Where direct residential frontage.
Nudist beaches, those should be free to anyone and everyone, No entry fees, No commercial or business involvement. These should remain untouched
ALL beaches should never have direct business and point of sale commercial activities on them. People should never have to pull out a wallet on a public beach, Not Now and Not ever.
Where tranquility and family activity is dominant, such as parts of The Spit, recreational fishing areas etc., commercial activity should be limited to that which is appropriate to the activities already in evidence.
No
All beaches should remain in their natural state for generations to come.
ones that do Not have surf life savers
more isolated/less used beaches (eg. Spit, areas between patrolled beaches) should Not have commercial activities
Caution should be exercised at The Spit as the potential for conflict between commercial operators and dog owners is high.
All beaches
I think the spit should be left alone to be a quiet wild space for people to enjoy, also South Stradbroke
Yes - some must be kept commercially free for those who just want to enjoy sun, sand and surf
Overall, I think most beaches on the GC should be free from commercial activities.
No
Locations near rivers that don't have a large sand area like Tallebudgera. Or areas that are high conservation.
Anywhere with delicate dune environments.
Council needs to ensure Commercial activity is kept at a minimum. Beaches are for families to enjoy.
South of Currumbin to Bilinga should be left as a pristine natural ocean beach
All beaches. Places like Rainbow Bay, Snapper Rocks and Kirra are iconic. Leave them devoid of commercial use.
Parking at some surf clubs is insufficient for some events.
Wavebreak Island and the Spit.
SEAWAY. TOO MUCH HAPPENING ALREADY. ENVIRONMENTALLY CRIMINAL AND IMMORAL.
Not off the top of my head, just ensure people respect Noise etc near residential housing.
NONE PLEASE
All beaches - as, with the exceptions mentioned above, that is Not their function.

Burleigh beaches, Currumbin and Tallebudgera are such amazing natural environments. Please don't spoil them by permitting any commercial activities on the beaches.
None
No
Keep ALL our beaches commercial free.
Dog beaches should be left commercial activity free. as it is there are Not many of them available for those with dogs to use. Areas that suffer erosion more so than others may also be looked at and emphasis on restoration rather than activities.
No
The areas that have residential premises abutting the foreshore. This would reduce the complaints that Council receives
Events, surfing and lifesaving are part of the Gold Coast and should be maintained. Commercial activities should Not be extended to other activities on any beach.
Cruise ships and anything associated with them!!
the spit can be hectic on Australia day and other public holidays but the parking and facilities are lacking
No
No
Some activities or areas might need to be suspended if their is a special event on that requires the room.
Snapper The over commercialisation of Snapper by the recent surfing event made it a detriment to all other beach users for 6-7 weeks and are in blatant disregard for the GCCC on guidelines on use of the Southern GC Points.
No
Ok in the tourist hub at surfers but leave the others alone
No food & beverage services between Main Beach & Coolangatta (other than those approved operating in Parks)
Surfers Paradise has eNough and already extremely busy
The Spit (beachside)
Burleigh Heads, Miami, Currumbin. These beaches should be declared as public use areas Not open to commercial activities to keep the beach environment in tact as it is and to keep commercial cowboys from ruining the amenity and culture.
Beaches beside urban centres - surfers , broad beach Coolangatta could have real beach side amenity - while the quieter less developed areas such as the spit , the headlands , Tugun could be free from commercial activity
Very narrow beaches, eg mermaid, palm beach with residents in close proximity. Not eNough space and too much potential user conflict
all should have small business opportunities
The spit off leash dog area. This area should remain as an uninterrupted area for people and their dogs.
Cruise ship terminal should definitely NOT go ahead, environmental impact will be massive.
All beaches. Once this occurs on one, it will in time expand to more beaches
Most
The Spit should Not be commercialised in my view. That should be a sacred space past the Sheraton for a natural experience only
Mermaid Beach, Miami, Palm Beach , Tugun , Currumbin
The Northern end of the spit beach - locals and dog walking only.
I don't believe so
Currumbin as per previous answer No. 7
Not that I can think of
I think there should be designated beach that have commercial activity and beaches that are excluded and these should be advertised to the public on council's website.
Burleigh Heads or the Southern beaches. Leave some beaches for the locals to enjoy, they are busy eNough already
No
Beaches should be classified under a criteria system and that determines their suitability for commercial activities. Beach experiences should vary from the "city beach" experience to "natural" and/or "remote" experiences. Exclude commercial activities at all beaches except high tourism destinations such as Surfers, Broadbeach, Burleigh and Coolangatta.

Telephone survey comments follow:

There should be a certain beach where there is nothing held. Some of the small beaches should be left alone as well because if there was commercial activity on it then there wouldn't be enough room for the public to enjoy.
No
limited amount at Burleigh beach, rainbow beach, Currumbin
not that i can think of
There are some that I cant name but we should always have preserved beaches as attractions
probably Coolangatta, Greenmount and rainbow bay are not big enough. barring surf titles
i don't think so - it should be managed so all the beaches have a number of activities on them
No.
NO.
No.
No
I think some of the smaller beaches can't handle the volumes of people so less commercial activities
Gold Coast Spit should be left.
Gold Coast Spit should be left.
Burleigh heads are under pressure and should be monitored carefully - kurrawa, Broadbeach should be managed for pressure

from commercialists
no
The spit - trying to regenerate it so don't put any events down there
No
No not really
The Spit.
no
its for the public
No
Keep the Preserved beaches as they are and use Surfers Paradise for major attractions and commercial activities
Would like to see Kirra get it's Point back. All beaches should be preserved.
leave them as they are
not really
i don't think the beaches should be used commercially at all
Not really. the beaches are there for the public and should be monitored for acceptable use
I cant really answer that question
No.
well serviced and the open beaches there's is enough
no
not really. beaches are for the public.
no
no
No.
how they even fit a terminal at the spit? it should be out further.
All of them
preservation is important. Definitely against cruise ship terminal and casino. lets promote other attractions more related to environmentally friendly gold coast. lets not turn our city into a money making junket.
No
No
No
No.
No.
no
No all good - leave the smaller ones alone - bigger beaches can handle more
There should always be 1 or 2 beaches that should stay private for the public. There needs to be a place for people to know that there isn't going to be a big crowd at their normal place and know that it is always going to be available to them.
not particularly
No commercial activities on the beach as it ruins the free beach feel
No
NO
I don't like the idea of skydivers monopolising the beaches at Kirra. we are catering to the minority. Leave the beaches as they are all the way down. That restaurant they put on the beach at Burleigh was an eyesore. Don't ruin our beaches
Minimal commercial and if its regular then they should pay. One of events are fine. Do not take prime positioning.
No.
NO.
No
There are beautiful parks on the gold coast. I like to go to the spit and watch the boats come in and get fish and chips. I think the are the could be developed so that there is somewhere to just go and sit and look out at the water
No Development on The Spit (that Area), Main Beach.
No, as long as it stays sensible.
No
No all good at the moment - the smaller beaches to be left alone....not enough parking and not good access to the beach only the ones that are currently protected
No.
Leave Currumbin - there needs to be beaches without commercial and just left for public use - Swell festival is great though.
Paradise Point music festival, more consideration for the locals for example: better organization.
No
No.
No
The Spit
No
No
No
North of Main Beach, remain the same.
No.
Stradbroke Island, Kingscliff, Currumbin, Burleigh.
No.
not really
No
NO
the dog beaches curummbin and the spit should be left alone

No.
No
No
Leave the Spit - still so natural and doesn't want anything to change that.
Yes, can not think of any in particular but keep the all ready preserved beaches as they are.
Some of them should stay preserved. Commercial activities should stay within the tourist attracting main beaches including Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach etc.
Not really, events draw locals out and are good for local business. Film festivals and educational activities would be good
There shouldn't be any commercial activity on any beaches. They should be left as it for public use.
No
no
No.
Burleigh - keep as it is Runaway bay and paradise point should remain as it is
the spit and Broadwater parklands
no
i think the council needs to be careful and thoughtful of the size of activities and location like the number of people who attend the surf competitions - it has an impact on the environment so long as they are repairing the area especially after the swell festival - dune space and always looks used and not maintained after these festivals.
No.
The Spit.
No.
No
No.
As long as they keep activities Safe and Reliable.
No.
Burleigh beach should be left the way it is. The fencing is gone and it looks a lot more relaxed and nicer.
No
Only if they are protected (reserves) the council should not touch them.
no
no all good
Currumbin should be preserved as it is because commercialising would ruin it
I think the descretion of the council is pretty good - Burleigh Beach - Surfers paradise seems to be to crowded.
all the surfing beaches are over crowding
No
Rainbow Bay and other small beaches should be left as there isn't enough room to have events without effecting the whole area.
no they are there for all to use
No I think there are plenty to choose from
No.
all of them!!
The spit should be left
all in moderation
No.
No
no
NO.
No.
Not really as long as it regulated and always left as it was found. The ekka has a speedway meet and have to ensure the grass and centre has to be put back exactly how it was. This is the standard we should use and make the user pay if it is not left as found.
No
No comment
No. Locking up our country is all taken care of.
Most beaches should be left they way they are with how much they have on at the moment. Doesn't think there should be too much on each beach as it will end up taking too much time away from residents to use for personal use and to relax.
No it is fine to have some on all beaches.
No
Selling of products on the beach.
Leave the commercial activities on Broadbeach and Surfers
No
No.
south Stradbroke - leave it as it is
No
Burleigh.
those beaches with erosion should be left alone
Leave it as is
No
the spit
I am opposed to the cruise ship terminal and do to want it to go into the spit
Leave Surfers for commercial activities and leave the the other beaches are they are. It wouldn't be logical to make all beaches have activities on it.
Beach is for the public not for private enterprises to make money and make restrictions for normal use.

dont like seeing new additions to southport for comm games
No
No.
No cant say Ive though about that. Definitely not in favour of the terminal and i dont think the ships would come into the gold coast.
no
no not really
No, i don't see a problem with them - stay out of the flagged areas - it won't be effected
boats coming to the gold coast will bring good and bad but it need to be done properly
totally opposed to the cruise ship terminal. if it goes ahead I would be forced to sell up and leave the gold coast
No.
No all good -
no
all of them
i dont know of any
No.
No.
No - just make sure everything is spread out and not too much commercial
There should be areas without commercial activities
the spit
No as it is for public
The spit is great for dogs and untouched.
Burleigh and Rainbow Bay.
No, needs to be controlled and everything should be by application
No.
Areas that are so tourist oriented "Surfers Paradise" "Narrow neck," reluctant to see areas like these improve by giving allocated areas for certain activities so that the Council or whom ever is conducting commercial activities do not interfere with the locals (rate payers) or beach lovers.
No
No.
No
Have some beaches restricted from commercial activity and leave for public.
no one beach is the same as the other. let them go for it
Maybe the currumbin rockpools
No
no
all of them - we've just come back from Antarctica and stopped in at south America and the beaches were revolting with people selling stuff - beaches need to stay clean and fresh
i think activities should be limited and not free for all and balanced
no
The small beaches should be left alone and leave it just for the public.
I dont know them well enough
As long as they Keep it to the limit
No.
a mix. there needs to be some with and some without. outside of the surfers areas
No.
no
limit commercial activities
Dont change the spit and south Stradbroke island
No
the spit cant support more activities
No.
No.
No
At the end of palm beach the dogs are taking over
I think some beaches like currumbin should be preserved and the spit
no we need to promote out beaches
No there should always be a little bit
no
Main beach, rainbow beach, the spit
The spit is a bit ugly and needs a clean up but not spoil it natural appeal
No
we are back a bit so it doesn't
No.
the spit, rainbow beach - wouldn't like to see Bum's bay commercialised
No.
No but I drove through surfers the other night and there are pedestrians all along that strip passed cavill but insufficient lighting
No
No
Not that i can think of. theres lots of beach and waterways
no

NO
Not that I can think of
The spit - parking terrible and land too narrow
No as long as they keep it in proportion
the southern beaches
not in favour of the cruise terminal in the tugun area, we need to preserve our eco system
no
Not really
No
No
No.
the ones that are crowded need less activity and like surfers Kirra and Coolangatta
cant think of any
can't think of anything
No comment
Maybe a couple of areas between the flags and swimming areas should be left alone - but drinks to available..
NO all good
no
no
The spit needs to be left, the beaches where there is major surfing. There should be room left for the surfers. Coolangatta and snapper. Everyone has rights.
we like to keep the beach i go to quiet as possible
No.
No
no - beach is for everybody
not that im aware of. Its good as it is
No
no
no - as long as people respect and look after the area they are entitled to make a living - has to are strict regulations
Worried about the environmental impact but feels that the Council has already taken advantage of these issues.
All of the existing.
I wouldn't like to see the beaches ruined but sometimes these things will happen chasing progress
just leave the family beaches as they are
As long as nothing hurts the environment
No
There should be some beaches left with no commercial activities
maybe not the smaller private beaches. other wise there is no problem. More commercials - more money going around.
No.
The spit.
no
No.
The ones are frequented by the families - council shouldn't allow commercial activities on...
no
The Spit should have no commercial activities
No.
No
no strong opiniun here
No
No Ocean liner on the beach. no cruise ship terminal.
NO
Wave break island no harbour
No
not to my knowledge
no
All.
the outer beaches
all our beaches should be kept as they are
No Comment.
the spit
Main beach should be left alone as its a nice quiet area.
No.
No
Stradbroke
no
No
NO
no i don't think so
I don't think so
No.
No.
No

No
No.
touting and hawking shouldn't be allowed but markets and 1 or 2 ice-cream men/women maybe make them belong to the SLSC so the clubs could make money and not make it a private enterprise
no
That business down at KIRRA is a no no . No more casino. Opposed to the cruise ship terminal down here. Its going to damage the environment
Leave Tallebudgera, Currumbin, Rainbow Bay and all the little beaches alone
No.
no i think it adds to the attraction if we offer other activities
No
No
no
no
Pick certain beaches for event and activities and use them. Leave other beaches just for swimming.
Burleigh
Feels like there should be at least one beach allocated to people and their families that doesn't have any events, activities or surfers.
As long as they are consistent with cleaning the beaches.
There should be no commercial activities on the beaches
No
Keep restricted.
No
Leave the localized beaches more preserved and leave all the commercial activities and things like that for Surfers Paradise, Broadwater & Broadbeach.
No
The smaller beaches or bays should be left alone and bigger beaches with more activities
not that i know of I love Burleigh as it is - saw something about leases being taken away but that's a good idea
No.
No.
Some people will get rich and the Broadwater will be ruined. commonwealth games? how will we afford it? who will foot the bill? rates are a wreck
There are some down Fingal way that should be left alone.
Don't know
the spit should be left for the dogs
No opinion
Activities causing damage to any beach shouldn't be allowed and any eroded beaches shouldn't be used.
No
No. If your going to restrict one than they should restrict them all and keep it fair.
No.
If the beaches have been identified to be restored due to erosion or environmental activities should be halted until its been restored or regenerated
Not that I can think of its ok how it is
The Spit should be left
Id like to see Kirra restored to how it was and what right do they have to shut it for a minority. I don't live down there so it doesn't really impact me. who pays to clean up these things? Are we catering to the minority?
no
Currawa should remain as it is
No.
Keep the beaches as they are all ready.
The spit should be left alone and anywhere north up to the spit. It could arise more problems then needed.
can't think of any
No.
Not that i can think of
No, all belong to the public - big walkway should be put in front of the houses walkway and bicycle
Greenmount and southern end rainbow beach should be left alone.
no
There Kirra beach and Coolangatta are amazing they way they are.
Towards Tugun Burleigh
No.
no
No. Its a public area so the council should not fence off FREE events.
I guess smaller areas "the spit"
No
The spit doesn't have enough access for big crowds
NIL
The spit
Should be some, fair share. Some if not all that should be kept natural
no
locals have their special spots and id hate to see them as busy as surfers
see question 6

