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MACQUARIE WHARF NOT FOR SALE

Hobart's Macquarie Wharf Number One Shed is not for sale.

The Tasmanian Ports Corporation says there is no sale and no price tag. However, Tasports is keen to encourage further commercial development of the waterfront facility.

Executive Manager Marketing Charles Scarafiotti said Tasports was currently consulting with tenants and key stakeholders and finalising details to seek further commercial development of the Macquarie Wharf shed.

"Tasports is a commercial enterprise and believes the facility has more to offer in terms of a commercial return on the asset as well as providing an improved facility and amenity for the community," Mr Scarafiotti said.

"We identified the need to open up the Macquarie Wharf Number One site for development some time ago and have been working with the Tasmanian Government and the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority (SCWA) to bring this about.

"The shed itself has for sometime not been integral to port activity and somewhat peripheral in accommodating other services, storage and fish handling.

"This now presents an exciting development opportunity for the Port."

Mr. Scarafiotti said the current process for commercial development was in no way linked to the SCWA Hobart rail yard presentations that prompted incorrect perceptions about the loss of the working port.

"The wharf building is not for sale and our priority is to ensure that the Port of Hobart remains a working port that continues to meet the day-to-day needs of its customers."

An announcement on the commercial development will be made in due course, following completion of the stakeholder consultation and business processes.

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