

In the Hobart City Council elector poll.....

VOTE NO

Save **UTAS CAMPUS**

Save the **CBD**

Stand up for **EDUCATION**



Sandy Bay campus

VOTE NO

WHY HOBART IS HAVING AN ELECTOR POLL

- April 2019, the University of Tasmania's governing body, the University Council, announced the decision to relocate the university to the Hobart CBD.
- September 2021, UTAS released their 'Reimagine Sandy Bay' Masterplan. Sandy Bay campus was to be abandoned and the site converted to a 2700 dwelling micro-suburb, with approximately 60 apartment blocks.
- After the release of the Masterplan, Save UTAS Campus Inc. was formed to represent the community, seek independent scrutiny of the plan, and ask for more community consultation by UTAS.
- Save UTAS Campus Inc. exposed that for years UTAS and the HCC had been collaborating on a plan to relocate the Sandy Bay campus.
- March 2022, the Hobart City Council called on UTAS to conduct a genuine community engagement process on the whole relocation plan. UTAS continues to refuse this request.



- May 2022, after receiving over 1000 signatures petition, the HCC granted Save Utas Campus Inc a public meeting attended by over 500 community members.
- May 2022, community concerns led the Legislative Council of Tasmania to conduct an inquiry into the governance and accountability of UTAS under the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*. The inquiry will report next year. The submissions are available to view online.
- August 2022, Save UTAS Campus presented a second petition to the HCC, signed by over 1200 residents, triggering the Hobart City Council to hold an elector poll, asking the community if UTAS should relocate to the CBD.
- September 2022, UTAS continues to refuse all calls to pause its relocation project until the community engagement and parliamentary inquiry are completed and instead conducts a saturation PR campaign costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- October 2022, the elector poll becomes the first time the Hobart community has really been asked what they think.

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UTAS MAKES FALSE AND MISLEADING CLAIMS

UTAS claims it is 'consolidating' to the CBD

Not a single Sandy Bay faculty has permanently moved. Currently, UTAS is renting CBD office space in the KPMG and Vodafone buildings for courses, leaving perfectly functional Sandy Bay buildings empty.

UTAS claims there will be fewer cars on the road

Moving 10,000 students and staff to the CBD will clog city streets and create parking havoc for workers, business owners and shoppers.

UTAS claims the CBD will be more accessible for students

Students find CBD parking expensive and difficult to locate. The Sandy Bay Campus is only a ten-minute bus ride on the free Uni Hopper bus and there is good access to parking.

UTAS claims relocation will bring staff and students together

Students and staff will be scattered around the city in disconnected silos.

UTAS claims relocation will boost business

Retailers say UTAS is bad for their businesses, driving real shoppers away.

UTAS claims relocation will provide more affordable housing for Hobart

UTAS has no plan to provide any affordable or public housing.

UTAS claims to increase CBD spending by \$15 million

Staff already spend millions in the CBD. There is no evidence there will be additional spending.

UTAS claims the Sandy Bay buildings are no longer fit for purpose

A 2018 UTAS report says most buildings are in good condition. Many are new and refurbished such as law and chemistry and the new Centenary Building.

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THE UTAS PLAN TO RUIN THE CBD

UTAS plans to:

- ignore CBD traders who say UTAS is bad for their businesses.
- bring 8,500 students and 1,500 staff to the CBD to compete with existing shoppers for scarce CBD parking. Students are not big spenders.
- take over prime commercial sites and much-needed tourist accommodation.
- continue to construct brutal and unattractive buildings like the UTAS accommodation buildings in Melville Street.
- disrupt traffic flow with street closures.

*UTAS "new city buildings ... are oversize black holes that destroy the vibrancy of entire city blocks, impacting badly on many local traders, and where once was street-life there is now a **dead zone**, a vast block length of empty corporate foyer."*

Richard Flanagan, author, Booker Prize winner



*"Does anyone seriously believe the relocation to the city will not **strangle** the CBD in traffic congestion and drive commercial establishments to the suburbs?"*

The notion staff and students will arrive on buses, bikes and e-scooters is a fantasy."

