

## **Key documents in chronological order**

### **Introduction**

This attachment provides, in chronological order, key documents relating to my RTI applications of 4 and 20 December 2024. These RTI applications were aimed at exploring two main issues:

- (1) How, when and why the radical rezoning/sale amendments to the UTAS Land Bill came about; and
- (2) UTAS' planning for a new STEM precinct, and the extent of Government involvement in this.

Many of the documents featured below were obtained through RTI applications, but others were obtained from other sources (although some, at least, of these should have been made available as part of RTI responses and were not).

I have also included some key dates in this timeline, as important background and context for the documents.

I have generally not provided documents relating to carriage and developments relating to the UTAS Land Bill in the form it was tabled in the House of Assembly on 20 June 2024.

UTAS made a number of spurious claims in relation to the original version of the UTAS Land Bill, but these were dismissed by government agencies at the time. I also note that UTAS apparently has no problems with the UTAS Land Bill continuing to apply in its original form to 75% of the Sandy Bay campus.

Explanation of/commentary on many of key documents provided here is largely provided in the body of my submission. I have therefore sought to keep comments to a minimum.

I have used the abbreviations used in the body of my complaint.

**All (government) references to the diaries of Premier Rockliff and Ministers were obtained from: [https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/rti/MPS\\_routine\\_disclosure\\_log](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/rti/MPS_routine_disclosure_log)**

**Generally, when pdf documents are cited, the page number is to the pdf itself, not the numbers on documents included in the pdf.**

### **7 March 2024**

VC Black mentioned a cost of \$400 – \$500 million for a new STEM facility in a radio interview with Leon Compton.

Source: my contemporaneous record (available on request). The ABC site now only features and excerpt from the interview. Also see my blog post: <https://theutaspapers.com/vc-blacks-cynical-500-million-stem-con-job/>

### **12 March 2024**

UTAS entered a contract with former Premier Will Hodgman that included these deliverables:

Services

**Key Deliverables**

**KPIs / Milestones**

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| <p>1. Assistance in adapting STEM Business Case into a fundable proposal</p>  | <p>a) Assistance in preparing a plan to engage Federal Government<br/>b) STEM Proposal ready for submission to Federal Government by end of 2024 and prior to Federal Election, May 2025<br/>c) Liaison with key leaders around the STEM Business Case.</p> |
| <p>2. Assistance and advice with government relations regarding local issues particularly with respect to the benefits and opportunities of international education</p> | <p>a) Build relationships with Tasmanian bureaucracy focused on the value of international education in Tasmania<br/>b) Develop and implement an engagement plan to promote the benefits and opportunities of education in Tasmania</p>                     |
| <p>3. Assistance and advice in growing our international student base in Southeast Asia and Singapore</p>   | <p>a) To be an ambassador of the University of Tasmania in Singapore (with at least 2 events)<br/>b) Increased engagement from Singapore Agents<br/>c) Build Singapore Alumni Network</p>   |

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/rti-documents-raise-major-issues-on-utas-hodgman-contracts/>, which links to documents obtained under RTI.

See the further entry, where there was a variation made to Mr Hodgman's contract, under 30 August 2024 below.

**9 May 2024**



The Hon Catherine King MP  
Member for Ballarat  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
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Dear Minister King

I trust you are well. I am writing to seek your advice.

The State Government have announced today that they are wanting to refresh the Infrastructure Australia Business Case for STEM facilities in southern Tasmania, which was approved in 2017.

They would like to see the renewal as an integral part of the development of the Sandy Bay STEM precinct on our current campus.

We are very keen to explore that opportunity and would value your advice on how best to work with your Department as we engage with the State Government.

It would look to us to be a similarly transformative opportunity to the one we have been working with your Department on in Launceston and Burnie.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rufus Black".

Professor Rufus Black  
Vice-Chancellor

9 May 2024

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/ogilvies-santa-claus-strategy-for-funding-stem-at-sandy-bay/>, which links back to documents obtained under RTI.

## **Comment**

The crucial response from Minister King is provided under 24 June 2024 below with comments provided.

### **4 June 2025**

In an interview with Leon Compton, VC Black confirmed the figure of \$500 million for a new STEM facility.

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Compton-Black-transcript.pdf>

### **18 June 2024**



The Honourable Jo Palmer  
Minister for Education  
Parliament House  
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Minister Palmer,

#### **RE: UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA ACT PROPOSAL**

I would like to thank you for your participation in recent discussions with University management on the future of the University's Sandy Bay Campus, as well as the Rockliff Government's commitment to support funding a southern STEM facility.

I am advised that Minister Ogilvie has responsibility for leading the work on the proposed bill to amend the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* (the **Act**) to require parliamentary consent to sell the Sandy Bay Campus with the University. Accordingly, I have written to her to express my disappointment that the University has not been provided with draft legislation in time for proper consultation to occur about its impact ahead of its tabling in Parliament. While a short summary on the policy intent that will provide the instructions for the drafting of the bill has been provided, I understand that the Department for Education, Children and Young People (the **Department**) has confirmed that the University will not be provided with the draft bill ahead of its tabling.

My fellow Council members and I take very seriously our responsibility to fulfill the University's mission and in doing so to support the State's future prosperity. As per the **Act** (Section 9 (2)), the University Council has a responsibility to act in all matters concerning the University in the way it considers will best advance the interests of the University and a duty to safeguard it for the future. An essential aspect of this is to ensure that the University can continue to make a significant contribution to the productivity, wellbeing and social cohesion of the State of Tasmania.

From my discussions with University management and our advisors there are a number of concerns I need to raise with you as the Minister responsible for administering the **Act**, albeit without having seen the proposed legislation.

I am advised that the introduction of proposed legislation to require parliamentary consent to sell the Sandy Bay Campus will in practice deter virtually all prospective development partners. The legislation thereby directly impacts the University's ability to secure its financial sustainability and allocate its resources in a way which creates maximum benefits for Tasmania.

Based on the short summary provided by the Department, the bill looks to be inconsistent with the fundamental principles of landownership in Tasmania, amounting to a reverse compulsory acquisition that

- effectively prohibits sale in order to force a use of the land which the University Council would otherwise have decided is not in the best interests of the University;
- deprives the University of the market value of the land;
- imposes an ongoing cost burden on the University through ongoing holding and upkeep costs for the land which it is prohibited from disposing; and
- inhibits the council's long-term planning for University to achieve the objectives set out under the **Act**.

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I am very concerned this legislation thereby impacts individual Council members' governance duties (which are akin to director's duties under the Act) and likely prevents or impedes members of Council from making decisions that they believe are in the best interest of the University, ultimately affecting the good governance of the University and potentially exposing Council members to liability.

Secondly, our existing Treasury debt approval includes a condition relating to maintaining our debt maturity profile (which includes revenue from the Sandy Bay campus development) and this bill creates uncertainty with regard to our ongoing funding arrangements which is of considerable concern to the Council.

Thirdly, the proposed Ministerial power referenced in the summary paper to place a caveat on the Sandy Bay Campus has not been discussed at all with the University (and would not appear to be required as part of any Parliamentary legislative approval process). Such a caveat, I am advised, would likely detract from the University's capacity to attract commercial partners, for example under lease arrangements.

Finally, as I mentioned above, it is highly unlikely any development partners would contemplate a transaction dependent on a parliamentary approval. The chilling effect will be further reinforced, according to the short summary, by the requirement that any sale motion include 'details of the amount of payment or consideration, or any other benefits, that the University is to receive if the sale is approved as required under this section'. This could require disclosure of much of the 'usual' parts of the contract, eg. purchaser indemnities, purchaser waiving rights to claim for problems with the property and so on.

The higher education sector, as the Tasmanian Treasurer has recently emphasised, is largely funded and regulated by the Commonwealth. Given the Sandy Bay campus was originally Commonwealth land provided to the University via a transfer through the State in 1951 for the purposes of sustaining higher education in Tasmania, it seems very important that the Commonwealth has been consulted about the State's proposed restrictions on the University's use of the Sandy Bay land. Furthermore, considering the scale of the Universities Accord reforms the Australian Government is currently pursuing and the bold ambitions for Tasmania, the relevant agencies and Ministers should understand the impact this legislation will have for resourcing higher education in Tasmania into the future.

I look forward to seeing the legislation as soon as possible so that the University can further assess the likely legal, financial and governance implications. I would also appreciate your guidance as to the mechanisms the State Government has in place for consulting with the Australian Government in relation to this legislation.

Finally, thank you again for the Rockliff Government's commitment to pursue STEM funding in partnership with the University.

Yours sincerely



**Alison Watkins AM**  
Chancellor

18 June 2024

Source: DECYP, <https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RTI-168-2024-25-Schedule-of-Documents-Robert-Hogan-Stage-2-Final-Redacted.pdf>, pages 69 to 70. UTAS also provided a copy of this document.

### **Comment**

This letter indicates that UTAS believed Minister Ogilvie had assumed lead carriage of the UTAS Land Bill. The claims about the Bill are spurious as noted in the Introduction above.

The Honourable Madeleine Ogilvie  
Liberal Member for Clark  
119 Sandy Bay Road  
Sandy Bay TAS 7005

Dear Minister Ogilvie,

**RE: UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA ACT PROPOSAL**

I am writing with regard to your recent discussions with University management on the future of the University's southern campus presence, particularly the proposed legislation to amend the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* (the Act) to require parliamentary consent to sell the Sandy Bay Campus.

Let me say at the outset that we are pleased that the Rockliff Government is committed to a 'Team Tasmania' approach to seeking funding for a southern STEM facility and welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively in relation to that priority for the University.

In relation to the legislation, we are disappointed that the University has not been provided with a draft bill to enable proper consultation to occur ahead of its tabling in Parliament. Instead, the University has been provided with a short summary from the Department for Education, Children and Young People (the Department) of the policy intent for the bill and I understand the Department has confirmed that the University will not be provided with the draft bill ahead of its tabling.

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I look forward to seeing the legislation as soon as possible so that the University can further assess the likely legal, financial and governance implications. I would also appreciate your guidance as to the mechanisms the State Government has in place for consulting with the Australian Government in relation to this legislation.

Finally, thank you again for your commitment to pursue STEM funding in partnership with the University.

Yours sincerely



**Alison Watkins AM**  
Chancellor

18 June 2024

Source: UTAS, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-P\\_Redacted.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-P_Redacted.pdf), pages 3 and 4.

**20 June 2024**

UTAS Land Bill introduced for first reading in the House of Assembly.

**24 June 2024**



**The Hon Catherine King MP**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat**

Ref: MC24-004707

Professor Rufus Black  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Tasmania  
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Dear Professor Black

*Rufus,*

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2024 regarding the refresh of the Infrastructure Australia business case for STEM facilities in southern Tasmania. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Since the University of Tasmania previously submitted a business case for its Hobart campus, Infrastructure Australia's role has been revised to primarily advise the Australian Government on nationally significant infrastructure investment. Any further consideration of the business case would need to be put forward by the Tasmanian Government, and so I encourage you in the first instance to engage with them on this issue.

You may be also interested in the urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (uPPP) which will support the delivery of best-practice investment in urban infrastructure, connecting people and communities to services and opportunities that improve productivity, resilience and equity.

On 16 May 2024, I released the Forecast Funding Opportunity for the uPPP, including program objectives and expected outcomes. I would encourage the University of Tasmania to monitor the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' website for further updates on the Program, available at: [www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/cities/urban-precincts-and-partnerships-program](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/cities/urban-precincts-and-partnerships-program).

Alternatively, you may wish to visit the GrantConnect website for information on other Commonwealth grant opportunities that may also be suitable to support this initiative at [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au).

Thank you also for your continued support and contribution to the Urban Policy Forum.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

24 / 6 / 2024

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/ogilvies-santa-claus-strategy-for-funding-stem-at-sandy-bay/>, which links back to documents obtained under RTI.

### **Comment**

VC Black's letter is provided under 9 May 2024.

The exchange of correspondence between VC Black and Minister King should have alerted VC Black and UTAS to the fact that there were now no established Commonwealth funding programs suitable for UTAS' STEM proposal (the options listed here provided limited funding only. It is also noteworthy that former Premier Will Hodgman's contract of 12 March 2024 (above) indicated that even then, some at least, within UTAS knew its best chance of funding was through an election campaign commitment in the 2025 Federal election.

It is not clear whether UTAS passed this correspondence on to the State Government or, whether, if they did, its import was understood. However, the State Government should have understood the situation from broader policy developments and announcements by the Commonwealth Government set out in the body of my complaint.

### **17 July 2024**

I published a blog post in which, among other things, I set out changes in Commonwealth infrastructure funding policy and stated that UTAS was unlikely to receive significant funding from the Commonwealth Government for STEM infrastructure:

<https://theutaspapers.com/vc-blacks-cynical-500-million-stem-con-job/>

**29 July 2024**

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29 JUL 2024

Ms Alison Watkins AM  
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Dear Ms Watkins

I am writing in response to your letter to me of 18 June 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with a reply.