The spit should be left alone
i think the general public enjoy surfing and the beaches should remain under council control!!
No
Burleigh, Tallebudgera, Currumbin.
rainbow beach should be left alone and the smaller beaches. The spit is a nature reserve and always being replenished...
don't know
More laid back at the spit and natural.
North of the Southport Beach Club, it should be treated as National Park. (from the Sheraton Hotel)
not that i can think of
Keep the commercial activities off the beaches , and leave it for the public. Put commercial events in the parks and recreational areas.
Try leave Kirra the way it is, very nice beach and doesn't need to get to commercial.
No
Some (unable to name)
No
No.
well they should preserve a few beaches so they are not overrun by tourism. locals have their favourites and club come and go so if think what we have is sufficient.
Cant see the need for commercial activity on Currumbin
not that come to mind
Think they are all open to the public and still available for use. Definitely do not need vendors.
Only leave South Stradbroke Island free of change
No
Spit
No adulteration on any of the beaches. I would Hate to see main beach, the Broadwater and the spit be affected by a shipping terminal. Its against Environmental rights.
no
No
against the cruise ship terminal and casino. we've got one in Brisbane
dont
No
Judging by conditions - effected by high rises or commercial interests - if they are not disadvantaged should be considered
Greenmount, Burleigh, rainbow beach
No
Wavebreak Island should be left alone.
No
Broadwater parklands is good for families and paradise point
No. As long as they balance them out and keep most beaches preserved.
Don't always have to have something each weekend. Rotate the beaches selected as well.
certain ones like the spit
I favour Nobby's so if would hate to see too much there
Miami Beach
Burleigh
No Comment.
I would go near surfers because its seen as i violent place to be. concerts on the beach are fine but the drinkers spoil it for families.
I am pro cruise ship terminal, casino doesn't bother me. The gold coast cannot survive alone on the attraction of theme parks. The cruise industry creates jobs. the economic impact of a cruise ship terminal will only benefit the gold coast. look at the other ports and how much money they are making. Auckland cruise ship terminal bring in an additional 4 million dollars to their economy.
No.
Leave the small quiet beaches along and for public.
Keep them preserved.
NO to the cruise ship terminal and casino
not really a problems because there are always areas for everything we have plenty of beach
Any beach with a nature reserve should stay preserved and protected.
As long as people are able to walk their dogs at the beaches it doesn't really matter.
no not really
Spit and Main beach should be left for the public without and commercial activity.
probably most of them
No.
No
No more commerical on the beach - up on the broadwater and banks and parks -
No
rainbow beach
The spit should be left alone!!
No. What we have here in North Burleigh is fine as it is.
No
No
no
no

parking is always an issue.
No
All good
Keep all as they currently are
No.
No.
The Spit, Burleigh.
The Spit, All Burleigh Beaches
Just have the beach for the public - no need for commercial
Maybe leave the smaller ones and where residents live close to alone.
From Main beach north - spit is nice and unspoiled leave it as is. Where the accommodation ends at main beach the commercial things are fine - although not enough parking at the spit
no
no
Sid thinks that there should be more events and activities on our beach to encourage more people to get out and get to the beach.
no
All
No
North of Surfers - Maybe Southport
i think the spit should be kept pristine as possible
not really
No there's enough
most of the beaches are preserved when concerts etc aren't on or special events. that's a good thing.
leave all the other beaches alone
jut leave it as it is no more no less
Main Beach
No
The spit should remain the same, no terminal.
Surfers Paradise.
No.
No.
Leave the spit as it is. Not enough space for local
Haven't though about it
The Spit, Marina Mirage.
NO
not that i can think
The spit should be left along.
Id say Burleigh. leave it unspoiled
No
no - all good
The main beaches are well known. Some of our southern beaches are pretty quiet but its nice like that
Leave Kirra as it is. Tugun needs some work
No
No, make sure they take into consideration the public and especially the locals.
no
Burleigh and Currumbin
NO cruise ship terminal.
No
No
Burleigh i think i would not like to see any more on there. Kirra Beach I wouldn't want to see anymore there either
No - just make sure that the local people are on board with what decisions are made.
Spread the activities out around the Gold Coast Beaches.
No.
no
no all good
No
Currumbin, Tugun, Burleigh.
No.
No
No
Against 4 wheel driving and littering on ALL beaches.
No.
probably Stradbroke island
No.
Palm Beach. Keep Palm beach as untouched as possible.
No.
No
No
Not
No.

Burleigh
kurrawa and kirra should be left alone
Broadbeach, there's already plenty there.
The light rail will not provide any additional revenue for the gold coast. The commonwealth games is another money waster. Who will foot the bill "rate payer?"
No
No.
No
no
Coolangatta, Kirra, Surfers Paradise, Southport.
what we have now is just about perfect - and would like to see any private enterprise no shops or stalls - otherwise the council does a very good job and provides us with a lovely area

GCengage comments follow:

NO
No, But it should be done with care so as to not cause issue with regards to flooding, erosion, parking and so on.
I firmly believe that the beach from Main Beach to the Spit should NOT be commercially developed other than to provide an upgrade of the limited existing food provider and toilet facilities. The existing toilet facilities at the Spit and adjoining shop are crying out for refurbishment. The toilets are used by 1000's of people every week and they are currently a disgrace.
Burleigh and Currumbin, both iconis GC beaches
You realistically can not hurt our ocean beaches unless Council decides to charge the public to access their own coastal areas. Marine Stadium and Wavebreak Is should NOT/EVER be developed.
Those with steep foreshore banks which are subject to erosion
No. All our beaches need to be treated the same to spread the wealth.
Yes, Currumbin beach
The smaller beaches
NO
Where the beach has a long history of people going for the natural beauty and peace and quiet away from the already establish commercial beach areas.
Southport Spit - It is a quiet but well beach for fishing and safe family picnics. It should remain recreational and non-commercial.
The Spit, Ian Dipple Lagoon area
Burleigh Beach
Eco-sensitive beaches and dog beaches
Utilise activities to create awareness of other beaches on coast (E.g. Mermaid, Kirra, Tallebudgerra etc..) Spread the tourists across the coast driving tourist business into all areas instead of overcrowding key areas.
d'bar
No
no
No
The less frequented beaches like Main Beach on The Spit which should be left in it's natural state.
Safety should be the main consideration.
Kirra. It is still pristine.
No, I think all beaches have some scope for activity but it is important to remember the different profile of the occupants in each suburb e.g. I would most definitely be upset if more touristic events similar to music festivals or schoolies were to be held on the Southern Beaches. Perhaps the Islands are not appropriate for beach events given their more fragile habitat and especially if they contain protected areas.
No, I don't think one beach is more precious than the other, they are all precious and should be kept free from greedy money makers.
Burleigh, carrumbin, carrumbin ali, snapper green Mt, Miami, the spit. Palm Beach.
I would like to see from Southport SC to the Spit left ala natural and untouched!!! There are enough 'mainstream' beaches on the Coast without commercialising this particular strip!!!

QUESTION 10: Do you have any other comments relating to commercial activity on ocean beaches?

Online and hard copy survey comments follow:

I think it would need to be strictly monitored giving all applicants a one year licence only enabling as many business as possible to have an opportunity. I think anyone associated with a charity should have preference.
We don't want machinery run activities - jet skies etc. The new activity should be 'user friendly' and 'low impact' without upsetting the local community and other beach users.
don't make it so expensive that it is restrictive, could maybe limit times to early morning and late afterNoon
Do Not allow any, or there will be a gradual in crease in activity and then we will find that they will start charging us to use any beach. STOP IT NOW. DON'T LET IT START.
Mobile drinks and food
Less commercial activity on all Gold Coast ocean beaches because these beaches belong to generations NOT private enterprise.
We need to look after our beaches Not put thousands of more customers on them wrecking the dunes!!!!
Beaches should be the one place where people can go and have peace and quiet. It is bad eNough having high rise buildings directly on the foreshore. These buildings cast shadows on the Gold Coast beaches in the afterNoons and ruin the atmosphere of the otherwise beautiful beaches.
Am completely against any further commercial activity
Please do Not allow this to happen
It could be disadvantageous to existing adjacent businesses, particularly food and beverage vendors. The beaches are attraction eNough in themselves we do Not need more spending opportunities or ways of cashing in at the expense of PUBLIC open space. The beach is for sun, surf, enjoying the sun and the wind and the wide views to the horizon
There should overall be No increase in commercial activities on any Gold Coast beach. Do Not sacrifice the beach for profit. You will destroy the Gold Coast. The beach is one of the last assets of the Gold Coast that remains untouched by the greedy hands and tacky touristy gimmicks
Doesn't the world of commerce have eNough already!! They have the whole of the rest of the world....for God's sake leave the beach for nature. Your disastrous planning has already created the monster of Surfers Paradise where No local whose Not a drunk or a druggie would ever think to go...You've made a hideous laughing stock there...and Now you want to destroy the only good thing we have left? Keep grubby hands off our beaches!!
If Tate wants to commercialise beaches give him Surfers, it is already stuffed. Let the people of the gold coast enjoy their unique lifestyle in peace.
It's bad that your selling out our beaches to make money
See previous comments re concerns for environmental sustainability and equitable Non-commercial access.
IT'S A FRIGGIN BEACH, NOT A SHOPPING MALL.
As per my previous responses - having been a Gold Coast resident since 1965, the very beauty that attracted tourists to our area is slowly being undermined - all in the name of profit. Soon, the tourists will stop coming due to destroying everything that made the Gold Coast what it was.
Don't allow it.
As long as you don't have loud and Noisy activities late at night
I think Surfers paradise and Broadbeach should trial deckchair and bean bag hire with drink service like Bali, a real tourist draw.
The councillors appear to have made a determination based on personal bias and No real open minded approach to the available opportunities. Expand the possibilities and trial services where food and drinks can be delivered at the invitation of the patron. If you keep doing the same things, and if you keep saying No each time to ideas then you are simply falling into the definition of stupidity.
Keep it to a minimum. We are Not Europe Nor are we anything like other beaches & towns and that's why people visit & live here. Why are we constantly trying to mimic what everyone else does? Why cant the Gold Coast just be the laid back, family friendly, beachside town that everyone comes to see? We are unique and I believe we should stay that way.
Allowing more commercial activity will destroy the uniqueness of our beaches. People travel the world to see our beaches as they are, Not what Tom thinks they should be.
Get on with it.
I am concerned it will be like Europe where everything must be paid for or like Bali where I was walking on the beach and suddenly someone's hands were on my neck trying to offer me a massage.
Generally very happy with what the city puts on.
I am opposed, this is public land and should stay as commercial development free.
Unless you are willing to put in the infrastructure and parking to cater for any extra commercial activity then there is No case for having more activity than is already provided.
Commercial OK at Surfers Paradise only
First allow commercial activities on certain beaches and see how it goes...
No
No
No
Having been to many beaches, including overseas where you are constantly harassed by food/souvenir vendors, or blasted by raucous music, I love that Australian beaches are still relatively tranquil and peaceful places. If people want hussle, they can go to the shopping centres!
Ensure the size of the area/ beach can accommodate the added pressure commercial activities adds BEFORE Council issues permits and creates over crowding problems and conflicts by issuing permits for commercial and additional activities and events. The issuing of permits for activity at Rainbow Bay creates conflicts and diminishes the public amenity of the small area and

