

## Notes by Peter Bicevskis - **UTAS WASTES \$160m**

Proposed UTAS move of Law, Administration and Business and Economics to the Forestry Building will involve the following:

- Demolition of 3 existing fit-for-purpose recently renovated buildings at Sandy Bay.
- Complete gutting and renovation of a long unused building in the CBD.
- High carbon cost of new building works and demolition of existing buildings.
- Significantly smaller than the Sandy Bay facilities it replaces.
- Publicly declared as totally unfit for purpose by staff and students.
- Less than 5 parking spaces.
- Increased CBD traffic.
- Surrounded by roads and buildings.
- No opportunity for future expansion.
- So called public thoroughfare closed after hours, on weekends and during semester breaks.
- Minimal greenery in the access laneway.
- Site identified as a potential flood risk.
- Two years of disruption during construction and relocation.
- Modifications to fix non-compliance in the original design with requirement for disabled access still not approved by Council.
- Staff and students don't want to move.
- Construction cost \$131m, cost of buying Forestry Building \$15m, Freedom Furniture \$9m.
- Consultants' fees at least \$5m.
- Future construction cost increases ??.
- Total cost of the CBD move in excess of \$160m.

Compare with remaining in the existing UTAS Sandy Bay facilities it will replace:

- All buildings in excellent condition and considered to be fit-for-purpose by staff and students.
- Zero carbon cost.
- An abundance of parking for staff and students.
- Good access for the disabled.
- Surrounded by landscaped open space in a campus precinct.
- Space for future expansion.
- Can be used now with no disruption to teaching.
- Staff and students want to stay at Sandy Bay.
- Total cost to remain at Sandy Bay= \$0.

The facts speak for themselves.