Bob Cotgrove, urban geographer and transport economist



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THE UTAS PLAN TO RUIN THE UNIVERSITY

UTAS plans to:

- Scatter students across the CBD in disconnected silos which will be devoid of fresh air, parkland, sports facilities, open spaces, and outdoor meeting areas.
- Make students and staff pay for expensive CBD parking.
- Split facilities across the CBD and Sandy Bay, making students bus or drive to reach sports fields, gym, staff/student parking and research facilities.
- Downsize the UTAS footprint by moving to the CBD. There will be little scope for expansion.



Sandy Bay campus

*"Loss of student amenities, inadequate spaces and a **lifeless** atmosphere. Why are we giving up a green campus for this?"*

Fletcher Clarke, final year law student and President of Tasmanian University Law Society

*"...the city move creates a segregated and isolated environment and in doing so **demolishes** what communities already exist."*

Emilia Flynn, UTAS student and President of Christ College student accommodation

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THE UTAS PLAN TO RUIN SANDY BAY

UTAS plans to:

- Abandon the magnificent campus gifted by Tasmanian people.
- Build about 90 multi-storey buildings up to 8 storeys high, including 2700 apartments.
- Build no 'public' or 'affordable' housing.
- Decimate green spaces by the removal of native bushland and established trees including swift parrot habitat.
- Make traffic chaos by adding thousands of cars to Sandy Bay Road, Regent Street and Proctors Road.
- Create parking shortfalls, forcing parking out into surround streets (HCC say UTAS's plan is 3000 car parks short).

- Build new roads, new roundabouts, new intersections and new traffic lights.
- Generate decades of disruption in Sandy Bay and the CBD with construction, lane closures and building delays.

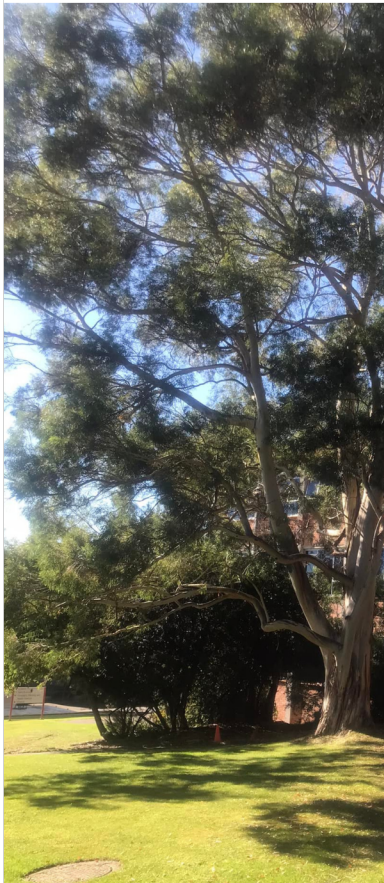


*"There is no other university in the world that is proposing to **abandon** a government-granted spacious greenfield site in order to relocate to a motley collection of buildings in the centre of the city."*

Bob Cotgrove, urban geographer and transport economist

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



Sandy Bay campus

*"As a graduate of our university I am at a loss to understand how a **fractured city campus** can replicate the student life available on Sandy Bay, a student life that becomes ever more important in an age of growing social isolation of young people."*

Richard Flanagan, author, Booker Prize winner

*UTAS "is **abandoning** one of the best campuses in the country for a stripped-down inner-city footprint."*

Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Jeff Malpas



UTAS in CBD

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

VOTE



- **Vote NO** in the elector poll when asked if UTAS should relocate
- **Subscribe** to our mailing list at www.saveutascampus.com
- **Donate** to help fund the campaign at www.saveutascampus.com
- **Share** the message – talk to friends, family
- **Follow** us on Facebook and Instagram

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