wonderful swimming beach. Having multiple surf schools out there creates issues, causes the Council life guards to have to take down the red and yellow flags as they can Not manage the excess surf congestion. Send the surf schools to the area at Greenmount between Greenmount and Coolangatta where there is plenty of space and they are well away from the flagged area.
As long as people/businesses remain friendly and civil to everyone and they all respect the environment then we should absolutely allow more commercial activities on the beaches.
Activities that support families having good, clean fun. I absolutely oppose activities which involve alcohol or have the potential to create any form of litter. Our beaches are mostly lovely and clean, bit the occasional coffee cup, MacDonald's litter etc are left by thoughtless beach users.
Bring it on.
No food should be sold on the beach. Traders spend huge amounts of money to set up eateries. The idea of selling food on the beach means those traders will suffer. Also the issues from rubbish being dumped will escalate.
No
Absolutely No food or drinks. It's Not far to the local shops.
The present mix is about correct
Again, it's remarkable that Gold Coast Council recently rejected a proposed very reasonable and affordable permit system for commercial fitness trainers on public land, as it was felt it would be an unnecessary burden for those trainers. This was despite advice from industry and despite public concerns. Yet it would endorse an outright ban on commercial training on beaches. Such a ban is only going to result in more trainers using parks and reserves, bringing them closer to homes, businesses and in more contact with other users.
There is so much space down in Kirra that could be utilised. The rugby comp was good, beach cricket. be a good location for a big volley ball comp. I'd like to see more toilets/ showers or beach huts (mobile shop - Cold drinks and snacks) on the beach
There should be No change to the current regulation of the sale of food and drink (or curios)on beaches. Let's keep our beaches beautiful and avoid pollution or increased expense to the City through having to clean up after litterers. Let's Not introduce any more plastic pollution which is so harmful to marine life.
Fixed locations like day clubs, bars, renting loungers etc are more aesthetically pleasing and less interrupting than mobile vendors who can interrupt other peoples beach experience. Fixed locations in areas of less use with some portion of the profits or fees to be payable to the sustainability of the gold coast. The spit area would be a great place to trial it with someone like the Sheraton with a product in keeping with their brand to serve food, beverages, umbrellas, sun cream, beach lounges and music. The beach there is underused and with little residential properties nearby Noise would Not be an issue.
From the statistics Coolangatta Rainbow Bay beaches are heavily used. No greater use please or they will be loved to death. They are the most protected from wind, most sheltered and best beaches on the coast. Keep them family and user friendly free from any more commercial use.
No
Beach are Not party venues, they are for swimming and relaxing. this would ruin them
they ruin the beautiful outlook on the beach, rubbish. Alcohol and water should never be allowed together
All our major beaches are in close proximity to shops for food. Allow surf clubs to offer hire of equipment or support them to allow a commercial operator to hire beach equipment, otherwise let the commercial world seek opportunities in existing shops & infrastructure rather than allowing business on our beaches. Commercial beach events in surfers paradise should be limited unless they are free, inclusive or offer significant benefit to the community.
No
Other states utilise parks and beaches to hold events and activities and attract some great business and activities we are a tourist destination after al.
The Beaches must be the single part of the Gold coast being left totally for healthy recreation and relaxation among the presence of our Life Savers only !
Nope
They should be available to the public, Not used to generate income for Council.
I want No more commercial fishing operation from Gold Coast beaches.
We have a huge resource in our beaches that is substantially underutilized. If you look at how Europe uses their beaches we should open ours up to much more commercial activity in controlled areas. We are luck eNough to have some 30kms of beach from the Spit to Coolangatta, so why Not allow controlled & licensed commercial activities on say 8 to 10kms of that beach. They do it well in Europe, so lets do even better here. After all we are the tourism capital of Australia.
No
An ocean beach is Not supposed to be an area of commercial activity, it is the icing on the cake, the gold on the coast, the life giving lungs for our busy city, lets see it for more than just a money maker.
As Noted above. Food and coffee outlets should Not ever be permitted on the beach. Every beach on the gold coast has an Enormous variety of outlets adjacent to the beach. Allowing the expansion of food outlets onto the beach will inevitably lead to more rubbish on the beach and also undercuts existing commercial outlets.
It's often to hard to get car parking at big events and if you do it's only limited for 2 hours when your their for the day, if you are a competitor you should get a car park pass
The status quo is good as it is, with the exception of the permit of the sale/hire of goods by life saving clubs. it would be a great shame if our beaches ended up looking like European beaches with beach umbrellas and vending activities everywhere-after all isn't that why tourists enjoy our beaches so much-because they are so unspoilt.
It would be fantastic to see more activities on the southern beaches as so many tourist don't even realise how beautiful they are. It would also support southern businesses with tourist dollars.
I think sales of water (preferably chilled) and spf is a must on/near to the beach. On a hot day, this is the 2 most important items required for a persons health. If they are more conveniently accessed, I think it will greatly improve the heath of QLDers. Food/snacks sales would also be good too. I would also like to see chairs/loungers, tents and umbrellas available to hire. Tourism is huge here, people cant necessarily bring all these items here with them. Hire would be a great option for them.
Ensure Noise management and environmental implications are considered
Make it more accessible for commercial activities. The Gold Coast is struggling and we need to get better at helping our businesses thrive! The beach will Not be destroyed by a allowing commercial activities. Rather they will enhance the experience of tourists.

Please hand over the fining of dog owners to the surf clubs. The council has No interest in enforcing the dog laws. Hand this over to the surf clubs as a revenue raiser.
It is a public space. Let people in groups use it so long as they are mindful of others and suitably qualified to run commercial activities.
Done correctly it will be good for Gold Coast
Do Not allow whole sections of beach to be closed to the general public e.g. No exclusive areas for hotels etc. No beach chair hire No vendors No buskers No touters
It will limit public use of these areas.
More parking is needed at many of the beaches, especially where there is a combination of people and dog beaches.
There should be a balance of commercial activities, with a preference given to those that promote the Gold Coast or safety e.g. filming and beach umbrellas/shade
Like to see more licensed restaurants like Oscars at Burleigh where it is practical to locate them. These would be sorely needed facilities for locals and additional tourist attractions for interstate and overseas visitors.
Doing a great job
No
Leave beach space free for all public access
Keep it to a minimum respect the beaches
Artificial reef off C'gatta
Don't overdevelop
More of it. Beaches are ours so why Not use them
Keep big corporations and Chinese interest out
Ok as long as Not damage foreshore
No drinking or eating
If possible commercial activity should be on the beach parkland eg: weddings and a max P.A
Beach must be respected. No cruise terminal
Should be encouraged
No cruise terminal
Shipping terminal - NO
No
I think the sale of basic food items (such as drinks and ice-cream) should be allowed by mobile vendors (Not permanent set-up) during summer
Lets offer more choice like any other international tourist destination - bars, restaurants on the beach, mobile food & drink vendors
Yes, who benefits from the commercial activity financially? Does it feed back into the community or to the GC. ratepayers? How?
No
Yes, after thinking about my answers previously it came to my attention that there wasn't a "I don't want commercial activity". Yet aNother skewed GCCC survey to get the answer you want.
The right balance of commercial activity will increase tourism greatly
Less
Showcase on the Beach are spending \$62million on development and refit, we as residents want to enhance this investment
No sales/hire. No advertising
No
Council to ensure parties that use the beach clean up after themselves
Beaches to stay the same - No added marinas or buildings
No nice day food for kids and adults
Beaches are so clean and pristine
Beautiful and clean
Not really
I am against the sell of beaches and public land to property developers and casiNos etc
Tread carefully
No more sand pumping, beach conditions very erratic - need commercial barge back
No hawkers or Asian style commercial activity
No hawkers, No beach massage or Asian/Bali style commercial activities on the beach
Great Now!
Nice to see markets, running events
No big boats
The balance is about right currently
No cruise ship terminal
No cruise ship terminal!!
No cruise terminal as the spit!!
Any activity in Surfers is fine as being a local we never go near the place. PS Bring back the Ocean way we are keen runners and are anNoyed it was cancelled!!!!
Australia/GC beaches are best in world with cleanliness/tourism balance
They are generally fine except when they inhibit general activities ie when you can't walk through or when they close areas off
Build Ocean way right through
No
More festivals
The Gold Coast needs to be well marketed, cultural as well as commercial.
Boot camps pay a fee to use the beach
No to food stalls and vendors

Don't spoil the natural attraction
People should be able to enjoy the beach without being affected by commercial activities. Thank you for the opportunity to make comments. I hope you take the data seriously.
If monitored and regulated it could bring more people to beach and still protect sand dune
More beach hire equipment/drinks and food
Ban all
A cruise terminal in the spit area would be great!
Cruise terminal
Surfers beaches should be a family activity open to all people of social economic standing
More is better
The beach is here for all.
I am concerned that we are Not keeping up with our international competitors with beach attractions, such as small cafes, shops etc. I know they can impact other nearby retail outlets but we need to give the customer what the customer wants, in quantity, quality and in a timely manner. Our service also leaves a lot to be desired....so service providers need to look and learn.
No parasailing
Beaches should be open to sales of food and beverages in some areas
We have something unique in Oz. We should keep that
More car and bike displays in park surround
No strong views to share other than keep it at similar levels to Now.
Just don't overdo it!!
Minimise commercial activity on beaches and preserve the beauty and places of tranquillity/relaxation. Recommendation: Provide signage on other languages ie -Chinese etc to educate them to enjoy our beaches but discard litter in bins provided. ie dry their feet with tissues and dispose of tissues in bins rather than throwing on ground.
We need more beach activity (where everyone can join in)
We don't have enough beach atmosphere. Fun like waterslides were in S Paradise when I was young
I like how main beach to spit is quiet and family based.
The answer is very simple. Very simple. Build an additional 50-100m deep park along the existing parks and road reserves. Then you would have 2 seawalls, No conflict between bikes, and prams and dogs and walkers, and fitness and social events and activities. Very simple. Make the park bit bigger. Very simple.
The bike path should be separate from walking track. Get rid of unisex toilet and have some change rooms
No
I love the natural environment Not for commercial activities
No restaurants on the sand
The GC is Now more than just a tourist destination. This is our home and don't want it commercialized.
Who organises activities?
No
I hate schoolies get rid of it
Not commercial but we object to the beach dwellers living and littering the shorefront. They leave it like a tip and don't pick up doggie poo.
No
My problem with it is parking availability
It should be discouraged. We don't need to be sold things while we're on the beach - we can go to nearby business to get ice creams, sun block, newspapers and coffee.
More locals asked to provide events
The life guards could be more engaging with the tourists if they have time. They are the face of the gold coast and we need a more friendly approach from some of them.
Refer submission previously provided to City of Gold Coast. there is the potential to extend the beaches eastward and provide an additional line of defence against weather events and allow for climates to change through climate variability. where beaches can be extended the area between the esplanade or road could potentially be used for activities. these should be temporary uses only. the beach sand areas need to be off limits to commercial activities. refer submission which will be provided separate cover - as there is limited space to provide response with this survey. it is very important the views of the professional life guards working for City of Gold Coast are taken into consideration and implemented. the surf beach is a beautiful place for this city However, it must Not be treated with any contempt for its lack of attention to safety. There are many areas in the city where commercial activities may assist council in raising funds these do Not include the beaches. Do Not destroy the reason the residents and visitors enjoy this city.
The council should Not be delinquent in charging and regulating commercial operators to an industry minimum standard if managed properly I believe this is a good step forward for our economy
Love the cleanliness of our City beaches.
KEEP OUR BEACHES FREE
There should be more Governing that they are operating with correct licences and Safety standards given the hazards that exist on the beach
No
Commercial activity has absolutely No place on Gold Coast beaches. The esplanades on the coast already have plenty of commercial opportunities available and if our beaches are opened up to commercial activities the Gold Coast will lose the glory of its main attraction.
There will be those that thin getting a latte on the beach is cool, but they can get that any where why clog up this pristine area with all that crap. I go to the beach to swim and relax. I do Not want it to turn into BALI
Would prefer No commercial activities on beaches.
I don't want to be bothered by people selling things on beaches. Burleigh is already crowded - don't want to attract more people.
Allow commercial activity but very limited
What we have Now is good. Don't increase it.
Surf Schools need to operate on the beach this helps customers easy access. Signs for Surf schools on the beach. Designated

areas near flagged areas but Not encroaching on them. All activities are ok and well as long as Not bothering beach goers, Not polluting beach, Not destroying dunes. All activities are good to do as the beach is a place we go to feel free to play, surf, walk, run, exercise, relax, swim. If any activities involve these qualities I say yes let people feel free and happy. We have lots of beach. Surfs schools should be run by Surfs schools with a fair set of rules. Lifeguards should be run by lifeguards. Surf Clubs by Lifesavers. We need a beach activity co-ordinator that is separate to any beach activity somebody who is neutral and unbiased. At the moment beaches are Not governed fairly. They have all activities treated differently eg: some surf schools are targeted more than others. Some surfs schools are shown favouritism over others. This issue needs to be addressed by having a fair and unbiased Co-ordinator. Beach hires should be run by surf schools where surfboards are concerned. Surfboard hire is a major part of the survival of surf schools. Surf clubs should never be given this it should remain in the hands of each surf school that is already operating. If surf schools are allowed to operate on the beach we would be able to employ more surf coaches then there are lifeguards this would make the GC a better place to enjoy. Fun and Safe
There should be No fencing off areas (like European beaches) for umbrellas deck chairs etc. All commercial activities (i.e. the financial transactions) should be carried out at premises off the beach. E.g people could hire equipment from a shop off the beach for use on the beach.
Cafes on beaches a la Europe
More cafes
Good for tourism
Should complement the existing beauty
When there is a marathon and running on the beach they should pack up their protein bar packets and water bottles. The mess on the beach is disgusting after these events.
alcohol should never be permitted and I would like to see smoking banned on beaches as butts end up in waterways
They should Not use public space it tables and seats. Non commercial: bins on sand, change rooms, No unisex toilets, showers and taps need to work
No
Burleigh Pavilion should be world famous iconic operation.
No people selling on beach except sun loungers and umbrellas
Surf competitions may need to be more tightly managed to avoid conflict with Non-competitive surfers.
Should be encouraged for tourism
No
Prefer Non profit arrangements predominantly
There is eNough already. Our beaches and pathways are too crowded at times already.
Burleigh is beautiful
No
They should Not intrude too much on 'Normal' beach and recreational surfing
No
We love our beaches as they are. good for all to enjoy
We need to catch up with our overseas competitors.
Less syringes around beach areas would be good.
Less firework activities
We need a nudist beach. Better its somewhere legal than people doing it at popular spots.
Allow dogs onto more beaches
Yes, currently we have 3 surf schools which regularly use Rainbow Bay. 1) David Davidson's Learn to Surf who keeps his substantial storage trailer and billboard signage permanently parked (24/hr a day/ 7 days a week/ for the last 6 months since I started taking Note) in a prime beach front car park and we all are stuck with looking at it never move. It is storage and billboard. People get finned for cutting down trees to improve their view, why are we subjected to having to look at this permanent commercial land grab and loss of amenity. 2) we have the Walk on Water and 3) Greenmount learn to surf school all regularly using Rainbow bay beach as the 2 Greenmount schools walk around to Rainbow and crowd out this area for their lessons as well. Surely there needs to be regulation and enforcement. How about limiting it to 3 days per week and one weekend day with Sunday a totally commercial free day and just leave it for the Nippers. Then it is better shared. Also in issuing permits, limit the parking of commercial trucks and trailers on the beachfront to defined business hours and max 3 days per week, as currently we look at it permanently. What is to stop me parking a trailer on the beach front and using it as extra storage/ garage? This is a valid point...
Adequate rubbish bins. Clean up after events/use. Free parking. Respect of the beaches used.
Allow more
No
No
No. No building on beaches ie - shipping terminal
More activities on beaches and more dog beaches allowed
We need more.
No
No
See above
Commercial activities should Not be restricted to community groups like lifesavers, to deliver the best possible outcome for the community its necessary to favour commercial entities
Yes, less motor vehicles using beaches. They could use the roads!
No
Sensible activities in line with environment and family activities. No cruise ship terminal.
All for it
No
Fitness groups on beaches can be quite hard to deal with. The organizers have in the past been very rude to myself and other beach users because we're in their way. I think more needs to be done to keep these large groups to a minimum.

