

Rail corridor to stay in redevelopment

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MACQUARIE Point development stakeholders will be briefed this week on amendments to the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme required to enable the project to progress.

Macquarie Point Development Corporation interim chief executive Mary Massina

will update tenants, neighbours, tourism and business groups at a series of briefings before final site development plans are submitted to the State Government.

Meanwhile, tenders have called for demolition of one of the largest pieces of ageing infrastructure on the waterfront.

Demolition of the 0.64ha

former Cold Store building on the corner of Davey and Evans streets will clear a significant obstacle to site development.

The huge vacant building and an annex at the rear of the Goods Shed will be removed and all redundant rail tracks including sleepers, spikes and fasteners will be pulled up in the coming weeks.

Minister for State Growth Matthew Groom said the disused rail would be retained by the corporation for “future public uses and the rail corridor maintained for potential future use”.

David Walsh’s Mona redevelopment proposal for Macquarie Point includes a stopping off point for a light

rail system. The tendered work is expected to cost more than \$250,000 and will go to a local engineering firm, electricians, metal workers and plumbers.

“The jobs foreshadow the significant boost that will be seen as the Macquarie Point development progresses,” Mr Groom said. “This will physically change the appearance of

the site quite dramatically.

“These works not only create activity on site – making way for the beginnings of the bold reset vision – but also demonstrate a commitment to investment and jobs at Macquarie Point.”

The site will be used for a range of activities after the works are finished in October.