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Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority

Statement by the Premier, Paul Lennon

Sensible development on the Hobart waterfront took a major step forward today with the announcement of the make-up of the new Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority Board, Premier Paul Lennon said.

Mr Lennon said the board members were all eminent in their chosen fields and had been drawn from a list of highly-experienced candidates from all over Australia.

"This is an exciting opportunity to end the division over development on Hobart's iconic waterfront and move forward together as a community," Mr Lennon said.

"We all want to see things go ahead on the waterfront – but we do not want development at any cost.

"The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority will be the guardian of the waterfront and a trustee for future generations.

"The role of the Authority will be to protect and enhance what is uniquely Tasmanian about Hobart's waterfront – its mixture of world-class maritime heritage and its status as a working port, business hub and cultural heart."

Mr Lennon said the five-member Board's Chairman was Alan Brooks, whose 35 years working at senior levels of the corporate sector for some of Australia's best-known companies stamped him as an ideal choice.

Mr Brooks will be joined on the Board by nationally-recognised architect Professor Evan Walker, prominent author and historian Professor Marilyn Lake, master planner Mary Baker and Norm McIlfratrick, Secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

The inaugural Chief Executive of the Authority is Jeff Gilmore, who has been with the State Government's Waterfront Project team since 2003 and is well known for his abilities in developing planning and regulatory frameworks.

"The announcement of this Board is a significant step towards delivering sensible, community-friendly development," Mr Lennon said.

The Authority will launch an international design competition for the Cove back to City Hall, including the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

It would also work towards a new ferry terminal at Brooke Street Pier, support the small business community, encourage more family-friendly walkways and develop long-term traffic and movement strategies.

Mr Lennon said that by establishing the Board, the State Government had made a commitment to the seven principles the community had indicated it wanted for the waterfront:

- heritage preservation
- living sea port
- maritime tradition
- a people-friendly place
- world-class design
- creativity and imagination, and
- support for small business.