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Dear deleted

Thank you for your email expressing your concern about the University of Tasmania's (UTAS) decision to relocate its southern campus into the Hobart central business district.

The Australian and Tasmanian Governments and the four Greater Hobart councils released the original [Hobart City Deal](#) document in February 2019. The document supported UTAS in preparing a project plan for an enhanced science, technology, engineering and mathematics presence in Hobart, taking into consideration the housing and transport needs of both students and staff. Given the focus of the Hobart City Deal on city shaping actions like transport, housing and precinct planning, the Tasmanian Government has maintained visibility of UTAS's plans and progress as part of its role in the Hobart City Deal.

The City Deal partners must balance the broad range of issues impacting our capital city and the State of Tasmania as a whole. This is why the first Hobart City Deal [Implementation Plan, released in October 2019](#), includes a reference group with all three levels of government to ensure the proposed UTAS developments are strategically integrated with broader community's needs. This includes considering and addressing any housing and transport needs, as well as business needs of those who may be impacted by the UTAS move.

However, decisions on the relocation of the southern UTAS campus, and how that may align with the university's educational priorities, sit with the university as a private organisation.

There will always be public interest in major decisions of this nature and the Tasmanian Government is supportive of UTAS engaging in a comprehensive and thorough community consultation process. Community consultation is critical and we support the University in continuing to listen to views, such as yours, and engage further through further feedback opportunities and established processes already in place through the planning system.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff'.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier