



DAVID BARTLETT MP Premier

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Brooke St Pier Redevelopment

Premier David Bartlett today confirmed that a formal expression of interest process for redeveloping Brooke Street Pier on the Hobart Waterfront had been completed.

As a result of the process, Mr Bartlett said a proposal put forward by a consortium called Hunter Developments had seen it accepted as the preferred developer.

He said the steering committee overseeing the expressions of interest process, led by the Department of Economic Development, had recommended that TasPorts enter into negotiations with Hunter Developments on the project.

“The proposal is in concept form only at this point in time and is subject to change,” Mr Bartlett said.

“It needs to go through the full development application process with the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority.

“I am advised that discussions will soon be taking place between Hunter Developments and TasPorts with a view to a public announcement, including further details of the proposal.”

BACKGROUND

The potential for a new ferry terminal and associated facilities to replace the current ferry piers at Brooke Street were identified in the Hobart Waterfront Urban Design Framework released in May, 2004.

The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority then identified redeveloping the Brooke Street Pier as an immediate priority in its Activity Outlook released in August, 2006.

The Department of Economic Development then sought expressions of interest for the new development on behalf of TasPorts and Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority.

Submissions were invited from interested private sector parties to design, build, finance, lease, operate and maintain new ferry infrastructure and associated facilities in Sullivans Cove.

Invitations for expressions of interest were advertised in June, 2007 and closed on August 3, 2007.

The steering committee endorsed the recommendation of an independent assessment panel on May 22 this year.

On May 26, the steering committee advised TasPorts that Hunter Developments was the preferred developer and that it should proceed to progress a development agreement.

An agreement has not yet been reached.