As you note in your letter, Minister Ogilvie has responsibility for leading the work on the proposed bill to amend the *University of Tasmania Act (1992)*, and she will be the Minister taking the proposed legislation through the House of Assembly.

As such, I have forwarded your letter to Minister Ogilvie's office for her direct response to the matters you raise.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jo Palmer".

Hon Jo Palmer MLC  
**Minister for Education**

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**30 July 2024**

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs  
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Minister for the Arts  
Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence

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Ms Alison Watkins AM  
Chancellor  
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Dear Ms Watkins

Thank you for writing to me on 18 June 2024 regarding the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 (the Bill). I understand you also wrote to Minister Palmer, and I am responding to you on her behalf and on behalf of our Government more broadly.

I note the concerns you have raised in your correspondence and understand the University is currently seeking its own legal advice regarding the Bill.

The University of Tasmania is an iconic Tasmanian institution that has educated generations of Tasmanians. As the only university in our State, our Government understands the important role the University plays in Tasmania's economic, social, and cultural development.

In relation to some of your comments in the letter:

- I am advised that similar provisions exist in New South Wales and Victoria regarding the disposal of land owned by several universities.
- I am also advised that the caveat clause was added by the Office of Parliamentary Council as a standard clause in this type of Bill and that it exists in a number of Acts including Fire Damage Relief Act 1967.

I can assure you that our Government's position has never been to prevent the University's ability to dispose of land. Instead, it simply ensures there is transparency and an opportunity for Tasmanian's views to be represented through their elected members before a final decision is made.

We firmly believe the Bill will provide a clear way forward, allowing the University to progress with its important STEM-led plan for the Sandy Bay Campus and I commit to continuing to work with the University to realise this vision.

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting with yourself and/or other University representatives prior to the Bill being debated in Parliament. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take up this offer and we will make appropriate arrangements.

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Ogilvie".

Madeleine Ogilvie MP  
**Liberal Member for Clark**

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### **Comment**

From Chancellor Watkins' response below, this letter must have been from 30 July 2024.

**2 August 2024**



The Honourable Madeleine Ogilvie  
Liberal Member for Clark  
119 Sandy Bay Road  
Sandy Bay TAS 7005

Via email - [minister.ogilvie@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:minister.ogilvie@dpac.tas.gov.au)

Dear Minister Ogilvie,

Thank you for writing to me on 30 July 2024 regarding the proposed University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 in response to my letter of 18 June 2024.

I am advised that the Premier's office has since contacted the Vice-Chancellor's office and suggested that the concerns raised in my letter about the proposed legislation be discussed at a meeting between the Premier and the Vice-Chancellor scheduled for Friday, 23 August 2024. I understand that you and the Minister for Education will be invited to attend that meeting. I consider that to be an appropriate way forward on these matters and look forward to hearing the outcome of that discussion.

In relation to your observation that similar provisions to those in the proposed legislation exist in New South Wales and Victorian legislation, I am advised that the University's General Counsel has provided you with a document setting out a jurisdictional comparison. I note that the Ministerial approval required for land sales and leases in those jurisdictions is quite a different provision to the proposed Tasmanian legislative approach of requiring the approval of both houses of Parliament. I am also advised that in Victoria, relevant legislation incorporates compensation from the Victorian Government as part of their approval provisions.

I welcome your ongoing commitment to working with the University on pursuing funding for new STEM facilities in Southern Tasmania and look forward to hearing more about the path forward following the aforementioned meeting with the Premier and Vice-Chancellor later this month.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Watkins".

**Alison Watkins AM**  
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2 August 2024

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### **Comment**

This is an absolutely critical document signaling as it does that:

- There had been contact between the Premier's office and VC Black, 'over the heads' of Minister Ogilvie and Minister Palmer; and

- Matters would be “discussed” in a meeting centrally involving the Premier and VC Black, to which Chancellor Watkins understood Ministers Ogilvie and Palmer would be invited. Theirs would now be a subordinate role.

I believe it is clear that the Chancellor believed that from this time UTAS would exercise significant control over the UTAS Land Bill, as it did.

I have not received any record of the contact between the Premier’s office and VC Black from either UTAS or DPAC under RTI.

There is a total lack of transparency regarding the dealings between UTAS and the Premier, his office and DPAC in the documents I have received under RTI or otherwise obtained.

### **7 August 2024**

Motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition “University of Tasmania Land” (against the original UTAS Land Bill)

Source: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/house-of-assembly/chamber-proceedings/proceedings/2024/august/house-of-assembly-7-august>, pages 88-113

**19 August 2024**

**From:** Nicholas Farrelly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 August 2024 1:23 PM  
**To:** Kate Huntington; Jane Beaumont; Will Hodgman; Scott Davies  
**Subject:** Sensitive

Good afternoon everyone,

Yesterday Professor [Erik Wapstra](#) (Associate Dean – Research in the College of Sciences and Engineering) and I met with Minister Madeleine Ogilvie in her office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Discussion of STEM futures**

Erik and I explained the recent STEM Appreciative Inquiry format and outcomes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

Very happy to take any questions on aspects – or to discuss over the phone.

Cheers,

Nicholas

**Professor Nicholas Farrelly**

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	Launch Event   Speech	
19/08/2024	MEETING   UTAS representatives	Re: UTAS
04/08/2024	REMITTANCE FROM 3 Community Consultation Team	

Source: Minister Ogilvie’s diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

## **20 August 2024**

### **Southern Campus Update**

Following the Tasmanian Governments tabling of the *University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill* 2024 into Parliament in June, University Council discussed the options for the University’s southern campus and for the allocation of its resources to create maximum benefits for Tasmania and the impacts on the financial sustainability of the University. Following detailed discussions on the available options, the ongoing development of a STEM Business Case and consideration of the various zones of land on Sandy Bay, University Council unanimously recommended that management pursue strategic discussions with the State Government to utilise the Sandy Bay Campus to ensure the best possible outcome for the University and the State.

### **Resolution 30-08-2024-UC-3.3(1)**

University Council **received and noted** the update from the Vice-Chancellor.

### **Resolution 30-08-2024-UC-3.3(2)**

University Council unanimously **recommended** that management pursue strategic discussions with the State Government to utilise the Sandy Bay Campus to ensure the best possible outcome for the University and the State.

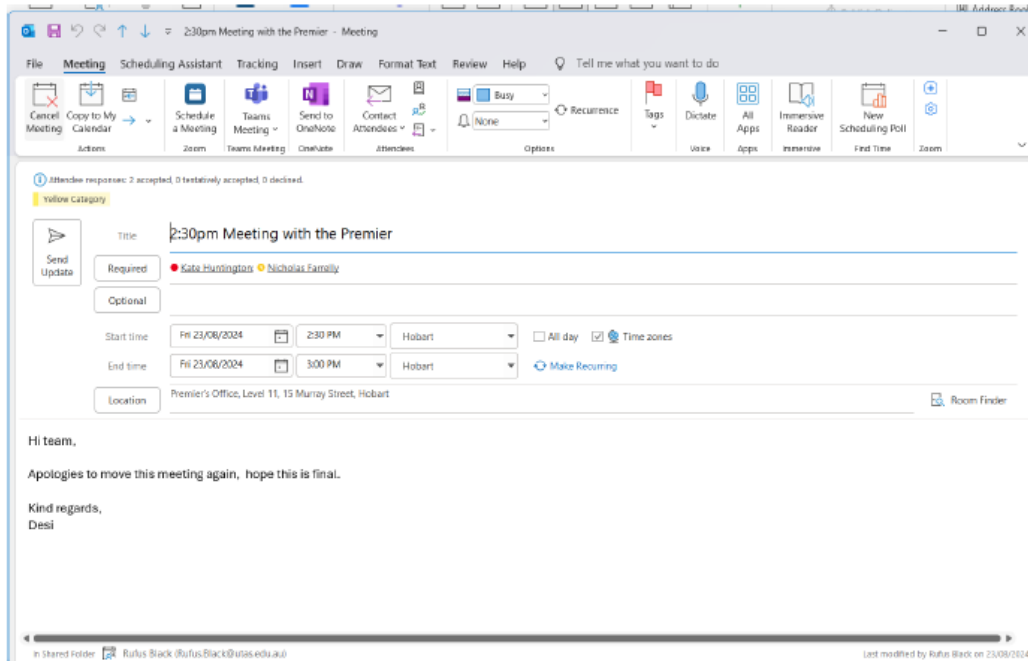
Source: UTAS Council Minutes,

[https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/1740053/Council-Draft-Minutes-30-August-2024-web-version.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1740053/Council-Draft-Minutes-30-August-2024-web-version.pdf)

**Comment**

These Minutes suggest that UTAS was starting to think in terms of the zoning arrangement used in the rezoning/sale amendments to the UTAS Land Bill, and it would be surprising if they had not been mentioned to Minister Ogilvie the previous day.

**23 August 2024**



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23/08/2024	MEETING   Real Estate Institute of Tas	Re: Pets in rentals
23/08/2024	MEETING   UTAS Vice Chancellor	Re: UTAS Legislation

Source: Premier Rockliff's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

23/08/2024	MEETING   Real Estate Institute of Tasmania -	Re: Pets in rentals
23/08/2024	MEETING   UTAS Vice-Chancellor	Re: UTAS Legislation

Source: Minister Ogilvie's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

23/08/2024	MEETING   UTAS Vice-Chancellor	Re: UTAS legislation
23/08/2024	MEETING   West Tamar Council Mayor and GM	Re: update on matters

Source: Minister Palmer's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

**25 August 2024**

Kate Huntington (UTAS) provided extensive briefing to Dean Winter, Leader of the Opposition, and Sarah Lovell MLC, ahead of their meeting the next day with Minister Ogilvie. A Full heavily redacted document was provided to me by UTAS reproduced in full in the chronology in my source document.

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/rti-reveals-utas-and-labor-opposition-collusion-preceded-government-backflip-on-utas-bill/>, see date entry for details.

### **26 August 2024**

20/08/2024	MEETING	Aina Thomas CEO Engender Equality	Re: various matters
26/08/2024	MEETING	Dean Winter MP and Sarah Lovell MP	Re: UTAS
26/08/2024	MEETING	Sarah Asin Pacific	Re: Various matters

Source: Minister Ogilvie's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

### **30 August 2024**

Mr Hodgman's contract with UTAS mentioned under 12 March 2024 above was varied to include:

2. From the Effective Date, the Original Agreement is varied by:
  - a. Increased scope to now include: Liaison with the State Government to assist the University to navigate a complex legislative environment with respect to Sandy Bay landholdings and the prospects for resolving the current community concerns about the future of the Sandy Bay site. To work with Scott Davies to engage Federal Government.
  - b. Increased fee: \$20,000

Source: <https://theutaspapers.com/rti-documents-raise-major-issues-on-utas-hodgman-contracts/>, which links to documents obtained under RTI.

### **Comment**

Mr Hodgman played a role on the rezoning/sale amendments that is largely undocumented in documents received under RTI. This issue warrants some scrutiny given that Premier Rockliff was a long-standing Deputy Premier to Premier Hodgman.

### **13 September 2024**

DECYP provided briefing to Minister Palmer that assumed that the UTAS Land Bill would remain as originally tabled, with no credence given to UTAS' criticism.


Source: DECYP, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2025-21-February-Dept-of-Ed-RTI-168-2024-25-Schedule-of-Documents-Robert-Hogan\\_Redacted-1.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2025-21-February-Dept-of-Ed-RTI-168-2024-25-Schedule-of-Documents-Robert-Hogan_Redacted-1.pdf), pages 46-65

### **17 September 2024**








DECYP was planning on debate of the UTAS Land Bill, clearly unaware of the amendments in train.

Source: DECYP, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RTI-168-2024-25-Schedule-of-Documents-Robert-Hogan-Stage-2-Final\\_Redacted.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RTI-168-2024-25-Schedule-of-Documents-Robert-Hogan-Stage-2-Final_Redacted.pdf), page 170

**18 September 2024**

 No responses have been received for this meeting.

External Meeting/Event

 Send Update	Title	Meeting with Minister Ogilvie		
	Required	● Jane Beaumont; ● Nicholas Farrelly		
	Optional			
	Start time	Wed 18/09/2024 	3:00 PM 	<input type="checkbox"/> All day <input type="checkbox"/>  Time zones
	End time	Wed 18/09/2024 	4:00 PM 	 Make Recurring
Location	Parliament House			

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**From:** Jane Beaumont  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 September 2024 8:37 AM  
**To:** Nicholas Farrelly; Kate Huntington  
**Subject:** Re: Minister Ogilvie, today at 2:30

Yes I'll need to leave by 310 so will drive and meet you outside parliament?

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**From:** Nicholas Farrelly <nicholas.farrelly@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:26:14 AM  
**To:** Kate Huntington <kate.huntington@utas.edu.au>  
**Cc:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Minister Ogilvie, today at 2:30

Great - confirmed with MO

Sent from my mobile

On 18 Sep 2024, at 8:09 AM, Kate Huntington <kate.huntington@utas.edu.au> wrote:

Can do!