Only in designated areas. Most should be left for quiet enjoyment
Yes less vehicles on the beach
The beach is our unique resource and should be enjoyed.
N/A
No
Please limit commercial activity
Just keep coming and looking after the beach. Don't trash it.
In Gold Coast the beaches are still nice and clean comparing Thailand, Bali
Beach bar
Provide cycle paths on beach reserves to separate from cars
yes keep commercial activity on surfers & Broadbeach leave all others alone
Suggest a percentage of profit to be donated to service organisations or charities
Hawkers and canvassers need Not apply.
We need to celebrate the reason conferences come to the Gold Coast. Allow organisers to get access to the beach for their event - Not just major events.
We need to have some beaches without commercial activity, just for swimming, walking, surfing and relaxing. It is eNough with Normal family activities such as people kicking balls, playing cricket, throwing Frisbees, flying kites. etc. Please leave us some space to just enjoy the beach.
They must be responsible for helping to keep beaches clean.
The proposed cruise ship terminal must be abandoned in the interests of our generations of locals and our children - they deserve to inherit the last remaining undeveloped piece of coastline.
No
There is potential for some beaches to have beach hire and drink and food stands.
I don't care if exercise classes are permitted on the beach as long as they don't restrict access for others, pollute or become territorial. I disagree with SLSC having exclusive rights to beach areas. Commercial enterprises should be allowed to compete with SLSC. While tourists & some locals might need saving from the surf, too many SLSC appear to have forgotten what public service they are supposed to provide and instead think too much about making money and competition. The clubs use of poker machines and many members getting too drunk does Not create a positive atmosphere for children & families Nor safe roads. (eg the Miami SLSC drunks hooning up Albatross Ave.) The area in front of the SLSC should have the Ocean way built and SLSC clubs should never be allowed to try to restrict access along the foreshore past their club houses.
should be a limit of number of personal trainers using parks and beaches between 6-9am. better if these are council run activities.
I think commercial activity is fine as long as suitable provisions and conditions are placed on the organisers.
I hate to be negative but the direction will never change just the speed.
No
Needs to be sensitive to nature and we should be showing the world how to be able to enjoy a beautiful natural environment without destroying it purely for financial gain in the short term.
I believe it should be monitored fairly strictly as I do Not want to have our Gold Coast beaches end up like Bali!
I believe the commercial advantages should go to surf life saving
Commercial activity on beaches will detract from the surf club commercial activity. An outing to the beach provides parents with a relatively inexpensive and healthy activity for a family. They do Not need the constant pressure of children wanting to purchase items from vendors.
I feel that our beaches are beautiful just like they are...we have achieved a good balance and should keep it like this.
https://www.facebook.com/funfitandhealthylife Look at the Venice Beach video and see how many people are having a good time getting active on the beach!!!!!!
if Non profit. No fees. if any profit function- 25% of income is fee cost. including food/drink vans etc Filming is set fee on daily usage but NO blocking of parking areas. If they block parking then fees triple.
There should never be sections of beach "sold or leased" to businesses that would prevent beach goers using the beach permanently without having to pay a fee
Our beaches attract people from all over the world as they are pristine and beautiful with plenty of space. Too many commercial activities detract from this.
Commercial activity on ocean beaches should Not be increased and needs to be assessed regularly depending on the condition of the beach & dunes by a reputable organisation like Griffith Centre for Coastal Management
Our beaches are for ALL to use
No cruise ship terminal at the Spit thanks.
No
I'd like to again mention fitness groups. they are really damaging our beaches.
See Above
Movie Nights/ more of them
commercial activity should Not interfere with public access to or use of the beach. There should be No zoned off areas or limitations on public umbrellas etc. No hawking, No vehicles and No advertising.
don't listen to the rat bag greenies, remember the entrepreneur Gold Coast councils that once made the Gold Coast an exciting place to be.
Back in the 1960's, when I and my wife came to the then exotic Gold Coast, it was a definite must do to have your sunscreen lotion sprayed onto you by the beach operator.
As long as it is returned in the same or better condition before the activity has taken place
No
Locals and tourists want to enjoy the beaches for what they are. They are Not fun parks, coffee shops, ice-cream parlours or restaurants. They make the beaches the number one attraction because they are free from all the commercial activity. LEAVE THE BEACHES ALONE DO NOT WRECK OUR NUMBER ONE TOURIST ATTRACTION.
any traders must be licence and a code of conduct established
beach hire, food beverage outlets
No

Need to provide choice across the coast for locals and tourists.
Commercial activities must be of a high standard and management regime.
Keep it Clean...
I have been to Nice in the South of France and their 'beach model' makes it crowded and looks messy. Keep our beaches clear of commercialism. There is eNough available in the shops nearby.
keep the "heavy traffic" beaches clearer and place the activities beside or parallel to those busy corridors allowing a harmonious use of all public spaces.
No Cruise Ship Terminals should be developed anywhere on the gold coast.
It should Not limit or interfere with free access by the community and a peaceful environment
I would hate to see touting like on Asian beaches where people trying to sell you something or promote something walk the beaches and approach people.
I have visited cities all over the Asia and prepared foreshore plans, and we are missing out on opportunities. East Coast Park in Singapore is an example. Not too much, but some of this development would be great.
Despite this survey trying to quietly generate false responses by assuming that everyone automatically has an 'interest' in commercial activities on our beaches, and despite the first question having 'leading bias' I think it's safe to assume I have made my view pretty clear. For a so-called 'Community Engagement' boss, Colin Russo sure seems to struggle with the understanding of accurate information gathering methods, and by some magical feat has yet again penned a survey that coincidentally looks to secure somewhat of a pre-determined result, and appears to tactfully lean towards certain outcomes - don't you dare find some obscure way to exclude my replies and answers based on some convoluted bullshit theory that contrasts proper statistical gathering techniques, or because of some false accusations that the survey was hijacked or that my opinion doesn't matter.
Parking Parking Parking - it is Not even an option to increase activity unless you can accommodate parking
It should Not be permitted as the beaches are our natural asset and that is why people come here Now, Not for commercialisation.
Noise clearly is a factor and what hours of the day commercial activities are held and in relation to safe access for all citizens and residents
Reduce the number of personal training sessions. You can't move sometimes there are so many.
Money received from commercial activities should ALL be used for beach maintenance/replenishment etc
Leave it to the Surf Clubs
I think that it is a common feature around the world in other places & that international tourists are probably surprised that we do Not offer such things as deck chairs & umbrellas. It does need to be managed and licensed so that amenity is maintained for all beach users - No littering as a result, No harassing people to buy stuff, No touting, limited number of licences available.
As long as it is Not overdone
I don't think selling food and drinks on beaches is a good idea because its most likely this will be junk food which is unhealthy and a major cause of rubbish. Smoking bans as well should be enforced.
An ocean way would open up the beaches to a wider range of users including older people, people with disability and prams. The ocean way would be a useful space to accommodate small to mid level commercial activities.
I think that in the main precinct areas eg Surfers Coolangatta etc there is currently eNough commercial activity across the road from the beaches. It would detract from the area to allow more to infiltrate especially if people are going to be hawking their businesses on the actual beach itself.
Make sure that they are kept clean! Make a condition of any permit that they are responsible for keeping a certain area of beach clean.
Whenever there is a commercial activity on, it is near impossible for those of us who use the beach regularly to get a park and use the public beaches. Limit the usage please.
We currently have about the right mix.
No.
No commercial fishing activities on or near our beaches or creeks.
All commercial activities should be regulated and business should have to purchase permits and have restrictions.
Stop the Cruise Ship Terminal project.
DEFINITELY NO CRUISE TERMINAL ON GOLD COAST. ONLY THE CROOKS WILL PROSPER. OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCE WILL SUFFER TERMINAL DAMAGE.
Stop trying to look for ways to get revenue and start encouraging the public to lead a rounded healthy life. Good on the people who have exercise groups in the park they are a start and stimulus for others to get their body moving. Some people need a lot of encouragement.
I think there should be a permit so that personal trainers, exercise physiologists and group training businesses can access and use the beach, why can surf life saving clubs use the beach for training but No one else? are we trying to encourage people to be active and healthy and exercise or discourage it? fair, equitable permit would work and the industry would back it.
The beach is for recreation and relaxation. Its a bit hard to do these things when "activities" are taking place on every beach. Keep commerce to your commercial properties, we don't need commerce in nature.
No
Balance right Now is excellent - NO INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES
My attitude also extends the commercial use of parks. I have complained previously about the poor state QE2 is left in after the carnivals depart.
Hiring beach equipment from the surf clubs sounds okay but the last thing I want to see are traders walking up and down the beach touting their services be it for food or drinks or equipment hire.
I would like to talk further on some ideas I have regarding nth Burleigh
Beaches are supposed to be for healthy leisure activities for all to enjoy, Not pumping concerts for a limited market and for the commercial gain of a few. I don't think GCCC or SPA should be using beaches or foreshore for commercial activity
Limit to the major beaches only
Just ensure its managed correctly, there are many examples of good permit systems around Australia for uses such as surf schools on beaches. Banning personal training/group training on beaches will Not work and shouldn't be restricted, it happens Now and there is No issue. Just don't need or want excessive commercial use, it has to be fair and take into account businesses in the area who pay rates etc, there are many ways to do it that are fair and equitable. Do Not just provide one licence for one business to do a certain thing via a tender as that creates a moNopoly. It is already pretty good as it is just need a few things

tightened up and some permit systems put into place.
As a tourist hub we need to be more open to activities which are demanded and expected by tourists and offered by our competitors.
No commercial activities
Our beaches are clean and beautiful. Keep commercial activity out.
As an event organiser, we see the beaches (Surfers Paradise especially) as important to our events. Our participants come to the Gold Coast for the sun sand and surf and to Not be able to use the beaches would detract from what makes events on the Gold Coast so unique.
We need to bring the Gold Coast into the 21 century! Its a holiday destination lets me kNow it more exciting
I would Not like to see our beaches become aNother business avenue for commercial activities. Gold Coast has some of the best beaches in the world. Our beaches should remain as a place to go and relax and enjoy the sand and surf and should Not be exploited for commercial activity. I do Not want to be pestered by business at the beach.
We love the GC beaches and have a young family who love the buzz and excitement of commercial events. I think keep it fun, healthy, clean and controlled
All Gold Coast beaches should be saved from commercial activities and the accompanying rubbish that will inevitably accumulate.
There should be No permanent commercial activities on ocean beaches - the miNority should Not be able to profit from public areas - we live here for the use of the beaches
I believe that surf clubs and charities should first have right to supply these services to raise funds for their organisations. Will also need to ensure that the business does Not clash with an existing business that is paying rent nearby. Assessments will need to be carried out to ensure that businesses are Not penalised.
New events should be encouraged to utilise less popular beaches
Please consider the importance of surf schools needing permanent locations on or near the beach. For to long surf schools have had to run out of trailers and vans The Gold Coast should allocate modern professionally present surf school booths at the main beaches along the coast. Having these locations would create and high standard and image for the Gold Coast. Tourist and visitors to the Coast would benefit greatly from these properly run businesses
Please keep our beaches unspoilt for people/families don't turn them into commercial enterprises that is Not why tourists come here.
Commercial activity livens up the area and makes it appealing for many tourists. We are way behind the times and have such great opportunities. Having said that we need to be reasonable about how much we commercialise the beaches as well.
Keep it as Non-commercial as possible. It is a point of difference from other countries e.g France, Thailand & Brazil.
Warren Young has done a stellar job of keeping commercial activities off beaches for the past 10 years. We should keep it the same and weed out some of the bad surf schools
Use the popular beaches and their adjacent parklands to host family friendly community events that Not only create a community spirit but also promote the coastline and the need to protect it (and promote the council activities that utilise this such as beach care)
No
The paddle boarding at Currumbin has reached the point where it is incredibly dangerous for swimmers and surfers.
A sensible approach that provides amenity / services that are desirable - enhancing both tourists and locals beach experience - and protecting the more tranquil beaches can only make the Gold Coast a more desirable place to holiday or live - and even provide some minor employment opportunities .
Just let as many personal trainers in as possible. It's good for a healthy and active city to support fitness
Commercial activities, Not just markets will be an added attraction --to focus though on healthy lifestyle and community events.
Don't have anything available like Asian beaches (e.g. hire umbrellas, chairs etc) on any Gold Coast beach.
On the day of the bigger commercial activities, there should also be some sort of parking control. Car park rage on these days does increase.
No
Great to see this survey being done
If you do it make it fun, don't make it a council thing. Tipplers is the worst thing on the GC Now all because of some hidden agendas in Bundall. Put the rules in place, enforce them, but let the private people do it the way they want.
commercial use should be charged with substantial sums of money depending on use - given the loss of amenity and the costs involved in maintaining it.
Commercial activities on our beaches should be limited in order for everyone to enjoy the areas
Again like Spain there needs to be more beach front restaurants and cafes instead of just endless apartment blocks In this way you create more of a European feel and increase the quality of a holiday experience for overseas tourists.
activities need to be limited to the major tourist hubs of Surfers and Broadbeach while limiting other areas of the coast for locals to enjoy. Overuse of commercial activities also contributes to impacts on the parks which results in bare turf areas from overuse.
Just let the beaches be the way they are, we are slowly destroying everything else on the coast.
Ice-cream vendors (walking on the beach) selling cold drink and icy poles could be fun
I think there is a need from general community and small businesses to have commercial public areas.
Leave the commercial activities to Surfers and Broadbeach areas
Keep it within reason - but encourage participation & use of our beaches by our community
Keep Gold Coast beach experience unique and Not mirror highly commercial beaches typical of Europe, Asia and parts of North America.

Telephone survey comments follow:

Thinks that the parking meter should be taken away because the beach should be free to enjoy and there is never enough parking meters in the same area and for herself she isn't able to walk very far so it makes it so hard.
Council does well and as long as you have permission to do these things on the beaches and they don't interrupt the beach goers

More green no more apartments. should be more enjoyment by the local community. as a local I hardly ever go to surfers
no
No.
not really
would like to see the cruise ship terminal to go ahead
No.
Too many commercial activities all ready take place on the Gold coast coast line.
No.
Very against the cruise terminal - Someone who calls the GC home would hate to see that happen
The cruise terminal should not go ahead. The spit is only places residents can go to that is a beautiful without needing a boat
The cruise terminal should not go ahead. The spit is only places residents can go to that is a beautiful
general view is commercial activities should be restricted and not end up like bali and phuket
no
No
We just go walk and he likes it
Yes, Parking is always an issue when there is an increase in commercial activities
if it doesn't interfere with residents like early or late noises at night is not good
no
Supports Attracting Tourists and Inland Australians.
Totally disagree with the commercial Markets as they take up a lot of parking and they contribute nothing to the environment that they are occupying!
i think that surfers is riddled with victors and can be quite dirty
no
no - the beaches are there to swim at not to be partly closed for a profit organisation. Council doesn't even ask What if? The tram tracks are the biggest white elephant and will definitely fail. There's no parking for the tram. This is going to cause accidents - Gullible statements from the Mayor!! all he is doing is try and cut down the parking spaces to get his unit built in Southport!! We need more parking!!!! The mayor doesn't use his brains which he has displayed many times. The shipping terminal wont be able to turn around - the formation of the land - soft sand for a bit then you'll hit hard rock!! Ferry service is a good idea - what is the point if there is a three hour delay.....I recently did a cruise out of Vienna and the people hate it there too!!!! its going to cost a ship 5 times more to Moore!! Brisbane needs to get a proper tourist port and not worry about the GC!!
Never make it so you have to pay to go to the beach. Have free parking along the beaches. paying for parking keeps people away
nothing that comes to mind
no as long as its not overdone
No.
more promotion to hire deck chairs and umbrellas....parking is a hassle more cheaper and available parking would be good
just when they get in the way - they shouldn't let them. Council should get some revenue out of it... Registered and licensed should be necessary
no
as long as things are properly researched -projects are fine
what i'd like to see is the walkway all the way from Southport through to Coolangatta.... people claiming the beach as part of there land in Miami in front of their homes should not be allowed!!!
No.
no
I don;t want food vendors, sitting there and ag people trying to sell things
on the whole our facilities are good and clean and i think this should continue
no comment
Reef at Palm Beach - a lot of money just for a reef. People living on the beach should not be allowed to have their garden on public beach. A pathway go all the way down at Palm Beach. Don't make public pay for events that are on our beaches - also with parking that should be free as especially for families is it hard to afford to go to these types of events and miss out.
There should not be any cruise terminal - the infrastructure is not there to service it - the logistics of having a ship is going to be horrible. Why not bus the people on the ship down from Brisbane. The upkeep is impractical. There is already so many problems with the road leading to the spit and there is not enough space in regards to what is being planned. There can still be tours and see everything Gold Coast still going to Brisbane first. With the rails run the cables and leads UNDER the ground.
Excited to get the cruise ship terminal.
No.
we don't know the impact of the cruise terminal until its there!!! Great for James packer with the casino's. Broadwater is such a beautiful place and if there should be no environmental damage in the works
as long as its controlled and not over the top
There needs to be more parking at the beach. There is no where near enough for the public and that is a reason why a lot of people don't go any more.
no
Some of the positive commercial activities are the markets, i wouldn't like touting on any of the beaches.....Boxing training/ fitness training are ok and as long they are in the parklands and they don't interfere with any other beach goers.....I think its fairly balanced and the restaurants ova the beach is wonderful.... positive vibe to attract people to the beach.....
No
no thanks
There's a place for shops and eateries and its not on the beach. We have plenty of coffee shops.
Do not want to see the Cruise terminal to be on the Gold Coast - it could go to in at Brisbane. Wave break Island beach is used for fishing and swimming and its a beautiful beach that does not need to be ruined. Brisbane could use the money to fix up that terminal instead. Decentralise - put more event in the hinterland
No.

