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Via Email: Vice.Chancellor@utas.edu.au

Dear Professor Rathjen

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you on a number of really positive matters for the City and UTAS.

Firstly I wanted to assure you that the Council is completely committed to and shares UTAS's aspirations to move into the inner city. The continued positive news regarding the STEM project is one of the most genuinely exciting prospects this city has faced in decades.

At its Council meeting of the 6th February the Aldermen received a report from Aldermen Briscoe, Burnet and the General Manager on their recent attendance at the *UniverCities* conference in Budapest as well as the study tour to Freiburg and Cambridge with your team. To say they came back enthused would be an understatement. As a result of this meeting the Council resolved:

- That the MOU between our organisations should be reviewed with the intent to strengthen its strategic nature
- To hold discussions with you to seek UTAS's partnership in undertaking a significant socio-economic analysis of the University's move into the City
- As the City commences the process to develop a new future vision for Hobart that we engage UTAS as a strategic partner in developing this vision.

Furthermore the Council wishes to make a submission to the pending Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs program, again which we believe could be greatly enhanced by UTAS's involvement particularly around a transport based project

Finally I thought you would also be interested to know that the Council has agreed to participate in the European Unions 'Twin Cities urban Sustainability' project and it is possible that we may be paired with either Freiburg or Copenhagen. I will keep you informed of progress in this regard.

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I cannot think of a more positive time in this city's history and in this environment of *City Deals* at a national level, your continued vision, partnership and participation in Hobart's future is critical. I would appreciate it if you would give some thought as to who best within UTAS can assist in the socio-economic analysis and advise me accordingly.

Yours sincerely



Alderman Sue Hickey
LORD MAYOR

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