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**From:** Nicholas Farrelly <nicholas.farrelly@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:53:53 AM  
**To:** Kate Huntington <kate.huntington@utas.edu.au>; Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Subject:** Minister Ogilvie, today at 2:30

Good morning Kate and Jane,

The Minister has suggested today at 2:30 for a meeting? Can you both make that work?

Cheers,

Nicholas

**Nicholas Farrelly**  
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M: +61 427 299 733

Source: UTAS, UTAS [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-H-63-to-93H\\_Redacted.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-H-63-to-93H_Redacted.pdf), page 79 and [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-B\\_Redacted.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-B_Redacted.pdf), page 83

18/09/2024	MEETING   United Workers Union Constitutional Officers	Re: various issues
18/09/2024	MEETING   UTAS Pro Vice-Chancellor	Re: various issues

Source: Minister Ogilvie's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

## 25 September 2024

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**From:** Kate Huntington  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 September 2024 5:50 PM  
**To:** prue.gusmerini@dpac.tas.gov.au  
**Cc:** Will Hodgman; Nicola Moles  
**Subject:** Catch up in week commencing 7 October

Hi Prue

Thanks for the chat just now.

As discussed, it would be great if we could catch up when we're both back from leave to explore options going forward, along with Will and my colleagues Nicholas Farrelly and Jane Beaumont and anyone else you need to bring in on your side.

If you can let us know when might work for you in that week, Nicki can wrangle the University side in my absence.

Thanks and have a great break.  
Cheers, Kate

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## Comment

Prue Gusmerini was a senior member of Premier Rockliff's staff. No documents were provided by DPAC.

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**From:** [Out of Scope]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 September 2024 7:46 PM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan  
**Subject:** FW: Catch up in week commencing 7 October

Hi Tristan,

Before I meet with UTAS re STEM can we chat re what the Minister wants to do with the Bill. I can do this Friday by phone or when I'm back from leave on 7 October.

Thanks

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**From:** Kate Huntington  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 5:50 PM  
**To:** [Out of Scope]  
**Cc:** [Out of Scope]  
**Subject:** Catch up in week commencing 7 October

Hi [Out of Scope]

Thanks for the chat just now.

As discussed, it would be great if we could catch up when we're both back from leave to explore options going forward, along with [Out] and my colleagues [Out of Scope] and [Out of Scope] and anyone else you need to bring in on your side.

If you can let us know when might work for you in that week, [Out of Scope] can wrangle the University side in my absence.

Thanks and have a great break.  
Cheers, Kate

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[Out of Scope]



Source: Papers provided on Minister Ogilvie's behalf,  
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/c2yrw6811fpmsoxe3tsyk/Information-for-release-RTI-24-25-66-Robert-Hogan-UTAS.PDF?rlkey=vwncjrldsh5sh4d46ak2hvxe4&e=1&st=m1j7d48o&dl=0>, page 166

### **Comment**

Travis Bick was a senior officer in Minister Ogilvie's office.

### **30 September 2024**

DECYP provided a QTB to Minister Palmer that assumed that the UTAS Land Bill would remain as originally tabled, with no credence given to UTAS' criticism.

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### **7 October 2024**

**From:** [Caroline Sharpen](#)  
**To:** [VC Office](#); [Rufus Black \(Rufus.Black@utas.edu.au\)](mailto:Rufus.Black@utas.edu.au)  
**Subject:** Minister Ogilvie and Rufus Black  
**Start:** Monday, 7 October 2024 11:30:00 AM  
**End:** Monday, 7 October 2024 12:00:00 PM  
**Location:** Minister's Office, Parliament Square

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Source: UTAS, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-M\\_Redacted-1.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-M_Redacted-1.pdf), page 107

### **Comment**

There is no record of this meeting in Minister Ogilvie's released diary.

**8 October 2024**



The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP  
Premier  
Minister for Tourism and Hospitality  
Minister for Trade and Major Investment  
Minister for Infrastructure

By email: [jeremy.rockliff@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:jeremy.rockliff@dpac.tas.gov.au)  
Copied to: [madeleine.oqilvie@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:madeleine.oqilvie@dpac.tas.gov.au)

Dear Premier

It was good to meet with you recently and discuss the need for new STEM facilities in Southern Tasmania. As we discussed, investment in these facilities is critical for the future of our State and I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with the Tasmanian Government to deliver this important project.

At the University, we have been engaging deeply with our students, staff, industry partners and broader community on what the future of STEM education needs to involve, through Appreciative Inquiry workshops during August 2024. The outcomes of these workshops are informing the development of a strategic brief for Southern STEM facilities, including spatial planning and a cost estimate – due to be finalised in November this year.

We have also been working with Deloitte on a refresh of the Southern STEM Business Case, which has been on the Infrastructure Australia priority list since 2017. An overview of this proposal is included in the attached briefing.

The Business Case refresh will be completed in December 2024 as an investment-ready proposal to commence in 2025. The initial phase of the project, ready to commence as soon as funding is confirmed, is the early planning stage and will include the preparation of a strategic procurement strategy, architect engagement, design brief and costings, and ongoing community consultation.

We have been engaging with Infrastructure Tasmania on the refresh of the Southern STEM Business Case and we understand that under the current Infrastructure Australia process, Tasmanian Cabinet will decide on five state-level projects to prioritise.

While the original Business Case was prepared in 2017, the project intent and outcomes remain critical for Tasmania today, particularly given the current

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challenges we face in STEM education engagement within the State. We remain committed to delivering a Southern STEM Facility to bring education, industry and community together and improve engagement, aspiration and skills in STEM fields.

We hope that Tasmanian Cabinet will continue to support the Southern STEM Business Case as one of the State's priority projects, and we look forward to working closely with Minister Ogilvie, as Minister for Science and Technology, on this much needed project for Tasmania.

I would be pleased to provide any additional information you require on the Southern STEM Business Case.

Yours sincerely



**Professor Rufus Black**  
Vice-Chancellor

8 October 2024

Source: UTAS, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-M\\_Redacted-1.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-M_Redacted-1.pdf), pages 153-154 (it is unclear what “the attached briefing” was).

**9 October 2024**

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**From:** Kate Huntington  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 October 2024 4:48 PM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan; Gusmerini, Prue  
**Subject:** RE: 22 October - meeting

Also clear for me before 2 pm

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**From:** Bick, Tristan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 October 2024 4:46 PM  
**To:** Gusmerini, Prue ; Kate Huntington  
**Subject:** RE: 22 October - meeting

Thanks Prue

22<sup>nd</sup> works for me, but the Minister's diary looks pretty full (bar a few spaces).

Georga, copied, will be able to assist.

TB

**Tristan Bick**  
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**From:** Gusmerini, Prue <[Prue.Gusmerini@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:Prue.Gusmerini@dpac.tas.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:45 PM  
**To:** Kate Huntington <[Kate.Huntington@UTAS.EDU.AU](mailto:Kate.Huntington@UTAS.EDU.AU)>; Bick, Tristan <[Tristan.Bick@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:Tristan.Bick@dpac.tas.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** 22 October - meeting

Hi both,

I am open all day on 22 October – would this day work for a meeting and if so preferred times please? Tristain could you please check the Minister's diary too.

Thanks  
Prue

Source: UTAS, [https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/la0g3075snxbu6kanwhhl/IRPack-H-1-to-60H\\_Redacted.pdf?rlkey=kvra01tuwtnpcb8mtj5fb2o0t&st=a5ixxpuv&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/la0g3075snxbu6kanwhhl/IRPack-H-1-to-60H_Redacted.pdf?rlkey=kvra01tuwtnpcb8mtj5fb2o0t&st=a5ixxpuv&dl=0), page 131

### **Comment**

As previously noted, Prue Gusmerini was a senior officer in Premier Rockliff's office and Travis Bick in Minister Ogilvie's.

Smith, Gemma

**From:** Healey, Mathew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 October 2024 11:33 PM  
**To:** Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine; Gregory, Shane  
**Subject:** Confidential Proposal - Sandy Bay Campus  
**Attachments:** Confidential Proposal - Sandy Bay Campus.docx

Hi Kath and Shane

Enclosed are some fairly rough notes for the RWM tomorrow.

Cheers

Mat

**Mathew Healey | A/g Deputy Secretary**  
Strategy and Delivery

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Confidential Proposal

University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus- Preliminary Advice



Source: DPAC, <https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RTI-Decision-to-Mr-Robert-Hogan.pdf>, pages 50 - 53

**Comment**

This is chronologically the first document provided by DPAC, indicating involvement in the rezoning/sale amendments to the UTAS Bill, and may also indicate that the precise formula as distinct from general idea emanated from DPAC.

**16 October 2024**

Document 3



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

16 OCT 2024

Mr Adam Copp  
Chief Executive  
Infrastructure Australia  
Level 19, 60 Martin Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
[adam.copp@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:adam.copp@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au)

Dear Mr Copp

I am pleased to write to provide you with the Tasmanian Government's submission to Infrastructure Australia in respect of the reformed Infrastructure Priority List (IPL).

The Tasmanian's Government's submission responds to Infrastructure Australia's request to review and update Tasmania's existing proposals on the IPL and submit new proposals for consideration, to be supplied by 4 October 2024.

The Tasmanian Government is of the view that the six Tasmanian infrastructure priority initiatives listed on the IPL should remain on the IPL. These proposals remain the Tasmanian Government's immediate priority and each are ready for planning or delivery investment. Specifically, the proposals are the:

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- University of Tasmania – Hobart Science and Technology Precinct.

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Should you have any queries in relation to this submission, please contact Ben Goodsir (CEO, Infrastructure Tasmania, [ben.goodsir@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:ben.goodsir@stategrowth.tas.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP  
Premier

Source: DSG, <https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Information-for-release-RTI-24-25-66-Robert-Hogan-UTas.pdf>, page 5. The actual priority list is at pages 6 to 28 with STEM at pages 25-28

**Comment**

Such a letter and brief would likely have provided a brief to the Premier. None has been provided under RTI.

## **17 October 2024**

### **8.1.3 \* Future of Southern Campus and Strategic Communications**

The Vice-Chancellor provided University Council with an update on the southern campus distributed model including the preferred site for a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) facility at Sandy Bay, and outlined the proposed plan for the other three campus sites including a 'city campus' to incorporate existing medical sciences, creative arts teaching, learning and research space and the Forestry

Building which would include the Schools of Business and Economics and Education, Humanities and Social Sciences; a 'historic campus' on the Domain including the Phillip Smith Building as home to the International School, Outdoor Education Program and a 'waterfront campus' including the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies facilities at Salamanca and Taroona.

Discussion focused on the development of a STEM precinct at Sandy Bay which would include a complete retrofit of some existing science buildings, the addition of new builds, and the enhancement of the natural landscape of the campus and provide opportunities for industry co-location, and school and community engagement. Members considered the various zones on the Sandy Bay campus, including identified land to potentially hand back land to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and opportunities to utilise land north of Churchill Avenue, subject to negotiation with the State Government on the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024. Council provided support for the positioning in relation to the future of the southern campus as outlined, noting that the development of Sandy Bay was contingent on securing support and significant funding from the State and Federal Governments. The details of the supporting communications and plans to engage key stakeholders were considered and supported.

#### **Resolution 17-10-2024-UC-8.1.3 (1)**

University Council **noted** the updates on the work streams in relation to the Southern campus and opportunities to realise value from Sandy Bay campus.

#### **Resolution 17-10-2024-UC-8.1.3 (2)**

University Council **approved** the proposed positioning on the future of the southern campus and the supporting communications and engagement strategy.

Source: UTAS Council Minutes,

[https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/1759762/FINAL-Council-Minutes-17-October-2024.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1759762/FINAL-Council-Minutes-17-October-2024.pdf)

**22 October 2024**

**Subject:** Meeting with Minister Ogilvie  
**Location:** Level 5, Parliament Square Building,; 4 Salamanca Place

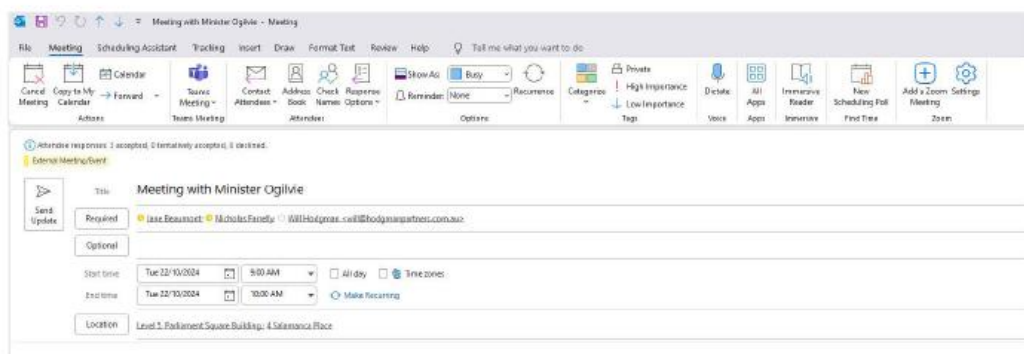
**Start:** Tue 22/10/2024 9:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 22/10/2024 10:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Kate Huntington  
**Required Attendees:** Jane Beaumont; Nicholas Farrelly; Will Hodgman <will@hodgmanpartners.com.au>

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22/10/2024	MEETING   Futago	Re: various issues
22/10/2024	MEETING   University of Tasmania	Re: <b>UTAS</b> Bill and STEM

Source: Minister Ogilvie’s diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

**26 October 2024**

26/11/2024	Cocktail Party   Speech	Re: <b>UTAS</b> announcement
26/11/2024	MEETING   UTAS	

Source: Minister Ogilvie’s diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

**30 October 2024**

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**From:** Kate Huntington  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 October 2024 4:11 PM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan; prue.gusmerini@dpac.tas.gov.au  
**Cc:** Nicholas Farrelly; Jane Beaumont  
**Subject:** Draft MR and staff message for next week  
**Attachments:** Southern Future MR draft 301024.pdf; Southern Future Staff Message DRAFT 301024.pdf

Hi Prue and Tristan

As flagged at our meeting last week, please find attached our draft media release and staff message for next week for your planning purposes.

