

SAVE UTAS CAMPUS INC. KICKS GOALS



With the help of our army of supporters, Save UTAS Campus Inc. has done brilliantly this year as our milestones show. We have met with almost all southern State and Federal politicians and Hobart City Councillors (some several times), UTAS senior staff and academics and even the Chancellor of the University. The result looks like this.

Extensive Media Coverage

Relocation has dominated The Mercury pages, through many well-written letters to the editor and Talking Point articles, giving a strong voice to widespread community concerns. We have worked with the ABC on feature stories dealing with the massive parking shortfall and two other pieces on UTAS bullying of its own academic staff.

Decorating the City

The main roads and intersections of Greater Hobart now carry our corflute signs, each of which, including posts, costs around \$140. We only had 90 so unfortunately it has been impossible to give a sign to each of the dozens of supporters who have asked for one. We thank you.

Hobart City Council Awakens

After years of unquestioning support of the UTAS relocation plan, on 11 March 2022 the Council passed the 'Briscoe Motions', as we call them, requiring the Council to disclose the sad history of its unstinting support for relocation and its failure to seek community approval. The Briscoe Motions, put forward by Alderman Jeff Briscoe, also request UTAS to conduct a genuine Community Engagement process in which UTAS is open to 'compromise' and 'alternative options'. To date UTAS has, so far as we are aware, refused to comply with that request except for announcing a 'community panel' which will continue the usual empty UTAS 'consultation' style of telling the community what it's going to get rather than exploring alternatives.



Our Big Public Meeting

We organised a statutory petition which forced the HCC to hold a public meeting. Around 25 speakers, from young students to senior UTAS academics to CBD traders and concerned rate payers, addressed nearly 500 citizens, including HCC Councillors, state and federal politicians and the Vice Chancellor and Chancellor of UTAS.



A Parliamentary Inquiry

We worked closely with MLCs Rob Valentine and Meg Webb to bring about a Legislative Council inquiry in which a select committee comprising a Labor, a Liberal and three independent MLCs who will be responsible for investigating the governance and accountability of UTAS, including the relocation decision. We can expect to hear more about the framework and timelines for this inquiry in the coming weeks.

An Elector Poll

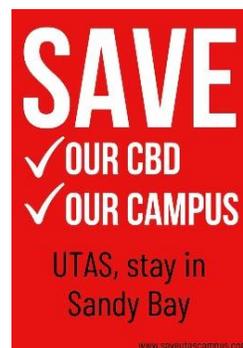
In June, SUC lodged a second petition with the HCC, this time to force the Council to consult all Hobart electors about relocation. The poll will be held in October in conjunction with the HCC elections. Unfortunately, the poll result will not bind the HCC councillors.

The Lord Mayor's Epiphany

Although a steadfast supporter of relocation over the years, Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds has now announced that she is calling on UTAS to pause its application to re-zone the Sandy Bay campus until UTAS has worked with the community to 'co-design' a future for the Sandy Bay campus and obtain the 'social licence' to proceed, something that UTAS has so far overlooked.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1 **Become a subscriber** and get your friends and family to do the same, as that is our means of communicating with all our supporters at once. We are only as strong as the size of our database. Go to www.saveutascampus.com.
- 2 **Donate to our fighting fund.** Publicity costs money but our biggest expense will be opposing the UTAS relocation development applications in various planning tribunals. UTAS is spending millions of dollars (of its precious funds better spent on education) on lawyers, planners and experts, particularly for its Sandy Bay Campus rezoning application which it lodged in December 2021. This application will lead to a long and expensive hearing before the Tasmanian Planning Commission where SUC, on behalf of the community, will have to pay for representation and experts if the UTAS plan is to be effectively challenged. Donate through:
 - Save UTAS website, www.saveutascampus.com.
 - Chuffed.Org, <https://chuffed.org/.../save-utas-campus-066299800...>
- 3 **Lobby your State politicians**, especially the Premier and the Tasmanian Government, which have the closest links and are likely to be the most influential with UTAS. Also lobby HCC councillors, particularly Deputy Lord Mayor Helen Burnett and Councillor Bill Harvey, who still say that the relocation decision 'is purely for the University to decide' and that they still support the University's decision to relocate.



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