No.
As long as they keep it to a minimum and make sure events and festivals for the public aren't costly and are more appropriate for family.
Whilst im not a rate payer I have a valid and am part of GC community. There are 240 caravan parks in my community who never get approached for these types of surveys. Our opinion matters as much as the rate payers
No. Parking at the stations because the tram has minimized parking.
As long as it does not affect the beaches environment
No.
no
As long as they do not charge the public and local payers to go to the beach.
People with beach front properties should be contributing to the payment. It should not be up to other rate payers that cant afford it.
Yes.
NO
No.
if the whole of Europe can have proper seaside activities.. We are not intellectually superior - instead of supporting Americans we should take on a more sophisticated society like Europe - Nothing for the older people here everything for the younger generations
No.
Thinks the beaches should be left as is because there are plenty of other places to have commercial activities. Don't need space taken up on the beach. Very happy with the Surfers paradise beach and loved the sand scalping.
Solution to cruise terminal - have an off shore/berthing/jetty and passengers be ferried by smaller boats to the mainland rather than doing anything in the Sea Way. This happens all around the world so why can't they do it here
No
Use our best assets that we have to offer to the maximum!!
No.
Keep the water clean. No charge for Parking.
NO
Currumbin has a nice mix and feel for everyone - leave the dog beaches alone!!
No.
Dave is for the cruise terminal but there needs to be a plan in place for the road as at the moment are busy enough. There needs to be another bridge put up or something.
Yes.
Does not want there to be cruise terminal put in or especially not at the Spit.
Not interested in the concept of a Cruise Ship Terminal on the Spit (as proposed by Council)
No.
If people look at the cruise ship terminal in the right frame of mind they will see that everyone will benefit. Job creation and tourism is good. we have to keep up with times
No
more access for dogs and owners.
No.
no
No
as long as council are profiting from the activities and as long as its not over priced.... Too expensive from the council then that makes it too expensive for visitors
The council dog patrol has decreased and has had a real impact of the cleanliness of the beaches and owners are not picking up their dogs business - also I've noticed there are dog bag dispensers are quite often empty - this has been addressed properly...
Yes
No
No.
Do not want to see them over commercialized!
Parking Wardens booking people for not having controlled dogs on a lead, without any warning they booked a lady and her dog because he was off his lead but he is well-trained, harmless and small. Promote Goodwill.
No.
don't like any vehicles on the beach
Being fun AND safe and environmentally friendly.
no
i think that we should use them more than we do - other countries do alot more with less beaches
Like the way council is cleaning up the front of the beaches, looking really good and to make it all the way through from Seaworld to Currumbin or Kirra. Should be good coffee bars situated all along with a great view of beach, where as you don't have to go up to a mall or SLSC just to get a coffee. Whilst doing all the alterations put some small coffee nooks in!
surfers could be dangerous
Encourage kids more for nippers - make parents aware of the bonus to having their kids in nippers. Broadbeach especially needs more car parking and bathroom facilities.
no
The cruise ship terminal is very political and i feel there is along way to go investigating technical things as I am an engineer
No.
people should just be allowed to go sunbathe and swim in peace with out commercial activities or arranged activities expecting the SLSC for training.... The cruise terminal is unsuitable for the seaway and broad water and should be avoided forever.
believe in live and let live
no

No.
No, i think if they are well organised, should all be good
I think that the council is a bit harsh on people wanting to sell things at the Markets (Broadbeach) from Personal experience the council has declined my application to sell things because they're "imported" when in actual fact a lot of the things i see at the market are all imported all ready.
No.
my comments come from experience. the cruise ship terminal needs to go ahead on the gold coast. If we had a decent terminal the Queen Elizabeth could have stopped here recently. I know people who have to travel to Sydney to get on a decent cruise ship. Surfers have enough competition etc. they should have no objection to the cruise ship terminal
No
Yes to future surveys
Make sure there are outdoor showers, keep the water running,
They need more parking for our beaches, It takes way too long to find a parking. More shaded area on the beach and up on the grass. there isn't really much option for that at the much.
Happy for it to go ahead.
No
nil
No
No.
its fairly under control - maybe more alfresco dining on the beaches other than just restaurants up on the road -
Selling things on the beaches shouldn't be allowed such as ice-creams etc.
No.
not really i think its all good
They should have the cruise ship terminal and will bring alot more money in - Light rail is a waste of money and Commonwealth games are a waste of money
no
no
In general very happy with the maintenance of the beaches, lifeguards, and up keep. Council has recovered well from the weather disasters. There shouldn't be allowed retaining walls put up on the beaches because the houses are too close, that will ruin the beaches and there would have to be another way around it.
No.
No nothing else
no
as long as its controlled if think beaches are there to be used
Great asset, use them to our advantages - Put the cruise terminal in here or Brisbane - its a great idea
cruise ship terminal providing it doesn't interfere. business and job opportunities
The way the Gc is moving at the moment Im fed up with how the uni is expanded and my front door is now a car-park and we have had enough.
Personal trainers have a lot of classes along the beaches and its creates less parking spaces so that people can not access the beach.
as long as it doesn't end up looking like Thailand and Bali
no
no
No
No.
Rate payers should not have to keep paying more and more. If there is something that council wants to do that why should the rate payers have to pay it.
Yes
No
Want to make sure that dogs are always on their lead in the areas needed - see broken glass a lot so maybe there could be a closer eye on that.
I think its pretty good all around
No.
Congestion in Surfers Paradise is a problem and maybe they could spread the activities out so that everything isn't active at one place then there would be more organized crowd control and easier to patrol
No.
No.
no I think its going pretty well at the moment.
Referred to website as couldn't think of anything
No
no
what we have now is just about perfect - and would like to see any private enterprise no shops or stalls - otherwise the council does a very good job and provides us with a lovely area
no
Needs more sand on Treppard lake as the sand got washed away and there is only rock left.
If my feedback can help youd be interested
No.
No.
beach safety is important and opportunities for free access and use. traffic and parking are problems when events are on. advertise events so that locals
No.
no

no
No.
No i cant think of anything
No.
No. As long as we NEVER get charged to get into any beaches.
They do have a concert at Currumbin. I would like to see this happen more often. Local artists
No I think the deck chairs and things and ice cream trolleys are good ideas
no - more character in surfers paradise things like busking - i would like the cruise ship terminal at billinga
no
no thanks
more rubbish bins at the beach especially at the main and busiest beaches. The amount of rubbish left on those places is disgusting!! More doggie bags available as there is not enough for the amount of people with their dogs. Paradise point and Burleigh don't supply them in the first place or are not visible.
not really
People and dogs disturbing Nesting areas for Birds. Areas that could be set aside for them.
just keep things to a minimum - no more developments on the beaches. and against the cruise ship terminal
No.
most of these activities are tradition now like carols by candle light
No
I'm really glad they put the walkway back in at palm beach/Burleigh!! such a good idea,...
no
no
the beaches are starting to be overused by commercial activities - stopping the quiet enjoyment and serenity of the beaches
I like our city beaches as they are
No
No
no
nothing that is going on has impacted me so i don't have anything
cut short but will look at website and continue
referred to gchaveyoursay.com.au
More parking along our beaches.
the more commercial activity is taking away from the natural beauty of our beaches.
Less Commercial activity and more Community Service (e.g. Nippers)
people travel from all over the world to come to our beaches to lay in the SAND so why would we hire the a chair?
Ban alcohol and police misbehaviour and public nuisance. get rid of the feather duster and treat them like adults. severe penalties and let them know it
so long as safety comes first
No comment
bring on the cruise ship terminal - 3000 people every trip would boost the economy - as long as they do it the environmental standards
never build houses right on the ocean front.....we've lived in the US in Miami - if you stray from the high tide mark the security guy comes and tells you to move
no
no
Parents could be informed more with how it could help their children in the future. With the swimming pools there needs to be fencing but what about around creeks. Council needs to be harder towards punishment with pool fencings. Do not want to see the cruise terminal come in - believes there wont be any money brought in - wont help hardly any business - people on cruises don't have the freedom too go where they want. They have set places so only half a dozen will make money but that is it. What is going to happen to all the public that are enjoying the spit as it is. There is nothing good that will come from it. Please take into consideration what the cost will be. Should be giving the schools more.
as long as they don't get out of hand and not get disturbed by a lot of activity
No.
More entertainment
not really - i think the cruise ship terminal should go ahead and we should embrace the change!!! Just do it!!! if you want to live in a country town - move to the country - we need the tourism
Beaches are there for everyone to use. Im anti cruise ship terminal forget it. It would be too exclusive if there was the additional of the terminal
somewhere where people could get icecreams or drinks - there seems to be enough about...
Cruise terminal is an absolutely a must - get to it!!! so many jobs to be made if you would just look at the jobs created and money to be spent!!! Look at the big ships anchor out to sea then tinder's bring the passengers to the mainland e.g. Mexico, Cayman islands etc. etc..... Tasmania has got a terminal for goods n sake - get with the times!!!
Yes to future surveys
No.
don't over do it, a little is nice and support or SLSC
no I've been to the website and completed an independent survey yesterday
No
No
Don' t want to the beaches to be overrun with commercial activities but like to see free activity and events for the public
Have 3 yr. old grand twins and we have to pack lunch every time we go to the beach - would be much nicer if you could get something on the beach
No.
No

i like the way we do things now although the message needs to be clearer
No.
better education means better water safety. Not too much activities is better and not to be left there on a permanent basis
no
as long as it doesn't interfere with beach users
Wouldn't like to see anything where people are approaching the public only do it by Kiosk etc.
not really happy
Surfers should try the hire of beach equipment. Don't want to see vendors selling clothes or anything like or having people in your face trying to sell things.
No.
no thanks but ill give the website address to my husband
Against terminal going at the spit - do what Japan has and have a loading bay in the ocean!!
no pretty good
i think the council the money they pay their staff is ridiculous and vehicles - if they kept down those expenses down - also pool their cars at night! wasting money on trips when we have skype!!
no
No.
no
Glad there isn't any activities early in the mornings any more. Should be left that way.
No.
Would love to see the cruise terminal - extra jobs which is highly needed.
Thinks that having activity brings the community together and it also allows more jobs for some of the public.
No.
Personally i think the Cruise ship terminal would be a good thing for the Gold Coast, all transport including the new tram to get people to the beach, but think of parking for families and things like that.
no not really
I have a young family and the facilities are really good...
No.
Yes
Do not want to clutter the beaches. Don't want commercial activity on the beaches to ruin our beaches - has to be beach related. Between the 2 roundabouts in surf parade for pedestrian shopping mall. That street has been temp shut down and it didn't cause any trouble and that should be permanent.
More education on the benefits of nipper to parents and kids.
No.
i don't think there should be anything allowed when people are just trying to enjoy the beach - there's enough competitions on now - and if anymore it would block too many roads and not enough car parking available
as long as its not over done and room for the general public and beach goers
I don't care if they put that terminal up near surfers but not down here
Does not want to see the terminal put in place - the muck it is going to bring in and also the traffic - In Broadbeach they really need to be thinking of the plants/trees they are placing and where. They are going to interfere with rail lines, they are going to fall down on tram lines, even some of the workers that are placing these do agree. Would like to see the natural beauty stay as long as possible. No more highrises on the beach fronts. Start putting more cycle ways on the beach front.
Definitely would like to see the terminal - thinks its going to be great! Would like another bridge to get access - only one way in and out is too busy.
referred to gchaveyoursay as nothing came to mind but she most likely will think of things when she hangs up
no
bring on the cruise ship terminal solely for tourism would be great... I came from a country way smaller than Queensland and it had a cruise ship terminal which worked beautifully and made money for the community!!! Please let it go ahead!!
Get a cruise terminal - it would definately benefit the community and larger community!!!!
no thanks
As long as there is no pollution and heavier patrols for littering.
there should be a cruise ship terminal anywhere here on the gold coast - stupid not to have one!!!
Having parades and activities on the beach is great but more parking more available or stop the fees for parking while events are on.
Think that people are always trying to do more with what we have, leave the beaches as they as natural as possible.
Beach should be left to relax without extra going on. Too much commercial activity act the moment. Leave the commercial activity at the shops.
No.
No other comments
No
Not really.
No.
More parking is needed at the beaches. Need more change rooms and toilets especially at Burleigh. Need it so people can shower, change and not unisex.
referred to website
surf rescue helicopters to patrol the beaches - so is there anyway we can facilitate them more - especially with numbers increasing down at the beaches
all for sporting activities on all the beaches....parking in parkwood is a nightmare!!! get it sorted!!
no
Cruise Terminal - definately for it!!! Brisbane where the cruise ships dock is absolutely the Pitts!!! Would be a wonderful for the Gold Coast....coming into Brisbane is like a third world country... Please add this question into the Survey!!
Any commercial activities should be council approved, it is always affecting our wildlife and environment. We should maintain the