Our plan is to do a pic op with the Merc on Tuesday lunchtime and lift that embargo after we send out the staff comms around 4 pm, so their story will be online by around 4:30. We'll put out the release on Wednesday morning as well as an alert for Nicholas to do a media op for the TVs that morning and manage radio requests as we go through.

Tristan - I plan to do a ring around of stakeholders on Monday ahead of the announcement so I'd be interested to coordinate with you around who the Minister is planning to engage with – will give you a call to discuss tomorrow or Friday.

Happy to discuss, Kate

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**From:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 4:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@conmotogroup.com; [REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au; [REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au  
**Subject:** maps for discussion tomorrow - coverage of draft bill attached - map 1 below are the titles across whole of SB campus and map 2 below is the CoH neighbourhood plan over the 2021 master plan

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Source: UTAS, [https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-J\\_Redacted.pdf](https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/IRPack-J_Redacted.pdf), page 22 (2 totally redacted pages follow).

### **Comment**

For there to be a draft Bill, DPAC must have already been heavily involved.

**30 October 2024**

For convenience, I am providing a full email thread extending from 30 October to 13 November here.

Other entries for early November follow.

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**From:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 November 2024 9:34 AM  
**To:** Healey, Mathew  
**Cc:** Kate Huntington; Nicholas Farrelly  
**Subject:** FW: maps for discussion tomorrow  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

Thanks Matt for discussions this morning.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 November 2024 10:26 AM  
**To:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@conmotogroup.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au>  
**Subject:** RE: maps for discussion tomorrow

Hi Jane,

[REDACTED]

Best,

[REDACTED]  
Manager Land Use and Development Planning  
City Futures | City of Hobart | [REDACTED]  
[Chat with me on Teams](#)

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**From:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2024 10:43 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@conmotogroup.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au>  
**Subject:** RE: maps for discussion tomorrow

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 November 2024 10:18 AM  
**To:** Jane Beaumont <jane.beaumont@utas.edu.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@conmotogroup.com>  
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**Subject:** RE: maps for discussion tomorrow

Hi Jane,

[REDACTED]

Best,

[REDACTED]  
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Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@hobartcity.com.au)>  
Subject: RE: maps for discussion tomorrow

Hi Jane,

We wanted to check if you have any capacity to pop into our offices on Friday?  
Ideally before 11am or after 2pm, also can you please shoot me through your mobile number?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
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Subject: Re: maps for discussion tomorrow - coverage of draft bill attached - map 1 below are the titles across whole of SB campus and map 2 below is the CoH neighbourhood plan over the 2021 master plan

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Many thanks [redacted] and All

Makes sense. Happy you prioritise any time Monday or Tues.

Jane

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**Subject:** RE: maps for discussion tomorrow - coverage of draft bill attached - map 1 below are the titles across whole of SB campus and map 2 below is the CoH neighbourhood plan over the 2021 master plan

Hi Jane,

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Hope this makes sense.  
Happy to talk it through on Monday.

Best,

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Manager Land Use and Development Planning  
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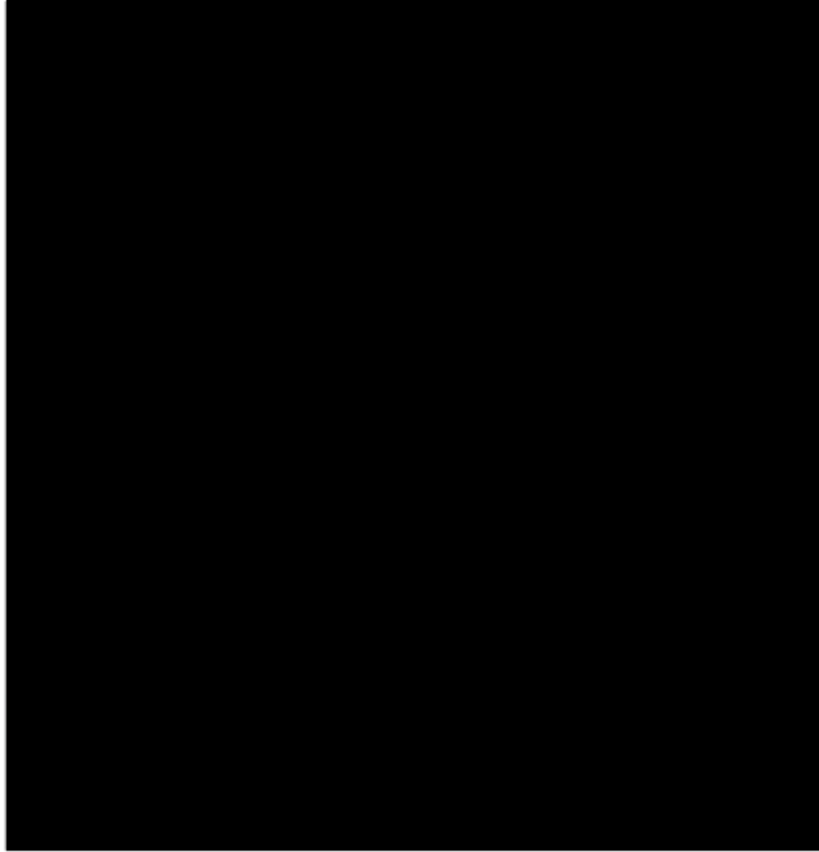
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pages 19-24

### Comment

Due to redactions of some email addressees, it's not clear which parties were involved in this extensive discussion of maps.

### 4 November 2024

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**From:** Bick, Tristan  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 November 2024 2:32 PM  
**To:** Ogilvie, Madeleine  
**Subject:** UTAS lines

These are a few lines I've quickly drafted. Sean/GMO want these in anticipation of Wednesday.

TB

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**5 November 2025**

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**From:** Professor Rufus Black <listserv@utas.edu.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 November 2024 8:31 AM  
**To:** Sarah Coull  
**Subject:** Update on our Hobart Campus plans

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## Update on our Hobart Campus plans

Dear colleagues,

Last month, I had the great pleasure of joining the State and Federal Education Ministers, Jo Palmer and Jason Clare, and the Mayor of Launceston, Matthew Garwood, to open The Shed. The final new build of our Inveresk Campus, The Shed is the state-of-the-art home for science and health in the North. The opening marked the culmination of a decade of collaboration, planning and investment in higher education, delivered in partnership with all levels of government. Thanks to this partnership and the hard work of an enormous number of people, the North and North-West of Tasmania can now access some of the best university facilities in the country.

As the Northern Transformation project has been reaching its conclusion, the University has been continuing the work of mapping a future direction for our campuses in the South. Our Council has reflected over an extended period of time on important matters including the educational needs of Tasmania, staff and student requirements, community feedback, the major new policy and funding directions for higher education set by the Federal Government, the State Government's legislation and stated desire to see STEM remain at Sandy Bay, and the City of Hobart's planning directions. With those factors in mind, we have formed a plan for the South, which we are sharing today.

Our plan, which is contingent on securing support and significant government funding, is for a Hobart presence with four campus sites providing students with experiences built around the best the city has to offer. These sites would be:

- **A Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Campus** at Sandy Bay. This would see a complete retrofit of some existing buildings, the addition of new builds, and the enhancement of the natural landscape of the campus. It will also provide opportunities for industry co-location, and school and community engagement.
- **A City Campus** that incorporates our existing medical sciences and creative arts teaching, learning and research spaces, and provides a new home in the Forestry building for the Schools of Business and Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- **A Historic Campus** on the Domain, the University's original home, which will host special offerings like our International School, Outdoor Education Program and aspects of our health offering.

- **A Waterfront Campus** comprising the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies facilities at Salamanca and Tarooma.

As you know, many of these elements are in place. Others, like the Forestry building and IMAS Tarooma are well underway and on track to be complete in 2026. We have made it clear that our priority now is STEM in Southern Tasmania. Contemporary STEM facilities are urgently needed for students and staff, for the future of STEM education in Tasmania and for our state's ability to meet workforce needs.

We have an existing business case for a new STEM precinct in the Hobart CBD, which was approved by Infrastructure Australia in 2017. Work has been underway to update this business case, informed by engagement with College of Sciences and Engineering (CoSE) staff, students and stakeholders, since the Tasmanian Government made its preference for STEM on Sandy Bay clear earlier this year. The City of Hobart Council also recently passed a motion to formally advocate for government funding to create a 'new world class STEM Hub' at Sandy Bay.

The STEM facilities that Tasmania needs will cost in the order of \$500 million and support from the State and Federal Governments will be critical. This is a pressing issue for our entire community. Unless we get started in the next 12 to 18 months, Tasmania won't have new STEM facilities until well into the 2030s, putting us decades behind other states. That matters when so many new jobs and the competitiveness of our existing industries are dependent on science and technology.

The engagement we've had with our colleagues and students in CoSE and key stakeholders, as well as the work of the Campus Futures team and the architects and planners at Hassell, supports the development of a specialised STEM campus at Sandy Bay. It would provide opportunities to create a precinct that enables other education providers and industry to co-locate and collaborate to inspire future scientists and teach the skills and create the knowledge that will support a better future for Tasmania.

For the humanities and social sciences, a better future in contemporary, inspiring and vibrant facilities is just over a year away. Professor Nicholas Farrelly, as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Campus Life (Southern Tasmania), and Director of Campus Futures Poppy Fay have engaged with the Schools about their move into the Forestry Building alongside the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics. This will be a truly incredible teaching and research space in the heart of Hobart. Filled with state-of-the-art, flexible teaching facilities, the Forestry building is perfectly located for students and staff who are studying and researching the ways our society works economically, culturally and politically. The project is on track to be open for Semester 1, 2026.

The progress of this work has made it clear that two sites in the CBD – the former K&D and the corner property encompassing 33 to 37 Bathurst Street and 65 Argyle Street – are no longer required to support future teaching and research. We will put these properties on the market in the coming months. The proceeds from the sales will be invested in upgrading our teaching and research facilities, including the ongoing redevelopment of IMAS Tarooma and the soon to commence new research facility for the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture at Newnham.

We will be seeking to secure government funding for the development of new STEM facilities below Churchill Avenue. To contribute to the development, we will also be engaging with the Tasmanian Government about the future of the University's land above Churchill Avenue, and seeking support from the Tasmanian Parliament to ensure it is unencumbered so it can be developed to provide a funding contribution to new STEM facilities.

A Hobart presence across four sites – a STEM Campus, City Campus, Historic Campus, and Waterfront Campus – is a path to ensuring Tasmanians have access to the education and research facilities we all need for our future. We cannot travel this path alone. To get the best outcome for Tasmania, we will need funding and strong support from all levels of Government just as we had in Launceston and Burnie.

Nicholas and Poppy will be hosting all staff drop-in sessions so you can hear more about the future direction of our southern campuses and ask questions. Please look out for invitations in your inbox tomorrow. There's also an [intranet page](#) with more information and you can always contact the Campus Futures team with any queries via

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Regards,

Rufus



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**From:** [Tasmanian Government Media](#)  
**To:** [Brewer, Jess](#)  
**Subject:** Backing in the University of Tasmania  
**Date:** Tuesday, 5 November 2024 6:48:04 PM

5 November 2024

## Backing in the University of Tasmania

The Tasmanian Government welcomes the University of Tasmania's announcement of its future vision for a STEM campus at Sandy Bay.

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Assessed by the Department for Education, Children and Young People under the Right to Information Act 2009

Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Madeleine Ogilvie, said Tasmanians deserve access to the most contemporary STEM facilities.

"With this future direction announcement, Tasmanians can be assured our Government will support UTAS in their endeavours to make a STEM-led future at UTAS Sandy Bay a reality," said Minister Ogilvie.

"I have been working closely with stakeholders to support the University's important vision for STEM renewal at Sandy Bay. I am certain there will be broad support for this announcement.

"We understand that our important science and ICT sectors offer great potential for economic growth, together with global work opportunities, and that ICT leadership is essential to bridge the digital divide for all Tasmanians. I believe this is what the STEM future at UTAS Sandy Bay will help to achieve.

"We intend to strongly advocate to the Commonwealth to invest in Tasmanian's STEM-led future.

