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Leader of the State Opposition  
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## **Bartlett's shambles on the waterfront continues**

The State Government's mismanagement of the Hobart waterfront redevelopment has been exposed again – with Hunter Developments agreeing to hold off on its Brooke St Pier proposal pending the completion of a master plan for the area.

Just last week, the Premier, David Bartlett, was insistent that development could be progressed without the overarching blueprint - a position that was completely contradictory.

Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said that as debate on the waterfront redevelopment unfolded, it was becoming increasingly apparent what an absolute mess Mr Bartlett had made of this sensitive issue.

Even today, fundamental details relating to the master plan remain a mystery.

Who is developing the plan?

Has the new State architect been appointed, and if so, will this person be involved in the development of such an important blueprint, and if not, shouldn't they be?

What community consultation and input will there be into the master plan?

How will projects put forward for development under the plan be assessed into the future?

And if a master plan can be developed within a matter of months, why wasn't this done before now, given that Labor has been talking about redeveloping the waterfront for ten long years.

“The Premier’s handling of this issue has been a complete shambles, and it raises real questions about his judgement,” Mr Hodgman said.

“Mr Bartlett and his government have scrambled from one error of judgement to another since the Brooke St pier plans were revealed, showing real contempt for the community.

“Last week’s attempt by Mr Bartlett to clean up the mess he had made by outlining a so-called vision for the waterfront now also is looking shallow and thin on substance.

“That such fundamental details about the master plan have not been provided also makes me fear that it could become another David Bartlett media stunt that lacks integrity, substance and strategic thinking.”

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