

## Re: Relocation of College of Business and Economics

---

From: Robert Hogan (harveyr35@aol.com)

To: [REDACTED]@utas.edu.au

Date: Friday, 16 February 2024 at 04:29 pm AEDT

---

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply, but I am somewhat bemused by your implicit suggestion that the UTAS Council provided authorisation in the period between 4 April 2022 and 24 February 2023 for COBE's move to the Hobart CBD (and significant related expenditure), when UTAS management had commenced the move by December 2020 and the move had been underway for, at the least, 15 months.

- As you will know, I sought the UTAS Council minutes for the period between 4 April 2022 and 24 February 2023, through RTI, as minutes for the prior and later periods are already available.

For COBE's move to the CBD (and related expenditure) to have commenced before the UTAS Council provided appropriate authorisations and delegations - and then by, at the least, 15 months - would not only be contrary to previous practice by the UTAS Council, but would appear in clear and serious breach of the UTAS Council Ordinance applying in December 2020.

I look forward to reading the minutes for the period between 4 April 2022 and 24 February 2023.

Regards

Robert

On Wednesday, 14 February 2024 at 09:21:55 am AEDT, [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hogan

Thank you for your email and your patience in awaiting a response.

I understand that you have submitted a Right to Information request for access to Council minutes which cover the period where these decisions were considered by Council. I believe this will be finalised shortly.

In relation to your last question concerning students parking and busing from Sandy Bay Campus to the city, the University operates the Uni Hopper which is free and bus service accessed by many staff and students studying and working across our various campuses including the city. More information on the Uni Hopper is available to read [here](#) and some further and hopefully helpful references to access through the [University's Sustainable Transport Strategy](#).

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

---

**From:** Robert Hogan <harveyr35@aol.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]@utas.edu.au>  
Subject: Relocation of College of Business and Economics

Dear [REDACTED]

I am hoping you can help me.

I can find no record in the UTAS Council Minutes of Council authorising:

- the relocation of the College of Business and Economic (COBE) to the Hobart CBD,
- leasing of premises at KPMG, Vodafone or other space that may have been leased to accommodate COBE, or
- authorisation of what must have been substantial expenditure required for fit out etc for COBE.

As this would be inconsistent with previous practice on the part of the Council, I assume either the relevant reference in the Minutes is redacted or I am just missing it.

Can you please direct me to the relevant page(s) of the UTAS Council Minutes.

I also understand that due to a lack of parking space, COBE students are parking at Sandy Bay and then bussing to the Hobart CBD. Do you know whether this is correct?

Regards

Robert Hogan

This email is confidential, and is for the intended recipient only. Access, disclosure, copying, distribution, or reliance on any of it by anyone outside the intended recipient organisation is prohibited and may be a criminal offence. Please delete if obtained in error and email confirmation to the sender. The views expressed in this email are not necessarily the views of the University of Tasmania, unless clearly intended otherwise.