"What message does it send to Tasmanians if the Commonwealth is unwilling to invest in this vital sector?"

"We will be moving our bill through the House of Assembly in the coming parliamentary sitting."

Contact: Alex Jackson Phone: 0438 231 971

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### **7 November 2024**

#### **Leon Compton**

Let's talk about what you'll do as Minister for this area. Have you told the university that you will support them selling the land above Churchill Avenue for housing? Have you told them directly that is done?

#### **Madeleine Ogilvie**

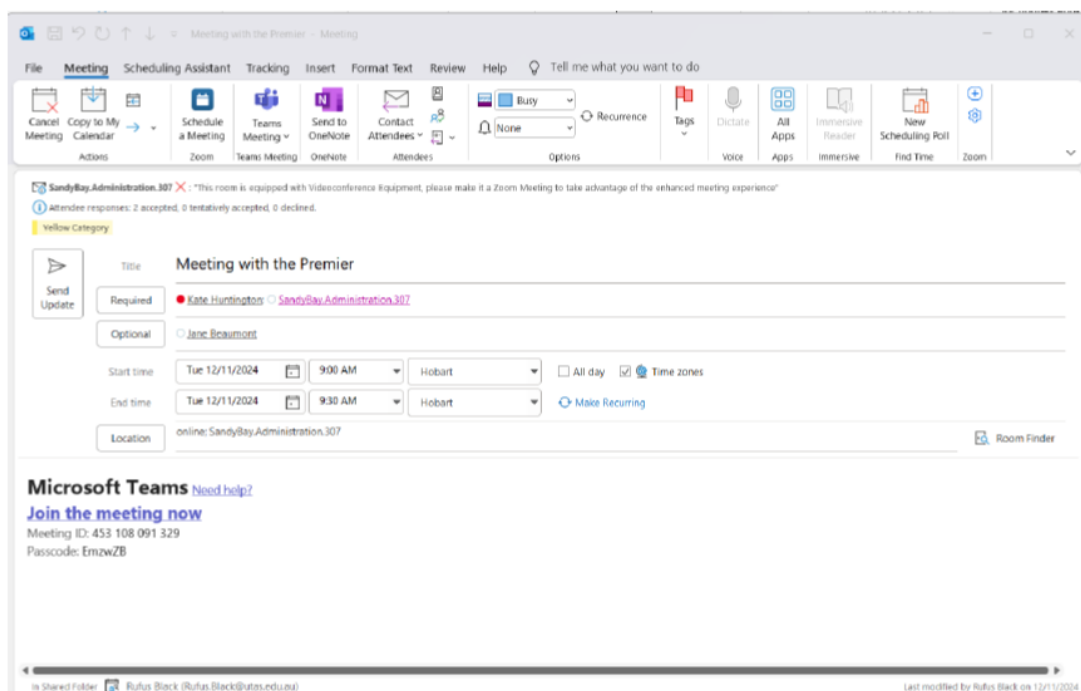
**What I, no, what I have said is I want to see the full business case of what the proposal is. And my view is that business case ought to come through Parliament.** So that's our position. The bill will come on for debate. There are a range of views about this. And I noticed you touched on the funding issue as well. But again, let me say, I was really heartened to see the senators come out almost with one voice for Tasmania to say, this is the project we need and want to get that federal funding.

Source: transcript at: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/hobart-mornings/madeleine-ogilvie-on-utas-plan-to-stay-in-sandy-bay/104572170>; audio at: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/hobart-mornings/madeleine-ogilvie-on-utas-plan-to-stay-in-sandy-bay/104572170>

### Comment

This is an excerpt from Minister Ogilvie's interview with Leon Compton (ABC) on 7 November 2024; drafting of rezoning/sale amendment of the Bill was already underway and the SPDBC 2025 was not provided to the Government until months after the rezoning/sale amendment was first moved on 28 November 2024.

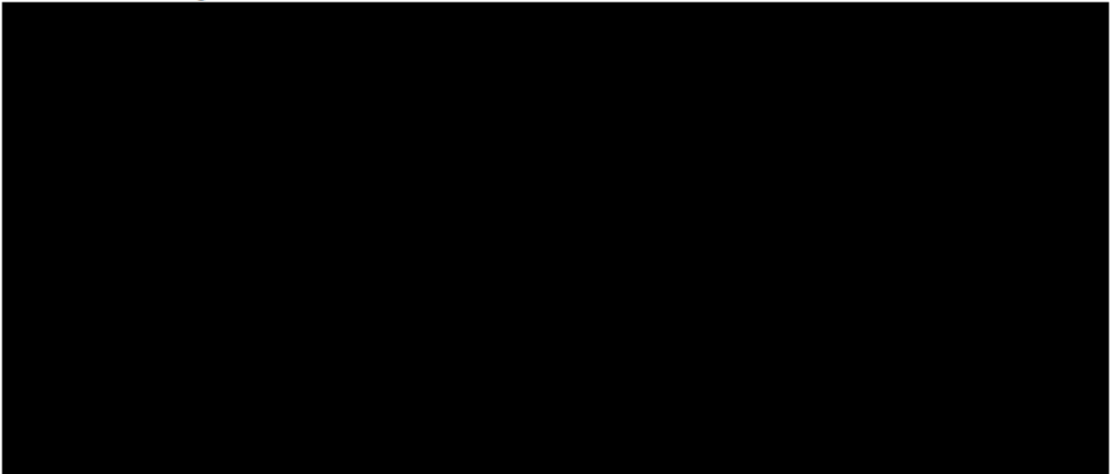
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01/11/2024	MEETINGS   Australian Strategic Partnership	Re: Trade Mission
12/11/2024	MEETING   Vice Chancellor, UTAS	Re: Various matters

Source: Premier Rockliff's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.



**From:** Jane Beaumont <Jane.Beaumont@utas.edu.au>  
**Date:** November 12, 2024 at 12:20:11 PM GMT+11  
**To:** "Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine" <Kathrine.Morgan-Wicks@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Strictly confidential - UTAS Sandy Bay campus

Hi Kath- apologies I didn't check your email address.

Always happy to chat.

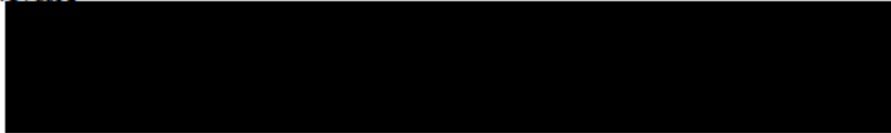
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**From:** Jane Beaumont  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 November 2024 12:11 PM  
**To:** Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine L <kathrine.morgan-wicks@health.tas.gov.au>; Healey, Mathew <Mathew.Healey@ac.tas.gov.au>; rue.usmerini@ac.tas.gov.au  
**Cc:** Nicholas Farrelly <nicholas.farrelly@utas.edu.au>; Kate Huntington <kate.huntington@utas.edu.au>  
**Subject:** Strictly confidential - UTAS Sandy Bay campus

Hi Kath, Matt and Prue

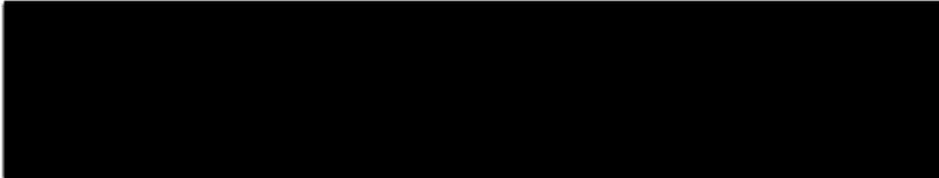
As requested following our meeting with the Premier this morning, I have attached:





4. In terms of consultation on the Sandy Bay campus – the City of Hobart has undertaken very extensive consultation over the past few years and the link below is to the Mount Nelson and Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan – their discussion paper dated October 2023 (from page 54 and p60 is on point for Sandy Bay campus areas for redevelopment including housing for medium density infill requirements for population requirements/growth needs).

Mount Nelson and Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan | Your Say Hobart



Very happy to discuss details.

Kind regards

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**13 November 2024**

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From: Nicholas Farrelly <nicholas.farrelly@utas.edu.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 13 November 2024 3:33 PM  
To: Vica Bayley  
Cc: Jane Beaumont; Kate Huntington  
Subject: Strictly confidential and sensitive  
Attachments: [Redacted]

Dear Vica,

Again, we are very grateful for the careful attention that you are giving to the University's situation – it is much appreciated. As a further message for today, I thought it worth sharing some of the materials that we are discussing with government relevant to the University's plan at Sandy Bay and the potential for a re-drafted bill.

[Redacted]

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[Mount Nelson and Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan | Your Say Hobart](#)

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We are very happy to discuss any of the details. Thanks very much for your consideration and ongoing engagement.

Best wishes,

Nicholas

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**14 November 2024**

Email from Jane Beaumont (UTAS) to Matt Healy (DPAC) provided under 30 October 2024 above.

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**Smith, Gemma**

**From:** Healey, Mathew  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 November 2024 9:42 PM  
**To:** Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine; Gregory, Shane  
**Cc:** Gray, Mellissa; Willcox, Jodi; Howes, Lisa  
**Subject:** UTAS Amendment Cab Min  
**Attachments:** UTAS Amendment Cab Min.docx

Hi Kath and Shane

I have sent the enclosed to Minister Ogilvie's Office and DSG for discussion in the morning. s 26

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Cheers

Mat

**Mathew Healey | A/g Deputy Secretary**  
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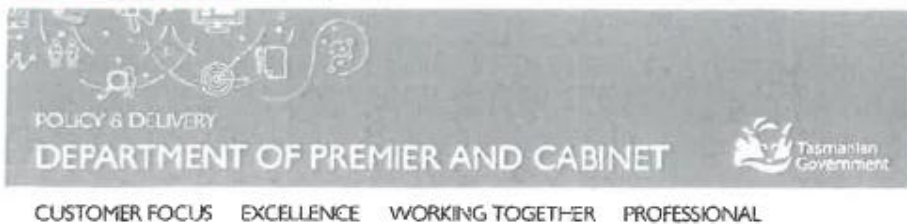
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**15 November 2024**

 Outlook

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**FW: Confidential: Draft Maps for Review - will be available for a chat after 2:30 (can send a time if easier)**

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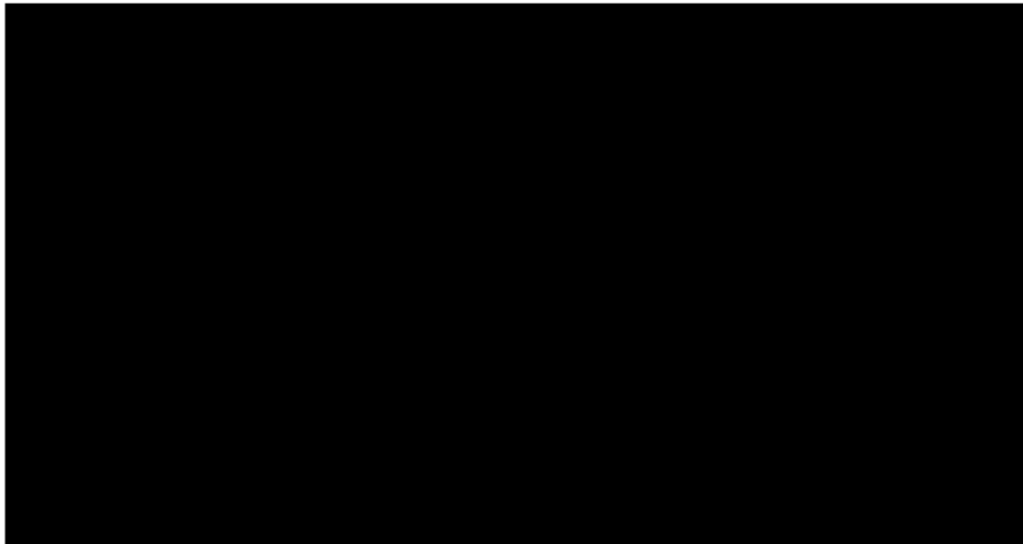
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**Cc** Kate Huntington <kate.huntington@utas.edu.au>; Nicholas Farrelly <nicholas.farrelly@utas.edu.au>

Hi Matt



I'll give you a call later this morning to see what else you need.