cleanliness on our ocean beaches.
NO.
No
no
No not really
The beach is scared and we should treat it that way. Rubbish, impact on environment,
no
I cant thin of anything (referred to the gchaveyoursay webpage) if its going to benefit the community
No.
Only that there should never be a fee for people to access the beach. Never pay to go to the beach
There needs to be careful thinking into events and how they are going to effect the public. Not wanting to see the terminal go in. The dredge of the Broadwater is no longer available for boats users, there needs to be a major overhaul.
no
No.
I am opposed to the casino
as long as its controlled and not over the top. limit the exercise groups to a minimum. Love to see the Cruise Terminal - get it put in ASAP!!!!!! And bring in a skyrail!!
All for the cruise terminal - get it in ASAP!!!!
well in favour of the cruise terminal - get on with it!! stop procrastinating on stop favouring the fringe groups
If you are going to have the vendor facilities on the beach Council needs to insure that there a plan to make sure the beach stays clean. Why not much it a community service that people that have offended to practice community service doing the clean up of beaches daily. In particular graffiti offender. The terminal will definitely help with jobs and would like to see that as the GC is needing that at the moment.
No
No
if just feel they need to kept under control - personal trainers promote but other business have to pay for real estate and rental fees - so they should pay some sort of control...
No
for beaches i would love to see more options to get drinks and other vendors which are currently limited
referred to gchaveyoursay
No
No.
no
no
no
strictly commercial activities like hiring equipment should be restricted to the SLSC and not private enterprises
the council are doing a pretty good job at present
I would like to see No commercial activities at all but if they were to increase the amount of commercial activities on the Open Beaches they should not over compensate, just bring what is "needed"
no
no
Walks her dog at the dog park and has been told off as her and her dog are in the way of bike riders. There needs to be signs stating where they can ride and not to be on foot path.
I think that commercial activity should be kept to a minimum, keep the beaches well maintained.
no - refer to gchaveyoursay.com.au
Its a bit unfair when people work and go to the beaches on the weekends, take the surfing events to a non populated beach
Stop funding state Government as they should be funding more to council
To confine it to certain areas
Make sure that rate payers contribution doesn't go up much putting new things in place.
No.
we are very fortunate to have these things available to us. we have the best of both worlds I wouldn't live anywhere else
Don't need any more trees put in on the beach front - leave the beauty of the beach to be seen clearly. Need a pathway for public from pacific why in front of the hill units. There is no footpath it is just dirt and it is desperately needed.
we need progress as long as it keeps in mind locals as well
Keep the beaches clean.
No, every suggestion should be looked at closely. Looking forward to cruise ship terminal and the changes it will bring for the City.
Very carefully regulated with license and selling of license. Railway should be go further either way. Cruise terminal will be the best thing to happen to the Gold Coast.
Does not want there to be cruise terminal put in.
The Council needs to really restrict and control the Beaches more, especially the commercial activities taking place on the Beaches.
no thanks
I cant think of anything right now - referred to website
no i don't think so
dont agree with hiring out beach umbrellas and things
Activities, if they don't interfere with other interests and don't involve council cleaning up operations then it should be considered
no
Cruise terminal would be great for jobs but not so good on the enviroment
Would like to maybe see some huts on the beach. Doesn't feel like its necessary for the skydivers to be landing on Kirra beach or any beach for that matter. There should be a landing destination in a field to minimise any risk to the public. Would like to see

Council have more events throughout the year for kids, families and people of any age BUT wants the events to be free so all people can attend and take advantage of the opportunity for a day. Who really benefits from the payment and its isn't needed. Likes the Gold Coast having surfing events but at the same time doesn't think the public should be completed restricted from also using the beach. Strongly believes that there needs to be a whole lot more effort going into encouraging kids to learn swimming and get stronger skills in the water. It could prevent a lot of incidents and accidents. Kids safety shouldn't be measured by the cost. Very unhappy about the situation with the sharks and really would like to see the sharks left alone and for the money and effort to be put towards something important that GC needs. He also wanting to add that its obviously too late to stop the cruise terminal but says to position it somewhere like hedges ave. He has seen this type of scenario before whilst overseas and can see what is going to happen. If possible call back would be appreciated.
there could be more markets and other activities to attract tourists. What would be nice would be hire bicycles and canopies. something like water fountains for kids free
No.
Add more showers, feet washing and drinking. Add more toilets to beaches especially main beaches.
I think if they concentrate on the main beaches for food vendors that'd be a good idea
No that's it thanks
Supportive of their effort and work on the beaches.
refer to website as cannot think of anything right now
Schoolies is an absolute waste. Should be banned.
The esplanade should have been used for cafes which would have drawn tourists. we shouldn't have to leave the beach to get a drink and a bite to eat
The new theme park in Sydney brought in more revenue in 6weeks than ours have in a whole year. We need to keep current and continue to evolve. We need to continue to prosper or we will go under
I believe that we SHOULD have the overseas (welcoming) Cruise ship Terminal.
No
The one casino we have its pretty ordinary why do we need another
not really - refer to website
We should always respect nature and take more care for littering on Beaches. Use of boats, jet skis and other things like that should be decreased as they do contribute to a small amount of Pollution
No i dont think there are any big dramas at the moment
I think the government should give council more financial support for beach erosion this should not be at the cost of rate payers. I would like to know why they pay a CEO so much money I cannot see how that is justified?
No.
I don't want the casino in the middle of the harbour...
As long as its safe.
cruise terminal would bring a lot more people to the coast - and generate a lot
No.
Not happy about having to pay for parking, it cost to much, being a pensioner it is hard to afford. Should take them out. Dogs are roaming on the beach too much and the owners are not picking up the mess that is left. Council needs to keep a better watch on the beaches that require leads. There should be fines in place for this type of issue. Does not want to see the cruise terminal to go ahead. The rates are going to go up AGAIN and they are paying for things that they don't get use out of. There should be more control on what decisions are made - rate payers should have an input. The oval at Palm Beach should be used by anyone. On the canals at Tallebudgera creek there is a 6 not speed limit and people are obeying to that and it is causing problems and damage to the pontoons - they should put more signs to advised the speed.
Just consider the locals that live near/on the beach. Spread the events along GC so the same residents are effected by noise, crowds etc.
don't think council should be charging for exercising on the beach - its just lovely that people are exercising
no thanks
beaches are for everyone to enjoy
The cruise terminal would definately work for the GC
No.
No.
No.
No
NO
Need to encourage kids more for nippers.
just don't think anything should happen down on the sand - everything should be accessed up in the recreational areas as long as they don't have big noisy concerts and the amplifiers -
no
the parking should be cheaper and more
Broadwater silting - the sands bars need to do some serious repair. Against the cruise ship unless they stick to what they said about fixing the sand bar.
i definitely think the cruise terminal should not go ahead!!
less cyclists and personal trainers
I've said enough thank you
As long as thing are run appropriately without the booze
no
no
No cruise terminal to go at the spit. It is a great area for all people to enjoy time there. If a terminal is put there for "tourist" reasons do you really think its fair for the residents that live here. Shouldn't it be about keeping the residents happy first.
No
No.
No.

Wants to see the cruise ship terminal go in as long as it wont be taking any tax payers money.
No
Do not have cruise terminal or at the spit anyway. That is a lovely spot for locals that live here. It is a easy location for people to get too even with public transport. Restricting the area for locals to use isn't fair.
cruise ship terminal i dint really want one because of the impact on the environment and how it will be managed
No.
I think everything is running ok so it should just stay as it is
I am in favour of the cruise ship terminal and we miss out on these things. If its done in the right taste. Ive gone cruising and could only go from sydney. Brisbane terminal is not really ideal
Keep up the good job. Do not charge people to go on to our beaches.
I'd say i like the way they are now - council do a good job but not too much more -!!
I would like to see in the area close to the beaches there should be free Wi-Fi to promote pictures worldwide. Its free marketing to THE WORLD
No thanks anyway
No.
No.
referred to website
referred to website as could not think of anything
No.
Tony believes that Council needs to take ownership of responsibility to maintain/fix/repair damages to properties effort when beach erosion occurs. Council approved the plans for the public to build in those areas and more then likely knowing that this could happen.
No
No the only thing is I would hate to see any activity that would require change to the environment. so just use what we have without impact on the natural environment
Don't want to see rock concerts and things like that but more events like mentioned above. Have to stick the events that are related to the beach - will always be very successful and are worth having. Council needs to have the local population on side to be successful. Don't want to take the character of the GC. Do NOT allow drinking on the beach!!!!
No.
I think it's done overseas, as long as its monitored I'm Fine with it.
no
if think they should be left as they are!!
Completely agree with the idea of the Cruise ship terminal at the spit. Will bring jobs into the community and bring money and job opportunities. The area there is all ready surrounded by a marina which obviously has boats so it is as bad as a cruise ship would (apparently) make it. It is nice to keep some places green but the area near the Spit where they have made this concept is all ready occupied with similar activity so it will not be any different.
No.
No.
Yes.
No.
all commercial activity needs to be monitored. cautious guidelines but also needed to promote the GC as a tourist destination
No
No
No.
Nippers needs to be encouraged more.
No
no thanks
No.
recently redid the foreshore in Miami and their are no toilets. Need toilets at Santa Monica playground
no all good - neither against of for the terminal - but just make a decision would be good.
No.
People who are fishing will need to make sure that they always clean up their rubbish. Definitely for the cruise ship terminal and thinks that is going to look good for the Gold Coast.
Nice to go to watching night time movies and other activities
No - i wouldn't like to see too much more!!
no
No
no

GCengage comments follow:

Remove the shark nets.
None
We need to encourage more of them.
This is rather difficult as each development should be considered on its own merits and with due consideration of its impact on the environment and the current users of the land.
minimise it and extract as much money as possible from the commercial users - they are taking public space for private profit.
I would be opposed to any activity or event that polluted or changed the beaches in any way in a negative way. They should be left in their beautiful natural state.
They are a great crowd draw card for tourists .We need to have activities/entertainments for tourists when the weather is

inclement. Use the Convention Centre for more LOW COST entertainment; bring shows from Brisbane to GC, eg craft show. I travelled to Boondall Entertainment Centre last week for a show - took nearly 2 hours!!!!
It is technically Crown land and I certainly do not want to see the commercialisation such as in the US
Don't let beachgoers be overrun by the hawkers. It is most annoying
Anything safe for everyone is OK
I think the whole beach area should have an Environmental study done on extending the beaches out further and higher and made more compatible to actual swimming. You can't be sued for false advertising as it really is a Surfers Beach up and down the coast. But the tiny width of areas where people can swim between the flags makes it unbelievable to tourists that so much beach has so little area to swim in. Some reefs and even ocean baths should be looked into.
People should not be allowed to approach you like they do in Bali, if you want their service you should have to call them over.
Something that is unique and attracts tourists. Keep traders classy.Should NOT be just selling standard junk on the beaches.Council should sell permits to these businesses and limit the number of licences issued.The beaches should not be flooded with commercial (Do not do a RIO or Miami beach model)
I would like to see a trail one first as overseas the commercial activity on beaches spoils it for a peaceful time that we use to enjoy
No
As long as it brings enjoyment to the participants and is of some entertainment to beach users, then go for it.
Commercial activity should be encouraged to keep people employed.
Red- Bull type aircraft event - no exactly an on-beach event but create huge interest and would attract lots of people to beach and nearby retail precincts
All councils should have the free activities for residence. There needs to be more at night for working people.
Feeling like I have more freedom with the dog on the beach ESPECIALLY outside of 'flag' hours. What is with the councils anti-dog policy, people are encouraged to own pets because it's good for them - it should be good for the dogs too. What harm is running around on the beach chasing a ball or playing with another dog. Council laws don't stop the brute dogs from mauling other dogs or people for that matter. Most of the world manages without restrictive dog laws. Also, extremely disappointed not to find flags on the dog beach at north Tallebudgera where the water is as treacherous as a cut snake. Is there anywhere I can swim with the dog and feel safe?
The selling of ice cream, food or vendors on the beach would be distasteful to ever see introduced.
Primarily the beach is a place people go to to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings of surf, sand & sun !!

Appendix 3

Forum responses

1.Are there any particular ocean beaches you would like to see ‘more’, ‘less’ or the ‘same’ commercial activity on and why?

Let's leave the natural beauty of our beaches alone. We don't need to be copying ideas from other places. We certainly don't need commercial activity occupying certain spaces and dictating where locals and tourists alike can walk and sit on the beach
I believe the current placement of surf schools is sufficient to enable enough room for conventional surf craft , surf life saving activities to operate without overcrowding certain areas.
Agree that Surf Schools perform a great tourist draw and teach surf safety & awareness & skills, but at the much used Currumbin Alley, care needs to be taken to prevent doubling and tripling up of lessons and large groups, to allow space for free beginner surfers. The Alley may be the Coasts best learner location but it is sadly reaching capacity . with surfers, surf schools, standup boards, lifesaver surf boat training, kite surfers, wind surfers, etc,etc. & fishing boats!
Keep it simple! The simple laid back lifestyle of the Gold Coast was why most of us came here to live and why most tourist's visit. If you want a drink of an umbrella, bring one with you or go for a walk. We don't want or need commercial activity on our beaches!
After reading all previous comments I feel very disappointed and exasperated. We have travelled extensively throughout Europe and were so delighted with the areas completely set aside into a tidy attractive setting which probably 50% of their beachgoers used all the times. They were very well managed
I migrated 25 years ago, I love Gold Coast. I think the important factor is the definition of "commercial activity" and how far it's goes. I agree most of the people's opinion of small sales activities, it is not necessary on the beach.On the other hand, I want to see professional Santa photograph at the beach is great tourist opportunity. Night movie on the beach also great attraction.Something like those commercial activities to encourage local and tourist both enjoy the beach.Also, we have to consider to use suitable beach, not always Surfers Paradise. There are over 70km long beach, we have...so we can set up designated beach for the commercial activities such as above
Why not list one major beach as an initial commercial venture ? Surfers is such a commercial area already- to introduce rental chairs, umbrellas etc, ambulatory refreshment sellers etc surely would just be an extension of tourist services in the area. Leave the other beaches in their natural state. Whether locals or visitors want commercialised or natural beaches, they will choose & their presence will confirm the opinion of the public.
I absolutely do not want that precedent to be set! Don't forget that one major beach also has locals who must put up with the consequences.
I'm curious to find out the official definition of "commercial activity". Do they mean on the sand its self, or anywhere near by? If I wanted to sell sun cream next to the beach, ie: the boardwalk/steps walking towards the beach, would this upset people? Queensland has the highest skin cancer rates Not only in Australia but in the WORLD. I was told by a council member someone wouldn't be able to get a permit to promote such a business anywhere near a beach. Why wouldn't council stop someone trying to encourage slip, slop, slap? Would it really be so bad someone providing a service to purchase an essential beach product on the way to the beach? I agree that "commercialising" a beach would NOT be a nice thing (ie on the sand) but what's the difference between on the sand and up the steps on the boardwalk like the surfers markets? On Bondi beach, They have someone selling Calipso Ice Cream. Isn't sun cream better for you? I don't see the harm personally!
I think there is plenty of opportunity to buy sunscreen or ice-creams etc from the shops that are always opposite the beach in popular areas. No need to have vendors on the beach. They also make the permanent businesses less viable and encourage litter on the beach
Beaches in most parts of the world have umbrella and deck chair hire because.....That's what tourists want. There are also vendors who will sell you cold drinks while you enjoy the beach whilst not getting melanoma. If you don't want to hire an umbrella then don't, but don't try and stop other people from doing so if they choose. It seems hypocritical of the council to not allow a small portion of the beach to be available for this kind of commercial use and at the same time bow to pressure from a few wealthy owners along Hedges Ave that are stoping the bike/pedestrian path from being built along the foreshore.
I would like to see less commercial activity on Surfers Paradise beach and foreshore. Beach concerts being staged during peak holiday season promoting alcohol is Not how our beaches are meant to be enjoyed, they block off the area for days and generally make the precinct look ugly. Additionally the ever growing and increasing number of Markets on the Surfers Paradise foreshore has created an retail precinct in direct competition with local traders - is this the job of GCCC - I don't think so! These market stalls take away the leisure and promenade area to both locals and tourists alike. Also how can you justify Bundaberg Rum, Rosemont Wines and Peroni beer being granted major sponsor status hardly conducive with a family friendly atmosphere. Who approved these activities !!!!
I agree whole heartedly with your comments. What a stupid idea, there was No benefit to Surfers as Surfers was already packed, the bands were using obscene language while children were walking at the markets, a disgrace and embarrassment for those who care about the place. We have eNough issues with alcohol fuelled violence and here they are spreading the rot to the beach. Surfers Paradise Alliance don't care about the beauty of the place, they are in it for the money. Return the beach and the foreshore back to the public so it can be enjoyed by all and for future generations. People come here for the beach, give it back to them before they stop coming.
I want to press agree but it won't let me!
I think it is OK to pretty well write off Surfers - let them have the commercial activity. It is very easy to go most everywhere else where Nothing is happening and keep it that way.
How long is it since you have strolled the Surfers Paradise foreshore with families enjoying the area through till early evening, it is

