

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Leading Architect Accepts Invitation to Head Waterfront Design Panel

One of Australia's most acclaimed architects and urban designers has accepted an invitation to become Head of the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority Design Panel.

Professor Peter Elliott, of Melbourne, is an award-winning practitioner with more than 30 years' experience on public realm projects and reinvigorating under utilised urban space.

In addition, Prof Elliott is a well-known lecturer and writer on contemporary architectural design and practice, and is Adjunct Professor at the School of Architecture & Design at RMIT University, where he has been teaching since 1982.

Prof Elliott's work has been widely published and exhibited and has won numerous Awards and Honours for outstanding architecture. This includes an Order of Australia in 1987 for services to architecture (public housing) and the Victorian Architecture Medal 1991 for the Carlton Baths and Community Centre.

Other members of the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority Design Panel are:

- Barrie Shelton, Sesquicentennial Senior Lecturer in Urban Design, University of Sydney
- Leigh Woolley, Principal, Leigh Woolley Architect + Urban Design Consultant, Tasmania
- Sandra Hogue, Senior Planning Consultant, Hydro Tasmania.

"The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority is fortunate to have secured the services of these outstanding professionals to form the Design Panel," said Chief Executive Jeff Gilmore.

"Their input will be tremendously valuable as the Authority goes about its role to protect, enhance and develop Sullivans Cove and surrounding areas.

"Every member of the Design Panel has made it clear they are passionately committed to the waterfront – they share the aspirations of the Tasmanian people in wanting to create a world-class community asset while preserving the unique qualities of the Hobart waterfront."

The Design Panel will meet monthly.

## Professional Details

### Professor Peter Elliott

Peter Elliott started in private practice in 1975 after completing his architectural studies at the University of Melbourne. His early work concentrated on community facilities, recreation, child care and public and private housing, although these days he is best known for public commissions and education projects.

Peter is renowned for mixing old and new forms with clarity and precision. He has been an active member of many professional and community associations, committees and juries. His practice, Peter Elliott Architecture + Urban Design, carries out a diverse range of work for government departments and agencies, secondary and tertiary education institutions, and other public authorities particularly in the inner urban context. Projects include Spencer Street Footbridge, the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Observatory Gate, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and RMIT university urban spaces project.

Peter's work in Tasmania includes the Riawunna Aboriginal Education Centre and Faculty of Arts Precinct at the University of Tasmania, Launceston.

### Sandra Hogue

Sandra is a senior strategic land use planner and project manager with more than 18 years' experience in Councils, State Government, and private consulting in Tasmania and the UK.

Her post-graduate qualification in planning was undertaken in the school of Urban Design at the University of Tasmania and she has written a number of strategic and policy papers focused on the sustainable development of Tasmanian regions and localities.

Sandra's extensive experience has covered a broad range of land use and development issues, including heritage sites and major infrastructure projects.

In July 2004, Sandra joined Hydro Tasmania Consulting to manage its Cultural Heritage Program and land use planning projects.

From six years as a Tasmanian Heritage Councillor, Sandra has a thorough appreciation of Tasmania's outstanding heritage assets and how best to protect and conserve their significance.

### Barrie Shelton

Barrie's 30-year career includes teaching, practice, writing and research throughout Australia, in East Asia, and the UK.

More specifically, over the last 15 years, he has been an urban design consultant in several states, Head of the Department of Urban Design at the University of Tasmania in Hobart, Visiting Professor at the University of Central England, and a Japan Foundation Fellow (based at Nagasaki Science University). He now directs graduate urban design programs at the University of Sydney,

Barrie has a long association with Hobart and its waterfront. In 1982, he curated the 'Henry Hunter – Architect, Hobart Town' at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, was winner of the 1986 ideas competition for Sullivans Cove and, most recently, was lead consultant for the Hobart Waterfront Urban Design Framework.

He has written widely on urban design, including a much acclaimed book on Japanese urbanism, 'Learning from the Japanese City'. He thus brings local knowledge and an international perspective to the Cove.

### **Leigh Woolley**

Leigh has worked extensively as an architect and urban designer for private clients and to all levels of government, within Australia, the UK and Southeast Asia.

He has received numerous design awards in architecture and urban design. He has been a Churchill Fellowship recipient to compare urban design policy in cities with dominant topographies.

An active member of the local profession Leigh has enjoyed an extensive relationship with Sullivans Cove for the past 20 years.

He also lectures and writes about architecture and urban design while his photography is held in state and national collections.

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### **About the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority**

The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority is the planning authority responsible for protecting, enhancing and developing Sullivans Cove and surrounding areas. The Authority aims to preserve the unique qualities of the Hobart Waterfront, which defines the identity, vitality and image of the Tasmanian people.

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