

SAVE UTAS CAMPUS

Save UTAS Campus Inc



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We are opposed to the UTAS plan to abandon the campus it was gifted at Sandy Bay, and we want proper consultation for the people of Hobart *before* UTAS ploughs ahead with its wasteful plan.

Committee Members and positions

Pam Sharpe; Chairperson, Mike Foster; Deputy Chairperson, Ben Lohberger; Secretary, Julie Bird; Treasurer, Angela Bird, Louise Elliott and John Livermore

Facebook Group and Page

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The Facebook Group is an open group and has more than 1500 members. Here group members can share their thoughts about the proposed UTAS move. Thank you to everyone for their posts and comments. It is obvious that supporters are a diverse group. The page has continued to highlight the many letters that supporters are contributing to The Mercury. Thanks to Toni Gray for uploading stories in readable format.

[Save UTAS Campus - Public Page | Facebook](#)

Our Facebook Public Page is further initiative. If you're on the FB Group then make sure you also visit the page.

Media and publicity

The ABC story that was in the media on Tuesday 1st March highlights the lack of planning and research of the proposed move into the CBD. The UTAS application is deficient on so many levels. HCC have asked UTAS to provide much more detail.

Corflute signs have been displayed in key areas around Hobart and we still have signs ready to be erected, so if you have a suitable site to display a sign within the HCC area, that has good visibility and high volume traffic please email us and we can discuss this as a possible site.

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Visit our Website [Home | Save UTAS Campus](#)

Register your details and email address to show your support. Here you can purchase merchandise and make a donation.



We have established a database of subscribers and you can subscribe via the website or by sending us an email to saveutasampus@gmail.com

Donations

Thank you to all donors for their support which is highly appreciated and valued. We had an advertisement in Sunday's Mercury 27/2, advertising the petition. We are planning some further advertising in the Mercury very soon. As we progress our action in 2022, funds will be needed for legal advice, so any further donations will be very warmly accepted via our website.



Save UTAS Flyer

With donated funds we produced a flyer to promote the cause and advertise the petition. This was letterboxed to residences in Sandy Bay, Mount Nelson, Dynnryne and South Hobart. Thanks to all our helpers! The flyer was also used as the basis for the Mercury ad on Sunday 27 February.

Petition to HCC

The petition was launched with an event at the Town Hall and quickly gained thousands of signatures. The petition was presented to Council ahead of their regular meeting on Monday 28 February.



HCC will now have to hold a public meeting with saveUTAScampus supporters

This meeting will take place in the Town Hall or City Hall and will focus on the proposed UTAS relocation to the CBD

Date and venue announced soon



Pam Sharpe presents the signed petition to HCC

Some interesting points to consider about the planned UTAS move to the CBD

- UTAS has no data to support the claim that relocation will improve accessibility
- UTAS has done no work on the traffic and parking effect of bringing UTAS to the CBD
- The move is opposed by many UTAS staff
- UTAS has no plan for relocation of Plant Science and other internationally ranked faculties
- Research shows that students value the campus experience highly and this will be lost
- UTAS wants to squeeze onto the campus land a new suburb as big as Blackmans Bay
- The occupants of an additional 2700 homes will choke Sandy Bay and Mount Nelson with additional traffic
- Sports fields will be commercialised with parking fees and hire costs

Planning Scheme Amendments

The committee has received correspondence in relation to the UTAS application to rezone the Sandy Bay campus for development. HCC has requested further information from UTAS as the application is incomplete. As reported on ABC news, HCC has requested answers to at least 155 questions from UTAS. No approvals have yet been granted by HCC.

Meetings with Councillors and politicians

The committee has met with representatives from all 3 levels of government.

Meetings with Hobart City Councillors

- Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds, Bill Harvey, Will Coats, Damon Thomas, Marti Zucco, Jeff Briscoe, Helen Burnet, Mike Dutta, Simon Behrakis, Peter Sexton, and Jax Fox
- Zelinda Sherlock - contacted but has not agreed to meet, most likely due to a conflict of interest

The meeting with councillors prior to a HCC meeting has been postponed until Wednesday 16 March. This meeting provides an opportunity for committee members to speak with all councillors at the same time to further inform them about objections to the UTAS move, the proposed sell off of the Sandy Bay campus and why the University is best suited to the current site in Sandy Bay and not in the CBD.

Meetings with State and Federal politicians

Committee members have met with:

- Senators Eric Abetz, Johnno Duniam and Carol Brown
- Andrew Wilkie MHR
- MLCs Meg Webb and Rob Valentine
- MHAs Kristie Johnson, Rebecca White, Josh Willie, and Cassy O'Connor

Responses from councillors and parliamentarians will be discussed with supporters at our upcoming open committee meeting.

The open meeting is an opportunity to explain what the committee has been doing and review our organization, plans and strategies with supporters.

**Open committee meeting
Derwent Sailing Squadron
Monday 7 March 5.30-7.30 pm**

To RSVP, please accept the invite on FB group page or email saveutasampus@gmail.com

Hobart Twilight Market

We've attended the market at Sandy Bay and Brooke St Pier and had some interesting conversations. We've collected petition signatures and added to our database as well as sold merchandise. Surprisingly some people we speak to are unaware of the proposal to have 2700 dwellings on the site of the UTAS campus!