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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association

I am writing in support of the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association's application for the 'Gold Coast Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct'.

The Association aims to build the Cultural Precinct as a hub for music, dance, spirituality, languages, and many other cultural activities that will promote multiculturalism and community engagement. The Precinct will have a special focus on youth programs, bringing together a community from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Fiji, Singapore, Malaysia, and the wider South East Queensland community.

There is a growing need, especially within the Gold Coast, for cultural education and spiritual engagement programs for the youth of these Hindu communities, and this Precinct will fulfil these needs. The Precinct will also be a meeting place for elderly or newly migrated members of the community, and aims to help them acquire skills and knowledge in a familiar language environment.

I have been advised that the Association has secured a donation of a piece of land from the Gold Coast City Council, however this is conditional on the Association providing the funding for the project. The Association have already raised over \$500 000, but they still needs \$1.5m in funding to make this wonderful Precinct a reality.

I have met with representatives from the Association and I have no hesitation in supporting their application. The Hindu Education and Cultural Precinct is a very exciting project, and I wish them all the best.

Kind Regards

Senator Claire Moore
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