The following summary provides an update on the Corporation’s activity between October 2023 and December 2023 that are related to the Performance Expectations set out in the Ministerial Statement of Expectations 2023-24.

**Activity update**

**(i) Remediation and Key Infrastructure**

**(a) Hobart main sewer line diversion:**

There is currently a large sewer main pipe that runs through the middle of the Mac Point site and forms part of the Hobart sewer system. Its current location restricts the ability to build on the site and effectively divides the site in half. A large part of the pipe is over 110 years old and is in need of replacement.

The Corporation is working with TasWater and TasPorts to review options to realign the pipe. The design requirements are being prepared by TasWater in consultation with the Corporation and TasPorts.

Once an alignment and requirements are resolved, a timeline will be determined to commence works.

**(b) Remediation of former gasworks (Audit Area 6):**

Audit Area 6 (6 Evans Street) is the parcel of land in the south-west corner of the site, which was previously a gas works and cold store. It was added to the precinct in 2015.

The presence of gasworks infrastructure, and sub-surface coal tar, makes the area complex to remediate. On site investigations identified some potential solutions, which led to pilot works being trialled to test the effectiveness and efficiency of in-situ solidification, which was completed in July 2022.

The tar-impacted material to be managed is estimated to be around 1,100m3, and bulk excavation required is estimated to be nearly 12,000m3. The physical works are anticipated to be completed by the middle of 2024.

As the works will be limited to a localised area, the activity can be progressed in parallel to other development on site.

The Corporation completed early works which enabled TasNetworks to disconnect a redundant sub-station that previously serviced the Cold Store, and to realign a high voltage electrical cable that ran through the middle of the area. These works were completed in December.

A competitive tender process was initiated to appoint suitable contractors to carry out the next stage of works for the bulk excavation and in situ remediation of coal impacted tar material. The Corporation completed contract negotiations and appointed Black Cap Constructions as the Contractor in late December2023, with physical remediation scheduled to begin in February 2024.

**(c) Macquarie Point Sewerage Treatment Plant decommissioning:**

The Corporation continues to work with TasWater in relation to the works program that will be developed to decommission and demolish the Macquarie Point Sewage Treatment Plant.

These discussions will continue, including through regular monthly project meetings, and additional engagement as needed.

**(d) Remediation of former SeaRoads Shed (Audit Area 3 & Audit Area 5 (east)):**

The first phase of the remediation of AA3 and AA5 (East), consisting of the demolition of the SeaRoad Shed to slab level, was completed on 21 December 2022.

The second phase of the remediation work included:

* the removal of remnant underground diesel and oil pipelines;
* sampling of soil along the pipeline route and at other identified areas of suspected contamination; and
* the on-site reuse or off-site disposal of treated soil.

All project works have been completed with approximately 1,000m3 of level 2 low level contaminated soil disposed of off-site to McRobies Gully waste depot in October 2023.The Corporation is currently awaiting the final documentation from its environmental consultant to finalise the process.

**(e) Commence archaeological dig to inform development**

Following the conclusion of Phase 2 archaeological excavations in 2021, the archaeological sensitivity of Mac Point was re-assessed, determining that an area of 4,208m2 at the western end of Mac Point has both Aboriginal and European archaeological sensitivity.

The Corporation has carefully reviewed the area of sensitivity with a further area of approximately 733m2 requiring investigation. The mitigation of impacts to this area will be detailed through archaeological excavation, recording, analysing and reporting. Permits for these works have been received under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* and the *Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997*.

The Phase 3 excavations by AMAC-Aegis and Spectran Civil were completed in December 2023 and an archaeological report is currently being prepared.

**(ii) Continue consultation and develop a proposed approach for the Park**

The Corporation will progress plans for an Aboriginal culturally informed zone as set out in the Mac Point Draft Precinct Plan. Building on early discussions with members of community, the Corporation will work with the assistance of a consultant with expertise in consulting with the Aboriginal community informed by the guidance of an Aboriginal Heritage Officer and members of community.

**(iii) Develop a strategic outlook and timeline for the next stage of land release**

As outlined in a Direction issued by the Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing in May 2023, the Corporation has developed a Draft Precinct Plan for the site. The Mac Point Draft Precinct Plan sets out zones to delivery an integrated mixed-used precinct that will guide the site’s development.

The Plan was informed by more than 2,000 written submissions, meetings with more than 100 local organisations, businesses and individuals, collaboration with and input from TasPorts, the Department of State Growth (including Infrastructure Tasmania), Stadiums Tasmania, Brand Tasmania, Homes Tasmania and the Department of Health.

A further six-weeks of public consultation was undertaken on the draft precinct plan. The submissions are being reviewed and will support the publication of an updated precinct plan.