

## SENATOR BOB BROWN TO OPEN LANDMARK EXHIBITION IN ADELAIDE

The art exhibition which attracted a record 24,000 visitors at Tasmania's state gallery, *John Glover and the Colonial Picturesque*, will have its mainland launch tonight in Adelaide. Leader of the Australian Greens, Tasmanian **Senator Bob Brown** will officially open this much anticipated display at the **Art Gallery of South Australia** on what would be John Glover's 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Our most important early colonial artist, **John Glover** (1767-1849) immigrated from Britain to Van Diemen's Land in 1831 and is now regarded as the 'father of Australian landscape painting'. This exhibition of 100 works includes some of this country's earliest landscape oil paintings which are now part of major collections throughout Australia, Britain and the United States.

Host of the evening, Art Gallery Chairman, **Michael Abbott QC** says: "As Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Brown has been a passionate advocate for the preservation of Tasmania's natural landscape and has become a vocal promoter of his state's unique beauty. John Glover was also a champion of the Tasmanian landscape and an artist who preserved the sublime beauty of colonial Tasmania on canvas, before showing it off proudly to the rest of the world."

In lieu of Birthday cake and as a tribute to the opening speaker, around 250 invited guests will be offered "Bob Brownies"; delicious friands in natural green icing created especially by **Cath Kerry** of the **Art Gallery Restaurant**.

The exhibition, *John Glover and the Colonial Picturesque* will open to the public on Thursday 19 February and will show daily 10am – 5pm until 12 April before touring to Melbourne and Canberra.

### JOHN GLOVER AND THE COLONIAL PICTURESQUE



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