truly beautiful... that is on the nights the area is Not cluttered with markets. the natural beauty is what tourist want to see Not cheap imported products cluttering the beachfront. Lets Not just say do what you like to Surfers Paradise, it is one of the most famous beaches in the world, the GCCC need to look after it Not see the \$\$\$\$ rolling in front of their eyes from cheap tacky markets.
I am with you all the way. I am also born and bred.
100% AGREE
I would like to see 'less' commercial activity on the beach, as myself and other people go to the beach to enjoy it's natural beauty and it's natural state with the least amount of disruptions or 'man made' influences as possible. There are less and less places in the world where you can just enjoy the beauty of the environment without a lot of pollution, plastic, chairs etc etc
Lets get some designated fire pits going on the beach like they do in Los Angles You can book a fire pit, so someone responsible is nominated for the party
I am strongly against commercial, institutional, club event etc. exclusion of people from public places in general, but especially popular, special interest areas & unique natural features such as Duranbah/flagstaff beach, Snapper Rocks/Greenmount Suprebank, Currumbin Point/The Alley, Burleigh Point & any other popular known reliable surf break features such as 13th-15th Ave Palm Beach Bank. Any one that wants exclusive rights to an asset should do what every other entity has to & finance its creation & operation for a paying clientele!
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What a shame we follow other countries and the way they exploit the beach; let Thailand have their unique experience. Let Queensland have their uniqueness. Don't overcrowd and exploit Qld beaches with activities that create boat fumes and sea pollution; beach umbrellas; food; drinks and so much pollution you feel dirty entering the ocean and walking along the beach becomes a litter operation. Please don't 'more' our beach front. No beach along our precious Gold Coast deserves this treatment. If there is a need to utilise our beach area - please protect it. Less is More!!!!
I think at the moment its the right amount of commercial activity on the beaches...so I would say... same, I particulary like the markets that are set up I think they make the areas look festive.
Who is to say the beach is for sale , they are public placings ,how many accidents would happen with the wind blowing up and deck chairs and umbrellas flying everywhere ?? we live in such a great place and people want to keep trying to alter it .leave it alone ,if its Not broke don't fix it !!! People that want the deck chairs and drink service can get that from the hotels they are staying at , or if a local bring your own the beach is for everyone people come here for the way it is Not to alter it .
For anyone Not into theme parks or night clubs, activities are quite limited along the Coast. I think sunset camel rides perhaps along the beach near SeaWorld would work well and, of course, finish the Oceanway. I don't believe anyone should be allowed promoting o selling actually on the beaches but well-regulated beach chairs and shade sales would be OK in a couple of the more tourist areas.
No commercial activity of umbrellas or deck chairs etc. AUSTRALIA is unique - we want to keep it that way! Europe, US and other countries have restrictions on their beaches for the haves and the have Nots. You are restricted where you go on a beach as many hotels etc own the beach in front of them. The beach is Not owned by the people and therefore their beaches are Not like ours, they are Not FREE like ours! AUSTRALIANS own the beaches Not private enterprise! Not council, Not GC City, Not the state government and Not the federal government - the people own the beaches. NO TO THE SALE OF PUBLIC ASSETS!!!!
Our beaches are Not for sale keep the free and allow people to enjoy them.
Our family of 12 have experienced beaches in Mozambique, Mauritius, South Africa, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and North America and can tell you that Vendors on beaches are an absolute pest. Lets maintain our status quo and anyone who wants that type of experience should go elsewhere.
I agree absolutely with this sentiment - well said!
Allowing dogs off-leash where many small children and adults congregate on our beaches is 'bad eNough', but I suggest that the Tallebudgera designated 'off -leash' area is Not logical given my comments above. comprehensive signage at locations where the beach is entered, is lacking and an obvious assistance to dog owners would be featured "doggie pooh bag dispensers" at these locations. Unfortunately, any dog off -leash can leave their pooh where unsuspecting humans are moving about, so off-leash areas need to be restricted and monitored regularly by Inspectors, which are rarely encountered these days, over such a long stretch of beautiful beachline.Due to heavy usage of the 100 steps North of North Burleigh surf club, new inclusive signage is required to prevent dog owners from letting their dogs "off -leash "in this location. signage needs to be placed at top and bottom of the steps. As there is an alternative set of steps available to patrons, a new pathway to these steps and appropriate signage ought to be erected ,once again, at the top and bottom of the route. We have a huge number of cyclists as well as surf board carrying patrons all of whom are bonafide users and don't dismiss the elderly and the push chairs. who also make good use of this facility.
I believe that our beaches are perfect and if you change this we would end up like the beaches of Bali, full of pests. Leave we'll alone
Agreed

2.Would you like to see any alternative activities on ocean beaches; and if so, please describe?

It is high time that Queensland had a beach declared as clothing optional, the rest of Australia's states (apart from Tasmania) have legally declared nude bathing beaches, with Sydney having three in Sydney Harbour alone.In Feb 2013 & again in Feb 2014 there was a mass nude swim at Cobblers Beach which is located in Sydney Harbour, there was 700 or so people many of which had never been nude in public before who turned up on the day and paid to participate in the swim, the proceeds of the day went to funding the National Parks. Queensland's climate is ideal for nude tourism, so if at least one beach was declared legally nude and provided it wasn't located too far off the beaten track I am quite sure it would prove a boom to tourism.
Look and learn. Who has been to Croatia? That small country has had its share of turmoil. I recently visited that lovely clean and tidy country. Many of the homes and buildings still have machine gun and cannon holes in them from the war with Bosnia in

<p>1995. A large amount of the income that the country earns is from Nude Tourism. How did this come about? Remember Wallis Simpson? Wallis, The Duchess of Windsor was an American socialite. Her third husband, Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII, abdicated his throne to marry her. During their time before the kings abdication they chose to visit Croatia often. They mostly went swimming naked in the Adriatic and sunbaked on the beaches. (This habit is still prevalent in the royal family and recently it has made the headlines in many newspapers and TV shows.) This caused a bit of problem for the government of Croatia who could not summon the courage to arrest the King of England and incarcerate His Highness and his new wife. So instead chose to make nudism legal on all of the country's beaches. (True story, look it up). There are enormous resorts all over Croatia, I have been there. Valalta has 2000 camp sites, 200 chalets and 150 Apartments. This is an average resort . Shopping centres, Bars, restaurants and sporting facilities are all available. Some estimates say about 15% of all tourists in Croatia are naturists or nudists. That means more than 7.000.000 naturists visit Croatia each year. Most of them come from Germany, than Austria, The Netherlands, Italy, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary etc. No doubt Councillor Dawn Chinchow and rest of the polities in the Cosmopolitan City of the Gold Coast would have put King George in Jail. Good thing Australia was so far away from England.</p>
<p>NATURISM is a way of life in harmony with nature, characterised by the practice of communal nudity, which aims to promote the respect for ourselves, for those around us and for the environment. We live as NATURISTS and we are NAKED. Naked and free from the obstructions of wearing clothes, external constraints, we benefit fully from an enjoyable way of life, with respect for ourselves and for those around us. Naked and happy and in touch with the natural elements, we recharge our batteries and benefit fully from a harmonious, healthy way of life. Naked and real, we forget our image and distinguishing marks. We are what we are and not what we appear to be. Naked and generous, the practice of common nudity overcomes all social differences, teaching us to live in an atmosphere of openness and tolerance. Naked and proud, convinced of the healthy attitude of naturism, we support openness and we join a protected, not hidden Naturism. Naked and concerned about attacks on the environment, we are in direct contact with nature and involve ourselves in protective and educational actions and share the knowledge of our natural heritage. Naked and fortunate, the naturist way of life makes you happy and gives you physical, emotional and intellectual satisfaction. We are NATURISTS and we live naked. NATURISM is a multi-million dollar industry all over the world and yet the best state in Australia with the best year-round weather to support swimming, doesn't have a LEGAL NUDIST beach!!!!</p>
<p>I agree totally, with nogo on this, We have some of the best beaches in the world here and we are missing out on millions of dollars worth of tourism. This all because we don't have any legal Clothing optional (naturist) beaches in Qld, so why set an example and create a legal naturist area along the Gold Coast Strip. Iam sure you would be pleasantly surprised at the economic benefits you would Gain.</p>
<p>The gold coast could make MILLIONS weekly out of Nude resorts and beaches. Definition of naturism. Naturism (nudism) is a way of life in harmony with nature, characterised by the practice of communal nudity, with the intention of encouraging self respect, respect for others and for the environment." (sounds pretty good eh?)(International Naturist Federation). It is hard to find lots places to go nude in Australia compared to Europe and Canada and USA and England and New Zealand (pretty well everywhere except Asia and the middle east and backward old Queensland) . Queensland (the sunshine state) is the ONLY state without a legal nude beach. (Doesn't stop us though) The annual Nude Olympics at Noosa injects around 2 million into Noosa's accommodation and restaurants in March each year. More than that, The Gold or Sunshine coasts are the ONLY places in Australia that could provide this venue. There is No surf North of Nambour and it's too cold in winter south of Queensland. At the same longitude in Western Australia there are No cities and roads. This is the best place for sure to start some monster international naturist resorts. We have the climate. The massive resorts and nude cities of Europe and the USA are only able to operate for 6 months of the year due to cold weather. They actually board up and shut down their facilities for winter. The gold coast can offer sunshine all year round and even operate in our winter for the locals. Here is an example of the leadership required to achieve it on the Gold Coast. Don Dunstan (premier of South Australia) Said: I was insistent that one of the major changes that we would make in South Australia was that we would allow people to be individual in society. We believe that the law had No right to demand conformity to patterns of behaviour which didn't need to be imposed. Unless people were hurting others in the community they should be able to be individuals and do their own thing. I believe the richness of society comes from its diversity and individuality." (That sounds pretty good to me). Can you imagine Dawn Chinchow saying anything intelligent like this? Her comment on a TV interview was: "If that's the sort of thing they want to do they can go and buy themselves a hundred acres up in the bush, and do it there" Not exactly statesmen like, eh? I can't actually work out what "it" means in the comment! Surveys undertaken in the past from random groups in Australia indicate that 9% of us are regular nudists, in some way. I have never met a person who has Not been skinny-dipping so I suspect that all of us like the idea of being nude in water. It's harmless and should Not be illegal anywhere. The recent World Naked Bike Ride held in the main streets of Byron Bay (and everywhere else except Queensland) this month, saw 80 riders take to the streets and were greeted by THOUSANDS of cheering residents and visitors congratulating and urging them on. This shows that 99.99% of people are actually Not offended by naked bodies in public. Stop complaining about failing tourism on the gold coast. Embrace the new wave of international tourism sweeping Europe, England and The USA. Life is short- Play Naked!</p>
<p>I concur with the idea that with 52 km of ocean beach there should be a peppering of free (read legal nude) beaches. Don Dunstan's words are so true</p>
<p>I agree the gold coast should keep up with todays lifestyles and allow clothes optional beaches.</p>
<p>I dont get it ,I just dont get it so many nudists live here on the Gold Coast I know as im one of the many nudists that live here and we all ask the same Q .Why do we not have a nudist beach here ?????? I even get asked by travelers which way to the free beach area so we can go nude like we do in other parts of the world. What can you say (sorry i can not help you) In this day and age you would think this not to be a problem but it is , and the money in tourist that we lose is sad, I just wish the polities would talk to the people And give us a free beach.</p>
<p>Would it be possible to have 'movies on the beach' similar to 'movies in the park'? Bring your own 'floatie' device, chair, rug / towel for comfort. Start on Saturdays in December when school holidays have commenced, then from Boxing night, every night (or Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights) till end of January. Right up and down the coast (maybe even ?Coolangatta / Tweed (somewhere)) and up to Cabbage Tree Point / Jacobs Well areas. Maybe an organisation can run a bbq onsite as a fundraiser plus a coffee &/or icecream van for eats Only an idea / suggestion. Thanks.</p>
<p>if I wanted to sell sun cream next to the beach, ie: the boardwalk/steps walking towards the beach, would this upset people? Queensland has the highest skin cancer rates Not only in Australia but in the WORLD. I was told by a council member someone wouldn't be able to get a permit to promote such a business anywhere near a beach. Why wouldn't council stop someone trying to encourage slip, slop, slap? Would it really be so bad someone providing a service to purchase an essential beach product on the way to the beach? I agree that "commercialising" a beach would NOT be a nice thing (ie on the sand) but what's the difference between on the sand and up the steps on the boardwalk like the surfers markets? On Bondi beach, They have</p>

<p>someone selling Calipso Ice Cream. Isn't sun cream better for you? I don't see the harm personally!</p> <p>More surfing; more freebies; more families; more sNorkelling; more swimming; more picnics; more bbq's; more beach volleyball; more cricket.....I would like to see the Gold Coast celebrate the many cultures we have living here. A big food market once a fortnight / week would be amazing. I can see in my minds eye - people attending with their tables/chairs/candle and setting up a spot along our beautiful beach parkway with local music playing and food stalls selling all types of delicious cultural food for the public to choose. This would include many bins and a team of people ensuring clean up was completed after the evening. This could occur down the Gold Coast coastline to enable the entire community to have their 'turn' in enjoying such a feast. What better way for community to get together and celebrate our beautiful beach; but maintain the respect for our beachfront as a natural place for all to enjoy.....</p>

3. Currently there is a range of commercial and non-commercial activities permitted on Gold Coast ocean beaches. These are listed below. Which of these activities would you like to see more or less of and why?

