CLP Leader Terry Mills has called on the Government to end its secretiveness and reveal the true extent of the dispute that is delaying work on the new multi million dollar East Arm Port and how much it will blow out costs on the development.

Mr Mills said the Government should explain why it is withholding payment to contractor THIESS PTY LTD.

"We have $20 million being spent to construct a bulk handling facility, oil pipe lines and state of the art incinerator at East Arm Wharf. It would seem work has stalled because the Martin Labor Government is unable to negotiate its way through contractual issues with Thiess," Mr Mills said.

"Territorians have invested heavily in the new port and they have a right to know what is happening with their investment and how much extra this dispute between the Government and the developer is going to cost."

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