

Redress mistake with foreshore reserves

I HAVE just returned from Perth, Western Australia, and was again impressed by the wide and continuous parklands that border both sides of the Swan River adjacent to the CBD.

What foresight the Perth city planners had over 150 years ago. In Hobart we now have a rare opportunity at Macquarie Point to redress mistakes made by our city planners when they largely failed to establish foreshore reserves

along the western side of the Derwent. Macquarie Point should now be redeveloped with a wide strip of public land left next to the river. This park would link up with the Queen's Domain, the Botanical Gardens and future parklands developed when the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Self's Point fuel depot, Nyrstar and the Dowsing Point depot are inevitably eventually closed or relocated. With a little foreshore reclamation our great

grandchildren may be able to walk along the Derwent foreshore all the way from Sullivans Cove to Mona and beyond.

We should now be planning a city for 150 years in the future when we will have a much larger population, just as they did when the city of Perth was established. If we do, Hobart will remain one of the best places in the world to live.

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