

# SULLIVANS COVE PROGRESS UPDATE

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By Jeff Gilmore, Chief Executive, Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority

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The waterfront has never been in better shape – we are gearing up for a record cruise ship season and retailers are looking forward to a great summer trading period.

The people of Hobart have told us loud and clear they want to see a diverse and active waterfront, and they will only support development that is appropriate to the size and scale of Sullivans Cove.

We have one chance to get it right – and that's what we're doing.

Significant projects that are underway, or are about to start, include:

- major expansion of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery to create a home worthy of the State's major cultural institution
- redevelopment of Brooke Street Ferry Pier to create a new home for Hobart's ferry fleet
- redevelopment of land next to Theatre Royal, Tasmania's most historically important theatre space
- joint project with TasPorts to improve the area around the Docks
- redevelopment of under-utilised buildings at the rear of Parliament House – and we know there is strong national interest.

At the same time, we are looking at a major redevelopment of the Hobart Railyards which may see the construction of a new Royal Hobart Hospital.

The Railyards project has the potential to become the biggest and most exciting urban renewal project in the State's history.

These are exciting projects that have attracted national and global interest in Hobart.

As a measure of this global interest, we received a record number of entries in the Hobart Waterfront International Design Competition.

The competition attracted more entries than competitions for the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne's Federation Square.

Our work on this competition received a commendation from the Planning Institute of Australia at the State awards announced yesterday.

The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority does not wish to be distracted from its work by media stunts. The Authority is solely focused on working to ensure our waterfront remains a unique mixture of working port and cultural hub.

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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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