



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Mr Robert Hogan
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Dear Mr Hogan *Robert*

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2022.

Let me first address the reference I have made previously to the University as a 'private' organisation, the point I was making is that the Government does not have authority over the University. I acknowledge it is perhaps better clearly described as a statutory corporation governed by the University Council.

While the University of Tasmania was established by an Act of Parliament, it would be wrong to suggest this gives the Government or Parliament control over the University. The *University of Tasmania Act 1995*, only provides for the Minister for Education to appoint two members to the University Council, it does not give the Government powers over the Council itself, which is chaired by the Chancellor.

I do however note the Legislative Council has established an Inquiry into the *University of Tasmania Act 1995*, which will no doubt offer an opportunity for representations to be made on matters relating to UTAS and its governance.

I am aware of the Hobart City Council elector poll result on the University's move from Sandy Bay, and the Government supports the University's response, which was to withdraw the current planning amendment for the Sandy Bay site.

The University has made it clear it will now work with the new Hobart City Council as the appropriate planning authority.

The Government believes that a collaborative approach to find a sensible compromise is the best way forward for Hobart, the University and to ensure the continued delivery of high quality education and research - which is what we all want.

I would encourage anyone interested to participate in the consultation processes available, including through the established processes already in place under the planning system.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier