



Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor

Ms Alison Watkins and Professor Rufus Black

Dear colleagues,

Counting of local government votes is well underway. In the Hobart elector poll on the University's move into the city, the 'no' vote is significantly higher than the 'yes' vote.

Our goal is delivering the best possible education and research for Tasmania and Tasmanians and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the University in a changing world.

Recent community debate, and the elector poll result, makes it clear our consultation and engagement has not been successful and we are sorry this has not worked well for Hobart.

We have clearly heard the perspective of those who voted in the elector poll, and we recognise that councillors have been elected in part to address the issue of the University's plans for the CBD and Sandy Bay.

The new Hobart City Council will be the responsible planning authority and we will work with them to plan a way forward, particularly in relation to the future of the Sandy Bay campus.

To allow for this, we are withdrawing our current planning scheme amendment for Sandy Bay.

How the University best evolves to support students, staff and the State is a complex issue that impacts all Tasmanians.

Given the University's mission to serve the whole of Tasmania, we will continue to engage with councils and communities throughout the State as we work to deliver high quality education and research.

Kind regards,

Alison and Rufus

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