<p>I would restrict filming more as when it occurs it can take over an area, restrict access to the public, and if it must occur it should be a maximum of a day, during the week. This would have the least effect on the public use of the beach</p>
<p>All good. Surf schools, surf clubs etc are a tourist attraction for the gold coast and a vital part of our economy and need to remain operational as long as they abide by best practices and solid operating procedures. SUP lessons should be allowed in the surf, not allowing this means people go and try it themselves with no instruction and no idea how to do it which has to be far more dangerous than being taught properly and effectively by licensed surf schools and qualified SUP Surf Instructors</p>
<p>Expand Surf Clubs' commercial scope to include renting beach umbrellas and lounges, as that is something lacking for visitors, as that service is generally available at other beaches around the world. However, restricting this type of licensing to the Surf Clubs would help support their critical role for the Gold Coast beaches.</p>
<p>I have no issue with surf clubs hiring out beach equipment, but it should only be available for users to collect and return to the surf club building, under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to have hire equipment pre-setup on the beach as many places around the world allow. The rows of pre-setup umbrellas and lounges is the ugliest blight on the beach landscape I have ever seen!</p>
<p>Less Markets on Surfers Paradise beach, let the locals and tourists enjoy the natural beauty of the area, let the local traders who support the town 365 days a year make a living.</p>
<p>Totally agree with you, less markets, stop the cheap imported products at the markets and let the local businesses who pay enormous rents make a living</p>
<p>I wouldn't be in favour of too many commercial activities on the beaches. You go to some beaches overseas and can't get a moment's peace for people trying to sell you something. Having said that, it would be great to have beach lockers, deckchairs, ice cream/drink/sunscreen vendors on the beaches. It would be convenient and, provided they didn't tout, would be a great addition.</p>
<p>Less Markets on Surfers Paradise beach, let the locals and tourists enjoy the natural beauty of the area, let the local traders who support the town 365 days a year make a living.</p>
<p>If I wanted to sell sun cream next to the beach, ie: the boardwalk/steps walking towards the beach, would this upset people? Queensland has the highest skin cancer rates Not only in Australia but in the WORLD. I was told by a council member someone wouldn't be able to get a permit to promote such a business anywhere near a beach. Why wouldn't council stop someone trying to encourage slip, slop, slap? Would it really be so bad someone providing a service to purchase an essential beach product on the way to the beach? I agree that "commercialising" a beach would NOT be a nice thing (ie on the sand) but what's the difference between on the sand and up the steps on the boardwalk like the surfers markets? On Bondi beach, They have someone selling Calipso Ice Cream. Isn't sun cream better for you? I don't see the harm personally!</p>
<p>Surfing competitions should be banned from all popular, recognized surfbreaks during Normal public access or daylight hours as this amounts to at least elitist use, through to commercial ownership of natural resources that belong EQUALLY to all as are inclined & able to access them. Council is responsible to all ratepayers & visitors to the many features of the Gold Coast area & I contend that it does Not legally have the power to contract exclusive rights to natural features to such entities, club or corporate & I believe it is also unconstitutional.</p>
<p>I would like to see the same amount (Not more) of these activities, it is great to see everyone being able to enjoy the beach in different ways.</p>
<p>I can see nothing but positives for people with the activities listed above. They do Not disrupt our lives along the beach; but enhance.... I love seeing our community get out there and enjoy sporting activities. Usually the types of people these events attract are the people who have a respect for the beach and do Not leave their litter lying around for the waves to wash up. Who else loves seeing a wedding - I always stop to 'gawk' at the joy of a wedding taking place. These events listed above are positive..... But; I would say there are eNough and would Not like to see 'events' take over'. We need to maintain a 'balanced view'.</p>
<p>in reply to mark@rainbow, do you own a business cause I do, and Cooly Rocks and markets, and quiksilver bring very little extra income, if anything extra costs as you have to have more staff just in case supporters come to your shop. why would they, there is close to 200 extra food vendors for Cooly Rocks and a cafe built for quiksilver, markets put them in the park and let them stroll around town, No instead corral them on the beach and then they leave, just great for local business.</p>
<p>I completely support all of the above provided companies or individuals providing a service are licensed and meet GCCC environmental standards. Major events i.e. Quiksilver/Roxy Pro, Kirra Kite Festival, SLSC competitions, Bleach Festival, Cooly Rocks On, Coolangatta Markets, etc are economic drivers for the Southern Gold Coast region and are vital contributors to the economy.</p>
<p>Currumbin has a particular problem with boats and surf crafts .At Byron Bay the dive boats have sirens to let surfers kNow they are coming in ,although this is Not the same as Currumbin with many casual boaties and fishermen .If a strong education program can be put in place for all boats using the Alley to have a fixed or portable horn or siren it would be a step towards</p>

stopping accidents and deaths .Even though it would Not be used often it could even be a simple. Low cost requirement second to a life jacket .The coast guard could test and advise their thoughts on the best horn or siren.
I believe the beach is for everyone! However, it is a kNown fact that the Currumbin Estuary is becoming increasingly dangerous. Something really needs to be done. I don't think restricting access or making business pay for the privilege is the answer in terms of the Currumbin estuary. What council needs to do is too develop the same strategies seen at the Pass at Byron bay targeting boat owners wanting to use the area. Nothing new has changed with respect to the Currumbin Estuary it is a surfing destination for many and always has been. Boat owners who take their craft out their do it at a risk and so too does the surfer or swimmer who surfs there. A warning device or mechanisms should be put in place and a camera mounted to the groin. These controls would be a great start I don't think trying to limit the use is the answer as in my view the Council does Not own nature so they would have little right in limiting peoples access too it.
All of these are acceptable.

4. Are there any ocean beaches that Council should never permit commercial activities on; and if so, why do you think those beaches should not be permitted to have commercial activities?

The Spit, The Seaway, Jumping Pin and Wavebreak Island. Please leave them to be enjoyed as they are, free of commercial activity and accessible to friends, dogs and families to enjoy.
I feel that areas of beach where they abut feeder streams, creeks etc like, Currumbin, Jumpinpin and the Seaway entrances should have a defined area where No activities are aloud. These areas are too fragile and open to damage, pollution etc. by Commercial and Non Commercial activities. With so much extensive beach front, there should be No need to include these areas. As for the amount of area to be protected and reserved from beach activities, this I'll leave to Council. As for any other beaches, I trust Council is smart enough to make certain that any Commercial/Non Commercial activity is sufficiently covered by Insurance and Liability costs. Further, that Council sights such Insurance Policies and confirms with Insurer to make certain all obligations are met.
It is said we have some of the best beaches in the world, please do Not take that away. there are untold areas for business development and commercialisation without encroaching on to the beaches. Only people who wish to further their own end at the expense of others would want to tarnish what we have. If it does Not have a long term benefit to the total community, any commercial activity on our beaches should be strongly discouraged. Retain our beaches in their current format for all people to enjoy and be proud of.

5. Do you have any other comments relating to commercial activity on ocean beaches?

I agree with Currumbin 08 Apr 2014, 08:05 AM. PLEASE EXPLAIN!! Why has the 'DELFT REPORT' been shelved and covered up??We are currently spending Millions of Dollars in an attempt to restore our beaches when the DELFT REPORT clearly showed the way to improve the situation whereby following their plan/advice Nature would naturally restore our beaches! (See - Queensland State Archives Department of Public Works Issues - Beach Erosion on the Gold Coast - Various measures, including the construction of strategic groynes, were suggested by the Delft Laboratory in Holland in a report released by the Government in 1971.On 2nd October,1971 Cabinet agreed to approach the Commonwealth Government to request a 40% subsidy for the cost of the beach restoration project. The total cost was expected to be between \$12 million and \$17.5 million, but the submission Noted that an extra one million visitors would holiday on the Gold Coast if the beaches were restored. The Queensland Government announced it would contribute up to \$6 million to fund the scheme 'if the Commonwealth will do the same' . The State Government advised the Council in December that it would suspend all loans to the Gold Coast until it gave 'an unqualified assurance 'that it would 'honour a \$13 million beach restoration programme'. END - Queensland State Archives Department of Public Works Issues - Beach Erosion on the Gold Coast). THESE QUESTIONS need to be ANSWERED!
The less commercial activity the better. I don't want someone selling ice cream, drinks, sunscreen, umbrellas, hats or anything else on the beach. Also there are too few car parks near beaches already so adding commercial vehicles will only restrict access for the general public. Stop trying to make a dollar off everything we have as there is No benefit to the local citizens who pay your salaries!
Viable operations like surf schools are a tourist attraction for the Gold Coast, as are the theme parks, and the Council needs to remember this. As long as these operations are run responsibly by licensed operators with solid high quality operating principles in a responsible respectable way, they only benefit our area and attract tourism dollars and accommodation bed nights, meals, shopping and work for local people
i would like to have lockers on the beach to place my valueableswhile swimming
No lockers on the beach, but how about the surf clubs run a locker service from the surf club building?
This is a brief comment mainly about my thoughts on intrusive-commercial activity on beaches. I go to the beach for the beach. I have been to many beaches in Australia and abroad and without a doubt we are lucky to have our beautiful beaches. My friends and I enjoy the beaches here on the Gold Coast. I don't want to see commercial activity on our relaxing fun day at the beach. I've been to beaches where people have constantly bothered me, asking if I want to buy a drink, if I want to buy a t-shirt, if I want to buy a souvenir, if I want to buy an Armani suit etc etc. If I want to buy something I'LL FIND YOU. I don't have time to touch on Non-intrusive commercial & Non-commercial activities but for what my opinions' worth I think one off or annual events like Carols

by Candlelight or a wedding is okay. Surf Life Saving activities I'm also supportive of. In summary our beaches are a beautiful natural pristine wonder. Please don't commercialize our beaches. God bless.
as a business owner, im sick and tired of being told that all the events are for the benefit of business in the local area. Cooly rocks on brings in close to 200 extra food vendors just for this event alone, how bout supporting the local traders that are here every day, markets on the beach, put them in the beautiful park we have just one street away and let the people browse the whole town not just the beach. parking stop market stall holders from taking all car spaces and have them park elsewhere. I have owned a business for close to five years and couldnt tell you who our local councilor is never seen or heard of him or her, just you have to pay more for this and more for that.
I believe Gold Coasters should be able to enjoy far more private activities on the Gold Coast beaches. We are treated like imbeciles and are not allowed to gather with friends or families creating our own parties and gatherings without it being organised by GCCC. All the small people create the events that do go on, then the council roles in and takes photos, publishes them and goes "oh look what we allowed you to do". I attended eat street on Saturday night and wanted to have a drink with friends. Not get smashed, just enjoy a drink as an adult. Those who wanted to have a beverage were fenced off in a ridiculous cage separating families and friends. If there were people from Europe at this event that would have found it absolutely absurd. When adults are not given the respect to be adults. Appalled
Agree with your comments Traecy, but how would you feel if you were a Surfers Paradise trader - over 120 Market stalls on your doorstep THREE 'nights' a week, well they actually start setting up at 2pm. Add to that during every holiday period and event they put on additional markets at cheap rent. How do they expect locals trader to run a profitable business. Think yourself lucky you only have markets once a month !! When did council become a Market operator in direct competition to local business
Backpackers hire campervans then stay in beach parking areas for days if Not weeks. IS THIS CLASSED AS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY? There was up to a dozen vans camped in the Greenmount Hill parking area over the Quiksilver Contest. I don't believe they contributed too much to the local economy. The area was left littered with rubbish & smelling of urine. If the council doesn't have the resources too police a few campers how will they ever control beach vendors?
yes I would like to buy a drink or icecream on the beach
If I wanted to sell sun cream next to the beach, ie: the boardwalk/steps walking towards the beach, would this upset people? Queensland has the highest skin cancer rates Not only in Australia but in the WORLD. I was told by a council member someone wouldn't be able to get a permit to promote such a business anywhere near a beach. Why wouldn't council stop someone trying to encourage slip, slop, slap? Would it really be so bad someone providing a service to purchase an essential beach product on the way to the beach? I agree that "commercialising" a beach would NOT be a nice thing (ie on the sand) but what's the difference between on the sand and up the steps on the boardwalk like the surfers markets? On Bondi beach, They have someone selling Calipso Ice Cream. Isn't sun cream better for you? I don't see the harm personally!
I don't know anyone who goes to the beach without sun block. While it sounds innocent it's the thin edge of the wedge. I've been pestered to buy papers on the beach in France and accosted by knick-knack vendors on the beach in Mexico. We're very lucky here - let's Not give it up.
Please No more commercial activity on our ocean beaches!
Please don't open beach front areas to commercial activities..... How sad... We all kNow leaving nature to be enjoyed in it's natural state brings the greatest joy..... You know it; don't be swayed by businesses wanting to make money to feather their nests by using our beaches... Please allow the community the enjoyment of leaving nature tell it's story.....
The Surfers Paradise Foreshore was built for the public and funded by the rate payers of the Gold Coast. You can't even access it half the time due to events and stages, fencing, trucks and sheds from these events. The rate payers funded it, give it back to us. The BBQ's that we paid for on the Surfers Foreshore cannot even be used on the prime afternoons and nights Now due to the markets Now running three nights a week. We would like to use the BBQ's on a Friday or Sunday night, but the markets block us. How could you let this happen Lex Bell. What about US! We pay the rates, give us back what we paid for and are continuing to pay for.
I would not like to see any commercial activity on ocean beaches. It will lead to people pestering you all the time, more rubbish accumulating and less income for the adjoining legitimate businesses paying large rents.
I agree, No commercial activity on ocean beaches, or any other beaches.
what about parking - where are we all supposed to park? Need some multi story or free commuter buses???
Hello Collette, I agree with you. Nothing worse than being pestered when you are trying to relax, increased litter and it is hard enough for businesses at the moment, let alone more trade being taken away from them.
Completely support commercial activities on our beaches. These are what contribute to our economy on the coast.
the question is ""Who benefits" from commercial activity on the beach ??????? my guess is the Gold Coast City Council of course who else !! and here is me thinking the beaches are public property, and look at the GCCC trying to sell it off yet again !!! and asking us" THE PUBLIC " as if we really have a say , its pathetic, the gold coast city council is already corrupt , its an excuse to make the locals PAY to use their own beaches think about it !!!