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Auditor-General finds failures of process and advice in the proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point land

The Tasmanian Auditor-General, Mr Martin Thompson said he ‘found significant shortcomings in process and advice’ in the proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point land. The failures started with not having a business case that defined the scope, risks and costs of the individual projects that made up the proposal.

Mr Thompson said ‘I reviewed whether government departments followed appropriate processes for the proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point land’. This included whether good advice supported decisions to sell Wilkinsons Point land.

In expressing his conclusion Mr Thompson said, ‘the processes did not support the identification and effective management of risks associated with the land sale process.’

Mr Thompson said, ‘the report recommendations are aimed at improving the transparency and accountability of how government departments manage complex transactions with the private sector.’ Another recommendation aims to improve how Ministers and departments work together.

As at September 2025, the land sale process was not complete.

Importantly, the scope of the Auditor-General’s investigation was limited. He could not access the final advice provided to Cabinet on the proposal or documents to confirm that implementation of the proposed land sale was consistent with the parameters set by Cabinet.

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