**Jane Beaumont** FG|A FCIS

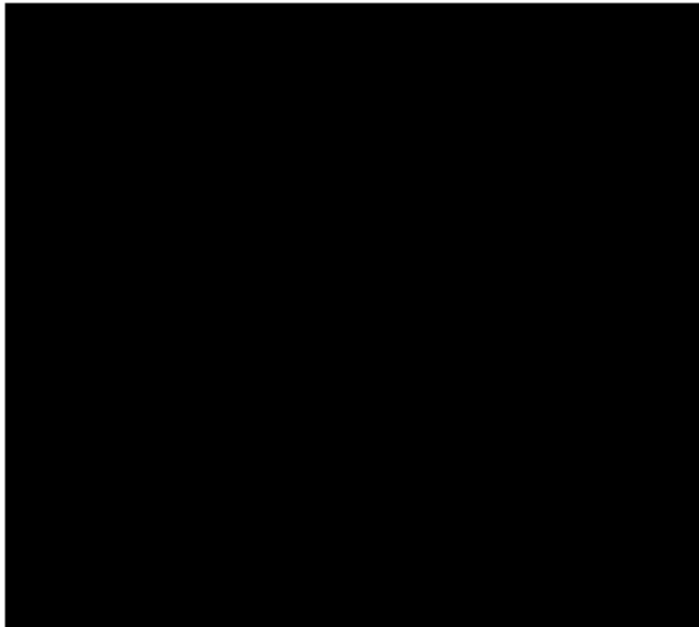
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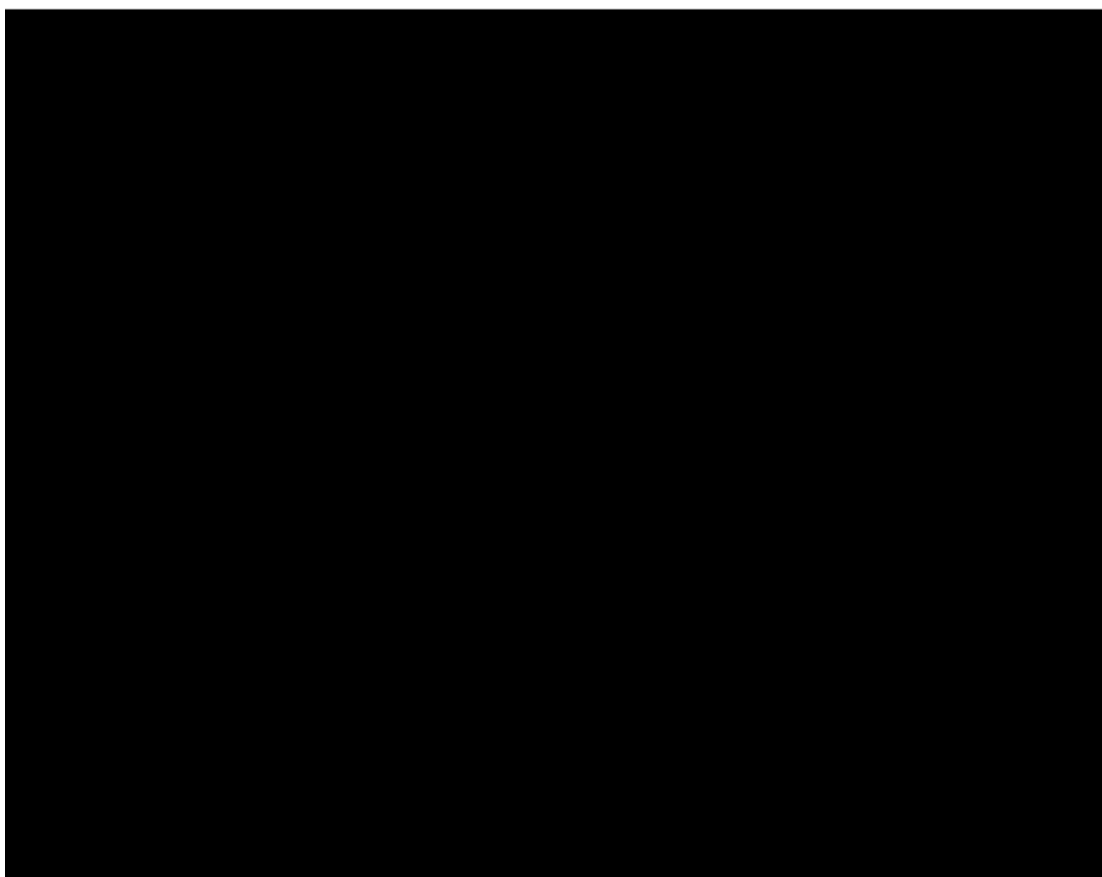
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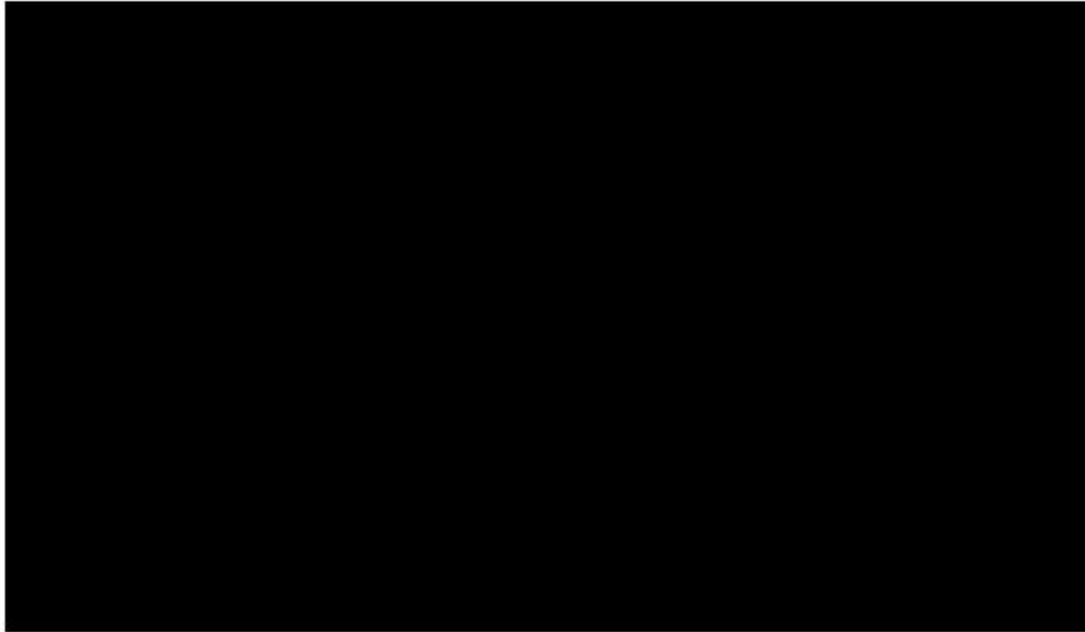
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**Subject:** Map

Hi Jane



Cheers

Mat



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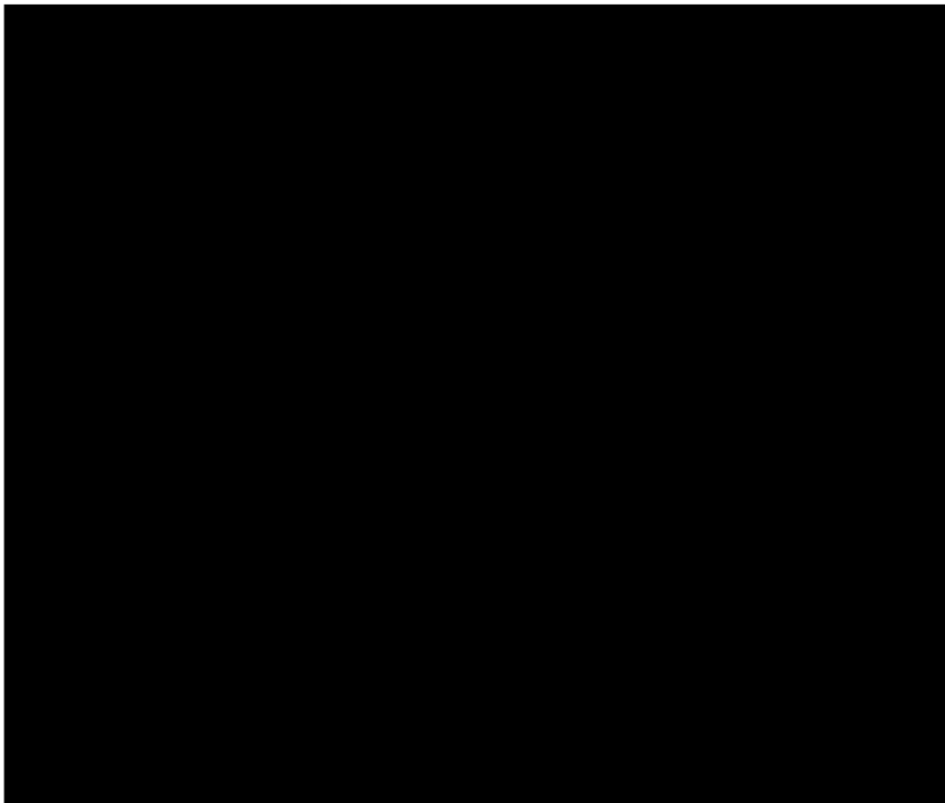


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**To:** Healey, Mathew  
**Subject:** FW: Map



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**Sent:** Friday, 15 November 2024 2:40 PM  
**To:** Healey, Mathew <Mathew.Healey@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Map

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**Subject:** Re: Map

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**From:** Healey, Mathew <Mathew.Healey@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 November 2024 3:44 PM  
**To:** Adam Tavaszi; Jane Beaumont  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Perfect – thanks Adam

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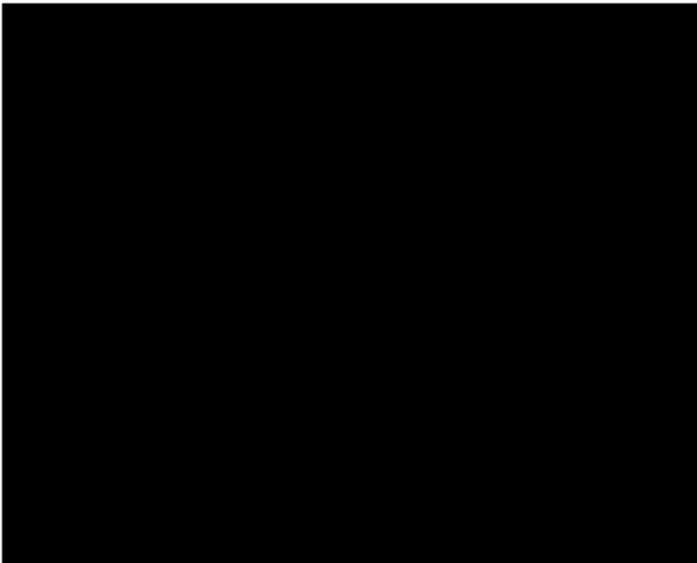


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**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Healey, Mathew  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 November 2024 3:47 PM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan  
**Subject:** Drafted Amendments  
**Attachments:** Option 1 - UTAS Amendment - Minister - v2 (no rezoning).pdf; Option 2 - UTAS Amendment - Minister - v3 (rezoning).pdf

Hi Tristan

Amendments for Options 1 and 2.

Cheers

Mat

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**From:** [Kate Huntington](#)  
**To:** [Craig Beding](#); [Jane Beaumont](#); [Nicholas Farnell](#); [Alison Watkins](#); [Rufus Black](#); [Will Hodgman](#); [Alicia Lees](#)  
**Subject:** Confidential: UTAS bill for next week  
**Date:** Friday, 15 November 2024 4:28:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Alison, Rufus, Will and Alicia

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happy to discuss at any time and thanks all for your assistance.

Cheers, Kate

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# CABINET

Legislative Minute

LEGM-241100038

Date Received

15 November 2024



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Minister Madeleine Ogilvie MP, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy

Bill Title Amendments to the University of Tasmania (Protection of Property) Bill 2024

Purpose of Bill s 26

Date Signed

Likely Criticism s 26

Prior Consultation s 26

Priority High. This Bill is due for debate in the week commencing 18 November 2024.

Date for Providing Drafting Instructions

Dates for Consultation

Date for Final Bill Briefing 18 November 2024

Date for Introduction 19 November 2024

Date to be Enacted

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## Legislative Minute

### 1. Purpose

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### 2. Recommendations

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**3. Background**

- 3.1. Under the Government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania, the Government committed to introduce legislation to amend the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* to require that the land at Sandy Bay gifted to the University in 1951 cannot be disposed of except with the explicit support of both Houses of Parliament.
- 3.2. The *University of Tasmania (Protection of Property) Bill 2024* delivering on the Government's commitment was introduced into Parliament on 20 June 2024. The Bill is awaiting debate in the House of Assembly.
- 3.3. On 6 November 2024, the University announced that it would "...work with the Tasmanian and Australian Governments to develop a plan to fund new STEM facilities at Sandy Bay, which would involve complete retrofits of some existing buildings, the construction of some new buildings, and the enhancement of the natural landscape of the campus".

3.4. [REDACTED]

3.5. [REDACTED]

3.5.1. [REDACTED]

3.5.2. [REDACTED]

**4. Issues and supporting information**

4.1. [REDACTED]

4.2. [REDACTED]

4.3. [REDACTED]



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**5. Options**

5.1. [REDACTED]

5.1.1. [REDACTED] s 26

5.1.2. [REDACTED]

5.2. [REDACTED]

5.2.1. [REDACTED] s 26

5.2.2. [REDACTED]

**6. Annexe statements**

**6.1. Budget impact statement**

6.1.1. There are no budget implications associated with this Minute.

**6.2. Economic and employment impact statement**

6.2.1. There are no direct economic and employment impacts associated with this decision. The development of a contemporary STEM precinct on the Sandy Bay campus will, however, contribute to reducing ongoing skill shortages in STEM related fields.

