

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Have Your Say: Ideas for Railyards Redevelopment Now On Display

The Draft Hobart Railyards Urban Design Strategy is on exhibition for community comment at the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority.

Redevelopment of the site will be one of the largest urban renewal projects in Tasmania.

The Railyards site is strategically located at the arrival to Hobart's city centre and to Sullivans Cove and is the preferred location for a new public hospital.

The draft urban design strategy was developed by consultants Spackman Mossop Tony Caro Joint Venture (SMTCJV).

The consulting team was asked to focus on four main themes when preparing the draft urban design strategy:

- Land use and activity
- Movement, transport and access
- Public space
- Built form

The draft strategy demonstrates how the Railyards can be reunited with the city and Sullivans Cove after many years as an industrial site and transport depot.

"A major project such as a new hospital has the potential to underpin an exciting redevelopment of this important urban area with a mix of complementary uses," said Marietta Wong, Acting Chief Executive, Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority.

"To date, planning for the Hobart Railyards has been limited to its use as a multi-modal transport hub.

"The prospect of a new hospital on the site has brought forward the need to consider the site's potential for redevelopment as a new part of the city. This draft strategy is an initial step in the process of considering the site's long-term future and puts forward a number of concepts for community comment.

“The Authority is committed to retaining the special qualities of the Hobart waterfront. It supports a working port as a vital part of the diversity of activities that make Sullivans Cove a place for all Tasmanians.”

The exhibition runs until 11 August 2008 at the Authority’s office at 5 Franklin Wharf, Hobart. The office is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and at other times by appointment.

Members of the community are invited to comment on the draft strategy during the exhibition period. All views will be considered prior to a final strategy being released.

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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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