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Will Hodgman MP

Leader of the Opposition

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Where to now for the waterfront?

The Leader of the Opposition, Will Hodgman, said today that the Government's policy on Sullivans Cove development was a failure.

"The Government had a golden opportunity here, but it has well and truly let it slip through its fingers.

"The Budget shows that since 2005-06, the Government has spent over \$7.6 million on the Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority, and nearly four years later, there is nothing to show for it.

"It appears the only thing that's been redeveloped so far is the Authority's own office space.

"The Premier's five point plan is simply an admission of failure. At least the Premier has finally come out today and acknowledged that we need a master plan for the development, but it's a bit rich saying that, weeks after announcing details of a preferred developer for the Brooke Street Pier development.

"What is most worrying is the broader trend that is emerging from this Government. The Government has churned through ministers for a number of portfolios and it is interesting to note that Mr Bartlett is the fourth minister to be responsible for the waterfront in four years.

“The ministerial revolving door is creating instability across the Government and this is just another example of the failed outcomes and decline in community confidence that is the inevitable result,” Mr Hodgman said.

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