**6.3. Social/community impact statement**

6.3.1. There has been ongoing community concern regarding the proposed move of the University of Tasmania from the Sandy Bay campus to the city. [REDACTED]

6.4. Legislative and regulatory impact statement

6.4.1. [REDACTED]

6.5. Intergovernmental impact statement

6.5.1. [REDACTED]

6.6. Community consultation and communications strategy

6.6.1. [REDACTED]

6.7. Prior consultation statement

6.7.1. [REDACTED]

6.8. Tasmanian brand statement

6.8.1. Not applicable

6.9. National agreement on closing the gap statement

6.9.1. Not applicable

7. Other attachments

Attachment 1 - [REDACTED]  
Attachment 2 - [REDACTED]  
Attachment 3 - [REDACTED]

*Madeline Ogilvie*

Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP  
**Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy**

Date signed: Friday, 15 November 2024

Attachment 1 - [REDACTED]

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DECISION

18 November 2024

MINISTER FOR INNOVATION, SCIENCE, AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY



(Decision CABD-241100362)

(Matter LEGM-241100038)

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Kathrine Morgan-Wicks  
SECRETARY

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Comment

Note that the submission was in the name of Minister Ogilvie. Note the words, "There are no budget implications associated with this Minute."

**17 November 2024**

**From:** Willcox, Jodi  
**Sent:** Sunday, 17 November 2024 9:15 AM  
**To:** DeputySecretary.PD; Brown, Mandy; Whitehouse, Ned; Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine; Secretary  
**Cc:** Gregory, Shane; Gray, Mellissa; Thomson, Sarah; McCracken, Kris; Bridle, Jaime  
**Subject:** Premier's Purple Agenda - Monday 18 November 2024 - CABINET-IN-CONFIDENCE  
**Attachments:** Premier's Purple Agenda - Monday 18 November 2024.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached Premier's Purple Agenda for the Cabinet Meeting on Monday 18 November 2024.

Kind regards,

Jodi

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**CABINET AGENDA**  
**11:00 on Monday 18 November 2024**  
 LEVEL 11, 15 MURRAY STREET, HOBART

Cabinet Items	Discussion	Recommendation
19 LEGM- 241100038 UTAS Bill Amendment	<p><b>Not relevant</b></p> <p><b>S 26</b></p>	<p><b>S 27</b></p>

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## **18 November 2024**

Cabinet meeting that considered the rezoning/sale amendments to the UTAS Bill. Minute and decision under 15 November above.

## **21 November 2024**

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**From:** Kate Huntington  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 November 2024 10:18 AM  
**To:** Marcus Atkinson  
**Subject:** FW: UTAS Bill Amendments  
**Attachments:** 20241119\_University\_of\_Tasmania\_(Protection\_of\_Land)\_Bill.pdf

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**From:** Bick, Tristan <Tristan.Bick@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 November 2024 10:09 AM  
**To:** Kate Huntington <Kate.Huntington@utas.edu.au>  
**Subject:** UTAS Bill Amendments

Morning Kate

Please find attached amendments as discussed.

Kindly,  
Tristan

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## **Comment**

The amendments to the Bill follow on pages 45-50.

**From:** [Kate Huntington](#)  
**To:** [Rufus Black](#)  
**Cc:** [Craig Barling](#); [Jane Beaumont](#); [Nicholas Farrelly](#); [Ben Wild](#)  
**Subject:** FW: UTAS Bill Amendments  
**Date:** Thursday, 21 November 2024 10:27:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [20241119\\_University\\_of\\_Tasmania\\_\(Protection\\_of\\_Land\)\\_Bill.pdf](#)

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Hi Rufus

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Cheers, Kate

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**From:** Tasmanian Government Media  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 November 2024 12:17 PM  
**To:** Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine  
**Subject:** Government backs transparency and accountability over UTAS land



**Madeleine Ogilvie, Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy**  
21 November 2024

## **Government backs transparency and accountability over UTAS land**

Amendments to the University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill will be brought on for debate in the final sitting week of Parliament for 2024.

Minister for the Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Madeleine Ogilvie, said that the Tasmanian Government's position is clear – we support UTAS and believe it is proper for both houses of Parliament to approve any land sell-off. "Since the introduction of the Bill in the House, the University of Tasmania has been engaged in ongoing dialogue with government anticipating appetite to update the business case – to realise a STEM-led future onsite at Sandy Bay," Minister Ogilvie said.

"We are pleased that UTAS have presented its revised plan to build a state-of-the-art STEM facility at Sandy Bay.

"We will join UTAS in advocating to the Federal Government for funding, and acknowledge that their support is predicated on a co-investment by UTAS into this project.

"UTAS believe disposal of surplus land above Churchill will help achieve that goal and, following consultation, we will assist by proposing that land is excluded from our bill and available to the university unencumbered.

"This amendment still requires both houses of Parliament to approve this, which is consistent with the intent of our amendment.

"We believe this approach gets the balance right and ensures UTAS campus at Sandy Bay will remain while delivering a future-led STEM plan."

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The amendments will include rezoning two parcels of land above Churchill Avenue.

Contact: Nik Kaurin Phone 

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**From:** [Brewer, Jess](#)  
**To:** [Webster, Ginna](#); [Burgess, Jenny](#)  
**Cc:** [Blake, Alice](#); [Griffin, Anita](#); [Davidson, Ruth](#)  
**Subject:** University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill  
**Date:** Thursday, 21 November 2024 12:54:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Government backs transparency and accountability over UTAS land.msg](#)  
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Good afternoon,

A quick update on the progress of the bill through Parliament.

Alice and I just briefed Minister Ogilvie, Tristan (her COS) and Emma Lovibond. During the briefing we agreed clear roles and responsibilities for the parliamentary debate.

There will be amendments moved by the government, attached is a media release from Minister Ogilvie which outlines the content.

The debate has moved on from the initial bill content and will likely be reasonably lively and skewed to the political. It is unlikely to be debated today (although we are still on standby) but is guaranteed for debate next week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best

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### **Comment**

This indicates that DCAP would have been responsible for briefing on the rezoning/sale amendments and DECYP on the rest of the UTAS Land Bill. It seems DECYP had been kept largely in the dark on the amendments.

# Committed to keeping UTAS in Sandy Bay

Parliamentary oversight fairest way to deal with land sales, writes **Madeleine Ogilvie**

**T**he Tasmanian government continues to support the University of Tasmania remaining in Sandy Bay and will ensure that any plan to sell off land is approved by both houses of parliament.

This is consistent with the position that we put forward at the 2024 state election.

We promised to keep the university at Sandy Bay and that is exactly what we have delivered.

Following the introduction of legislation that would amend the Act to require the explicit approval of both houses for any sale, we have engaged in ongoing dialogue with the university in relation to their plans for the Sandy Bay campus.

We were pleased to see UTAS present a revised plan to build a state-of-the-art STEM facility at Sandy Bay which was a significant shift away from its original plan to relocate the campus entirely into the CBD.

Instead, their future-direction announcement saw plans for a \$500m state-of-the-art STEM facility at Sandy Bay, providing a future for our children here in Tasmania.

This should be acknowledged for what it is: a significant win for our community.

The Tasmanian government understands that our important science and ICT sectors offer great potential for economic growth, and I believe that a STEM-led future at UTAS Sandy Bay will help achieve that.

We will join UTAS in advocating to the federal government for funding and acknowledge that this funding support is predicated on a co-investment into the project by UTAS.

UTAS believes that the repurposing of two parcels of land above Churchill Ave will help



**Madeleine Ogilvie**

achieve that goal, and following confirmation that UTAS will remain in Sandy Bay, the government will assist by proposing that that land is excluded from our Bill and available to the university unencumbered.

I want to be clear: this amendment still requires the approval of both houses of parliament, which is consistent with the intent of our policy to keep UTAS at Sandy Bay and require the approval of the parliament for any sale of land.

This bill will be a decision for the parliament, not the government, and ensures that there is an opportunity for the views of Tasmanians to be represented through their elected members before a final decision is made.

I acknowledge community concerns regarding the future of the UTAS Sandy Bay land and have taken on board the views of many stakeholders.

We are aware that this is a challenging issue. It has challenged our community for many years, but we believe that this decision strikes the right balance between protecting the public interest and allowing UTAS to get on with their job – which is educating young Tasmanians.

**Madeleine Ogilvie is Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy**

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Dear Minister Ogilvie

I am writing with regard to the Tasmanian Government's decision to amend the *University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill* to reduce the disposal restriction to the land below Churchill Ave and provide for the rezoning of some land above Churchill Ave to allow for a contribution to the development of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) precinct on the Sandy Bay campus.

The University welcomes the Government's decision to take a pragmatic and balanced approach to accommodating the University's educational requirements while responding to community considerations. As you are aware, on 5 November 2024, I announced the University's plan for a future Hobart presence with four campus sites providing students with experiences built around the best the city has to offer, including the development of a STEM Campus at Sandy Bay. This plan would involve the complete retrofit of some existing buildings, the addition of new builds and the enhancement of the natural landscape of the campus. It will also provide opportunities for industry co-location, and increased school and community engagement.

This decision was the result of the University Council reflecting over an extended period of time on important matters including the educational needs of Tasmania, staff and student requirements and community feedback. This decision has been supported by the major new policy and funding directions for higher education set by the Federal Government, the State Government's legislation and stated desire to see STEM remain at Sandy Bay and the City of Hobart's planning directions.

Work is now well underway on the business case for the STEM precinct on Sandy Bay, informed by engagement with our College of Sciences and Engineering (CoSE) staff, students and relevant stakeholders and we expect to be able to share the final version with you in the first quarter of 2025. All indications are that the STEM facilities that Tasmania needs will cost in the order of \$500 million and support from all three levels of government will be critical, just as it was to our successful Northern Transformation project that has delivered the new campuses, enhanced learning offerings, and contemporary research facilities in Burnie and Launceston.

We were pleased to see the City of Hobart pass a motion to formally advocate for government funding to create a 'new world class STEM Hub' at Sandy Bay on 14 October 2024. This followed the motion in the Australian Parliament on 20 August 2024,

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moved by Tasmanian Senators from across the political spectrum. This motion resolved that there is an urgent need for the Australian Government to work with the Tasmanian Government to develop measures to address the STEM educational crisis in Tasmania, including the development of a new STEM precinct plan for the University of Tasmania with opportunities for community, industry and other education providers to be welcomed into the precinct.

We are now looking to the Tasmanian Parliament to join the push for these urgently needed new STEM facilities. This is a pressing issue for our entire community. Unless we get started in the next 12 to 18 months, Tasmania won't have new STEM facilities until well into the 2030's, putting us decades behind other states. As you know, that really matters when so many new jobs and the competitiveness of our existing industries are dependent on science and technology.

Given the absence of a dedicated infrastructure fund for higher education and the financial constraints of both the State of Tasmania and the University of Tasmania, as we have detailed before the Public Accounts Committee over recent months, we have recognised that the bulk of the funding for the new STEM facilities will need to come from the Federal Government. We have further recognised that between the State and the University, we will need to find a way to make a financial contribution to the project to attract Federal Government support.

Accordingly, the University is prepared to enter a deed of undertaking in the form of a deed poll, a legally binding document, to commit to all proceeds from the development of the rezoned land above Churchill Ave being committed to the STEM precinct below Churchill Ave. The University legal team has drafted a deed poll and provided it to relevant Tasmanian Government agencies to commence negotiations. This draft commits the University to keep the funds arising from development above Churchill Ave quarantined and to only use those funds for the purposes of financing the STEM precinct below Churchill Ave.

The University would also be open to making commitments around affordable housing in the deed poll, given our long-standing commitment to ensuring any developments on University land include a range of price points to allow for key worker accommodation. Subject to discussions with Homes Tasmania and other potential partners, there may be opportunities to include social housing and supported living for elderly Tasmanians as well. We look forward to further conversations with relevant Tasmanian Government agencies on this topic. Once negotiations are concluded and University Council has endorsed the deed poll, I propose that the final deed poll be made public in line with our institutional commitment to transparency and accountability.

In addition, we have commenced discussions with the Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania (ALCT) about a hand back of the bushland above the parcels identified for rezoning in the legislation, which has always been intended for protection given its environmental values. We are committed to working with the ALCT towards a Memorandum of

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Understanding to govern the work required to facilitate this handback, including consideration of the mechanisms for the land return, a thorough community engagement process and opportunities for the University to enhance its teaching, learning and research offerings through a land return. We will also need to undertake surveying to confirm the boundaries of the land to be handed back, noting that the Olinda Grove soccer grounds need to be available for ongoing community use.

I assure you of the University's commitment to working methodically through the plans for the development of new STEM facilities to ensure that all necessary existing facilities remain available for the use of our researchers until such time that better facilities become available. As we have said all along, we will retain many of the facilities on the Sandy Bay campus that cannot be moved, including but not limited to the student accommodation, sporting fields and a number of the key tenancies including CSIRO and the Tasmanian Herbarium.

