



Tasmanian State Election 2025

Candidate position on SaveUTAS campaign

Candidates were asked to respond YES or NO to the following question (see below). Candidates were also invited to provide a 50-word statement.

Do you support the SaveUTAS campaign to retain and improve UTAS' Sandy Bay campus (above and below Churchill Avenue) as the multidisciplinary home of those schools traditionally located there, being STEM, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business/Commerce and Law ? YES or NO

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Candidate	Party	YES/NO	Statement
Vica Bayley	Greens	YES	<i>Response from the Greens</i> <i>The Greens support a multi-disciplinary campus at the Sandy Bay including STEM, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business/Commerce and Law. We believe The University of Tasmania (UTAS) must completely stop its planned relocation, sell the Forestry building and other unutilised CBD properties, and re-confirm an ongoing commitment to the maintenance of the Sandy Bay campus for educational purposes, including respecting the built heritage, public open space and natural environment of the site.</i>
Kristie Johnston	Independent	YES	<i>The University of Tasmania is this island's only university, so bears a strong responsibility to operate in the best interests of the Tasmanian community. Instead we've seen secretive commercial dealings, backed by the major political parties, while academic, professional, student and community voices are sidelined. It's not good enough and it needs to change.</i>
Elise Archer	Independent	YES	<i>As a UTAS Law School alumna myself I believe strongly in retaining the Sandy Bay campus as the multidisciplinary home of those schools traditionally located there. UTAS has invested in recent years in</i>

sites off campus which lay dormant and could be sold to assist with the upgrade needed for these faculties.

Steven Phipps	Independent	YES	<i>If we want Tasmania to thrive, we need to ensure that academics at the University of Tasmania are able to deliver the best possible teaching and research. We need to retain the current Sandy Bay campus and provide our academics with the world-class facilities that they need.</i>
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Remaining Independents	No response	<i>The two remaining independent candidates indicated their support for SaveUTAS at the Candidate's Forum. See video on Facebook.</i>
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Liberal	No response
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Labor	No response
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Note: Under Tasmanian Electoral Commission rules, we can only name candidates who have given their permission.