



## INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT PROCESS - LAUDERDALE QUAY PROPOSAL BY WALKER CORPORATION

### **Legislative basis for assessment**

On 11 July 2006 the Governor made an order declaring the Lauderdale Quay proposal by Walker Corporation Pty Ltd (Walker) to be a project of State significance.

The Premier, the Hon. Paul Lennon, has directed the Resource Planning & Development Commission (RPDC) to undertake an integrated assessment of the proposal in accordance with the requirements of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*.

### **What is a project of State significance?**

A project is eligible to be a project of State significance if it possesses at least two of the following attributes:

- significant capital investment;
- significant contribution to the State's economic development;
- significant consequential economic impacts;
- significant potential contribution to Australia's balance of payments;
- significant impact on the environment;
- complex technical processes and engineering designs; and/or
- significant infrastructure requirements.

### **Who will assess the project?**

The RPDC is an independent statutory body with the responsibility for undertaking integrated assessments of projects of State significance.

Importantly, the RPDC's role is to assess the project and make recommendations to the government. It is the government that finally determines whether the project proceeds, and if so, on what terms and conditions.

### **How will the impact of the project be assessed?**

The *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* sets out the statutory assessment process for a project of State significance.

A key step in the process is the preparation of guidelines for the scope of studies and information that should be addressed by Walker in the draft Integrated Impact Statement (IIS). The RPDC will invite public comment on the draft set of guidelines before providing Walker with the final scope guidelines.

The proponent (Walker) will prepare the draft IIS, which will describe the proposal and address all potential environmental, social, community and economic impacts of the construction and operation of the proposal.

The draft IIS will be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days and public comment invited. Persons who lodge a written submission on the draft IIS may, at the invitation of the Commission, make a presentation at a hearing (if the Panel determines that a hearing is appropriate to consider submissions and, or, gather additional information).

The RPDC will then prepare a Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR), which will be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Submissions will be invited on the DIAR. Submissions received will be considered by the RPDC and a further hearing may be held to assist the RPDC to consider the submissions. The RPDC will submit a final report to the Tasmanian Premier.

### **How will government decisions be made about the project?**

The government will consider the RPDC's report and determine whether the project is to proceed, and if so, on what conditions.

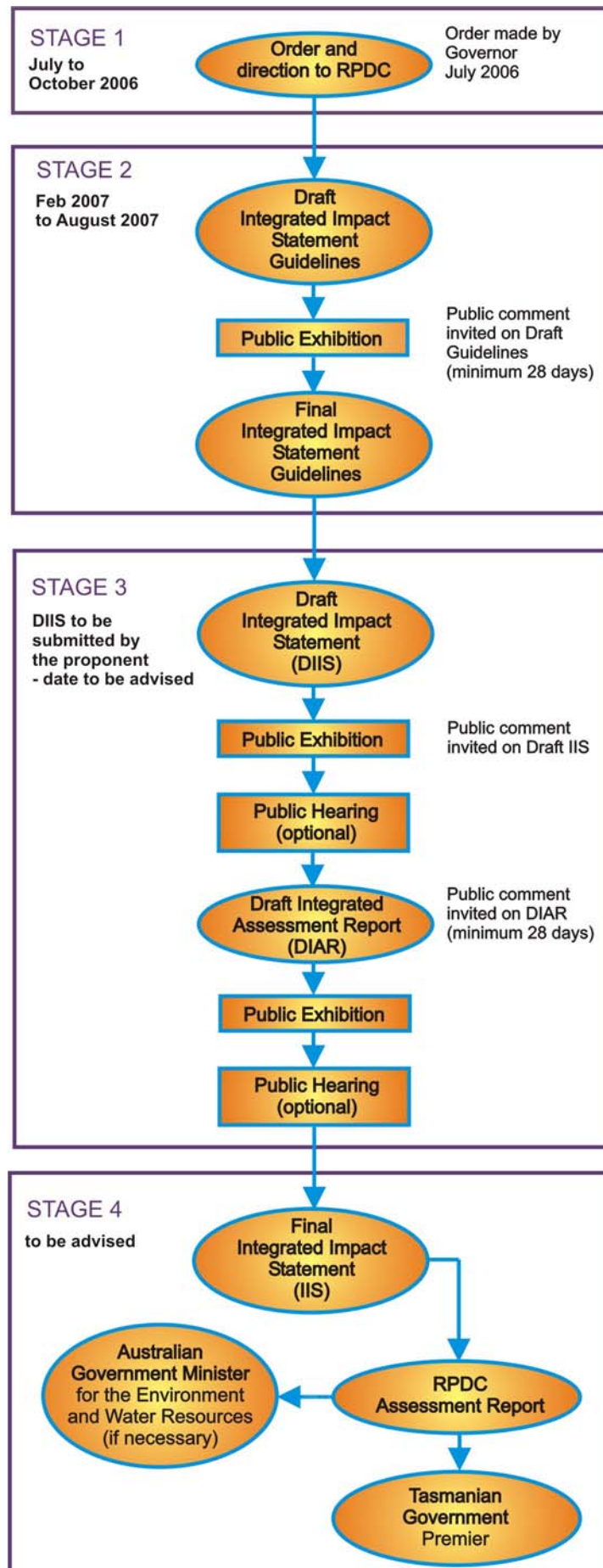
### **How can the community participate in the process?**

Opportunities for public input are through submissions in response to:

- Draft Scope Guidelines for the IIS;
- Draft IIS;
- Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR); and
- Presentations at a RPDC hearing (if any).

Public comment on the draft IIS will be invited through public notices in Tasmanian and national newspapers. Interested persons and organisations will have a minimum of 28 days to comment in writing on the Draft IIS during the public exhibition period. Similarly, notices will be placed in newspapers notifying the public when the RPDC's DIAR has been placed on public exhibition. The public will be invited to comment in writing on the DIAR during the public exhibition period.

Figure 1 Assessment Process



For further information on the assessment process, contact Resource Planning and Development Commission by phone (03) 6233 2795; email: [enquiry.rpdc@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:enquiry.rpdc@justice.tas.gov.au), or visit the Commission's website: [www.rpdc.tas.gov.au](http://www.rpdc.tas.gov.au).