Finally, it is worth noting here that any development on the entire existing Sandy Bay campus, including the proposed STEM Precinct below Churchill Ave and developments on the rezoned land above Churchill Ave, would be subject to regular planning approval processes through the Hobart City Council including standard public exhibition and community consultation.

Thank you for your important leadership on this complex issue. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the Tasmanian Government to bring the STEM precinct on Sandy Bay to life over coming years.

Yours sincerely



**Professor Rufus Black**  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 November 2024 11:18 AM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan  
**Cc:** Ogilvie, Madeleine; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** UTAS Protection of Land Bill

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Tristan

You referred to the business case provided by UTAS to the government in relation to the bill and the land sale. You said this was the University's document and that you were not able to release it to us without the University's consent.

I note that you will seek that consent immediately with a view to forwarding the document to us today. As I said to you, receiving it tomorrow when we meet with the Minister will leave insufficient time for us to review it.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Sent from my iPad

Source: Minister Ogilvie, page 12

### **Comment**

The redacted party here was Mike Foster Co-Chair of SaveUTAS. It is not clear whether Minister Ogilvie and her office mistook VC Black's three-page letter for a business case.

### **26 November 2024**

26/11/2024	MEETING   UTAS	Re: UTAS announcement
26/11/2024	MEETING   Innovation Australia	Re: various issues

Source: Minister Ogilvie's diary. Not provided with RTI papers.

**28 November 2024**

## House of Assembly debate on the UTAS Land Bill

From: Tasmanian Government Media  
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 8:19 PM  
To: Morgan-Wicks, Kathrine  
Subject: UTAS land protection bill passes lower house



Madeline Ogilvie, Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy  
28 November 2024

### UTAS land protection bill passes lower house

The University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 has passed the House of Assembly. The legislation will ensure that UTAS remains in Sandy Bay and that the sale of any land by the university requires the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

Consistent with the intent of the legislation, the lower house has also approved the repurpose of two parcels of land above Churchill Avenue to fund the development of a new STEM precinct below the avenue.

Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy, Madeline Ogilvie, has welcomed the passage of the legislation in the lower house.

"The Government supports not only the retention, but the reinvigoration of the University of Tasmania at Sandy Bay.

"Central to those efforts are equipping the university with the ability to deliver a world-class education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"Tasmania needs STEM workers to prepare our island economy for the digital economy, an important part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future.

"UTAS needs a STEM precinct to educate young Tasmanians for that future. It's that simple.

"The Commonwealth must also do its part and co-invest in the STEM precinct. On behalf of Tasmanians, I will work with UTAS to fight for that funding," Minister Ogilvie said.

To redevelop the land, UTAS will still be required to go through normal planning processes of the Hobart City Council.

Contact: Nik Kaurin Phone: **Not relevant, p 70**

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Source: DPAC, <https://theutaspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RTI-Decision-to-Mr-Robert-Hogan.pdf>, p70

### **Comment**

According to RTI responses no briefing was provided to Minister Ogilvie by either DECYP or DPAC.

### **6 December 2024**

#### **4.1 \* STEM Update**

The Vice-Chancellor led a working discussion on options for the future direction of Southern Campus including design, indicative timeline, sequencing and delivery stages for the Sandy Bay STEM precinct and on potential funding pathways to support its development.

Reference: **Resolution 6-12-2024-UC-4.1(1)**  
**Resolution 6-12-2024-UC-4.1(2)**

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Source: UTAS Council Minutes

### **Comment**

There was a total lack of urgency about finalising the business case. What was UTAS thinking?

**11 February 2025:**

On UTAS site: Paxon Group Gateway Review Report on draft SPDBC-2025 at:

[https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/1810507/STEM-business-case-project-assurance-review.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1810507/STEM-business-case-project-assurance-review.pdf)

**15-17 January 2025**

**From:** michael foster <mikedebfoster1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2025 3:09:39 PM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan <Tristan.Bick@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Angela Bird <ambird58@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: UTAS business plan for upper campus

Hi Tristan

Please confirm that you are making inquiries about the business plan. If you feel that you can't then please suggest who I should contact in the government that is able to make some inquiry. It is essential that we have the plan before our meeting next week with Minister Abetz.

Regards

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On 16 Jan 2025, at 4:51 pm, michael foster <mikedebfoster1@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Tristan

Further to our email exchange yesterday, can you confirm that you are making inquiries and will let me know within the next day or so whether the business plan now exists and whether the government has had access to it.

This is really important. The government and Minister Ogilvie promised Tasmanians there would be a "compelling business case" before approval of any campus land sale would be considered, then in contradiction of this it rushed a land sale approval through the House of Assembly before any MPs, much less the community, saw any business case at all. There is no way that we will permit this to happen with the Legislative Council.

The government needs to continue with Minister Ogilvie's efforts to get immediate access to the business case and to see that it is released publicly and to MPs. We are meeting Minister Abetz next week so we need access to the business case before that meeting. Please confirm that you are doing all you can to achieve that.

Regards

Mike Foster

Sent from my iPad

On 15 Jan 2025, at 12:16 pm, michael foster <mikedebfoster1@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Tristan.

Can you also respond to the other things I raised. It is unclear whether there is a finalised report and whether the government has had access to it. Has the business case been finalised, and if it has then has the government had access to it in any form?

As to release of the plan to us (and to you if you confirm that it's been finalised but the government hasn't seen it) would you mind renewing your request with UTAS for its release. I suspect that is most likely to generate a quick and helpful response. That's the helpful approach to the matter that Minister Ogilvie took in November.

Regards

Mike

Sent from my iPad

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Hi Mike

Thank you for your email and Happy New Year.

The Business Case/Plan etc remains solely the property of UTAS. I have yet to hear further from Kate Huntington, Nicholas Ferrelly et al as to when the document will be made public. From memory, I believe Minister Ogilvie had recommended it best for you to continue your engagement with UTAS in order to gain a copy.

Kindly

Tristan

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**From:** michael foster <mikedebfoster1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 11:10:12 AM  
**To:** Bick, Tristan <Tristan.Bick@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Angela Bird <ambird58@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** UTAS business plan for upper campus

Hi Tristan

I'm told by Minister Abetz's electoral officer Ben that you have advised that the business plan is not available from you because it is "UTAS property".

I think you were present when we dealt with this aspect at our meeting with Minister Ogilvie last November. The plan is of course UTAS property but the Minister obviously needs to have it and so do we. Accordingly she agreed to seek it from UTAS with a view to giving it to us. She then wrote to say that she had sought the plan but it wasn't yet available because it would be dealt with by UTAS Council on 6 December.

Further to her letter please advise whether it was dealt with at that Council meeting, whether the government has seen a copy (electronic or otherwise), and whether, consistent with Minister Ogilvie's intention in November, we can have a copy urgently. We are meeting with Minister Abetz in the next few days and we need to review the plan before that meeting.

Regards

Mike Foster

Cochair

SaveUTAS

Sent from my iPhone

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Source: Mike Foster, Cochair of Save UTAS

## **28 February 2025**

### **5.5 \* Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Business Case and Engagement Strategy – WORKING DISCUSSION**

A working discussion was held on the finalisation of the STEM Business Case and engagement strategy, with members noting that Management had been working with the Department of State Growth, particularly Infrastructure Tasmania, to seek State Government endorsement of the business case. Members also noted the outcome of an independent review of the business case found that it had a 'high confidence' rating and that it met State and Federal Government objectives and the integrity of the business case modelling.

Management confirmed that once finalised, the 2025 STEM Business Case for Infrastructure Australia would be circulated to University Council for comments and further feedback, prior to it being approved by Management and submitted to Infrastructure Tasmania. Members noted that the Final Business Case would be published on the University' website.

***Action:** Management to circulate the finalised 2025 STEM Business Case for Infrastructure Australia to University Council for comment and feedback.*

*Jane Beaumont and Professor Nicholas Farrelly left the meeting at 1.58pm*

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Source: UTAS Council Minutes at:

[https://www.utas.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/1814909/To-publish-UC-Minutes-28-February-2025.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1814909/To-publish-UC-Minutes-28-February-2025.pdf)

### **Comment**

By this time, UTAS was about to 'miss the boat' for an election campaign and seemed to fundamentally understand that the remit of Infrastructure Australia had changed.

## **3 March 2025**

UTAS publicly released "a high-level concept plan":

[https://www.utas.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/1904938/Update-on-plans-for-STEM-at-Sandy-Bay-media-release.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1904938/Update-on-plans-for-STEM-at-Sandy-Bay-media-release.pdf)

**26 March 2025**

Minister for Infrastructure  
Minister for Local Government

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26 MAR 2025

Hon Catherine King MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government

Minister.King@mo.infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Minister

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA - HOBART SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND  
MATHEMATICS PRECINCT (STEM PRECINCT)**

The proposed University of Tasmania (UTas) STEM Precinct on its Sandy Bay campus is a nationally significant, transformational program of work designed to deliver important economic outcomes for the nation and Tasmania. It is a priority program that has the full support of the Tasmanian Government.

The STEM Precinct is aligned to Australia's national science and research priorities which focuses on achieving a net-zero emissions future, improving health and well-being, elevating Indigenous knowledge, protecting the environment, and building a secure and resilient nation through research and policy development. The program significantly supports these priorities by driving advancements in emission-reducing technologies, enhancing well-being through a greener campus, creating improved employment opportunities, and fostering stronger relationships with Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania (ALCT) through a land hand-back initiative.

National benefits include addressing work-force challenges due to insufficient people acquiring contemporary skills in science, technology, engineering and maths by encouraging and supporting people to obtain skills at the new facility. This will foster a culture of innovation with new cutting-edge technology, enhancing collaboration between researchers and industry by providing a distinct and refreshing space, developing a skilled workforce, and promoting digital literacy, all contributing to driving economic growth and positioning Tasmania as a leader in STEM fields.

Besides national benefits, STEM skills are critical for meeting Tasmania's workforce needs, driving productivity and economic development, and improving employment and skills outcomes across the Tasmanian population. The STEM precinct will create the opportunity to increase access and incentivise Tasmanian youth to study STEM.

The STEM Precinct is more than a significant national science and research project. It is a cross-portfolio program of work which is a mix of:

- building a world-class tertiary education facility, supporting education and research to drive economic diversification and productivity
- repurposing and unlocking surplus land to be used for additional housing close to the Hobart central business district, recreational purposes and land hand-back to the Aboriginal community and
- supporting and enabling infrastructure.

The program will be delivered in three key stages, ensuring time for detailed planning and co-design as well as the continuity of teaching and research activities on-site:

- **Stage 1:** a detailed site plan and retrofit of existing buildings to create new space for Information and Communication Technology, Mathematics, Physics and Engineering faculties (\$50 million)
- **Stage 2:** a major new build featuring a range of teaching workshop and research lab spaces and the home of Chemistry and Earth Science (\$300 million)
- **Stage 3:** a retrofit of existing buildings to create new facilities for Biosciences, Agriculture, Geography and a renewed Engineering workshop and Central science Laboratory (\$150 million).

The economic, social, and cultural benefits from this significant infrastructure investment are identified in an Overview (Attachment 1) which is drawn from a well-supported and detailed business case prepared by Deloitte Economics (Attachment 2). The Sandy Bay Campus option has been assessed as having a positive Benefit Cost Ratio of 1.46 and Net Present Value of \$149.4 million. The business case has been independently assessed and reviewed through Tasmania's Project Assurance Framework. The reviewers considered that the project had a high level of confidence that the project is being effectively developed and delivered, in line with the objectives.

To ensure that this social infrastructure investment is delivered with the intended outcomes, the work requires a total funding envelope of \$500 million including \$50 million for planning and completion of Stage 1 works (2025-26) and around \$450 million for Stage 2 and Stage 3 delivery funding (2026-34). To help offset the project's capital costs, UTAS will provide an in-kind contribution from sale of residentially rezoned land, with an estimated value of \$100 million. It is important to note that this is contingent on the passage of the rezoning legislation by the Tasmanian Parliament around May 2025.

In support of the national significance of this infrastructure I seek your support to encourage the Australian Government to commit the \$50 million for Stage 1 works.

Infrastructure Tasmania is submitting the business case to Infrastructure Australia for review and evaluation.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to deliver nationally important infrastructure projects.

Yours sincerely



Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
**Minister for Infrastructure**

Attachment 1 – STEM Overview  
Attachment 2 – STEM Precinct Detailed Business Case

Source: UTAS, [https://www.utas.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/1810336/Letter-from-the-Minister-for-Infrastructure-to-Minister-King-UTAS-STEM.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1810336/Letter-from-the-Minister-for-Infrastructure-to-Minister-King-UTAS-STEM.pdf)

STEM Overview: [https://www.utas.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/1810337/STEM-Precinct-General-Overview.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1810337/STEM-Precinct-General-Overview.pdf)

STEM Precinct Detailed Business Case:  
[https://www.utas.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/1900557/University-of-Tasmania-STEM-Business-Case.pdf](https://www.utas.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1900557/University-of-Tasmania-STEM-Business-Case.pdf)