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Why the delay over naming wharf precinct preferred consortia?

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CLP Leader Terry Mills has called on the Martin Government to explain what is causing the delay in naming the preferred consortia for the $600 million wharf precinct development.

"In a press release on 26 May this year the Chief Minister said the preferred consortia would be announced in August. We're now half way through September and given the current controversy over the development Government should explain why the delay," Mr Mills said.

"It's my understanding that there is disquiet among at least one of the preferred tenderers over the Government's lack of reference to the compatibility aspects of the development and visiting naval vessels.

"The Government has failed to give due diligence to the issue of the wharf precinct and visiting warships from start to finish.

"Almost six months have gone since this issue was first raised and nothing has been done to resolve the issue and worst of all it seems the three preferred consortia have not been kept fully in the loop."

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