

## **ORDINANCE NO. 1**

### **ROLE OF COUNCIL**

**The Council of the University of Tasmania makes this Ordinance under the University of Tasmania Act 1992.**

#### **1 Commencement**

- 1.1 This ordinance takes effect on 23 July 2004.
- 1.2 This ordinance replaces Ordinance 1 made by Council on 21 November 2003.

#### **2 Purpose**

- 2.1 This ordinance includes an amended statement of Council's role (clause 4) to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth Government's National Governance Protocols for university governance.

#### **3 Role and powers of the Council (section 9, University of Tasmania Act 1992)**

- 3.1 The Council is the governing authority of the University.
- 3.2 The Council is to act in all matters concerning the University in the way it considers will best advance the interests of the University.
- 3.3 The Council has power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its function as the University's governing authority and, in particular, has power –
  - (a) To appoint persons to positions of responsibility within the University; and
  - (b) To allocate funds and otherwise determine the best use of the resources of the University.

#### **4 Council's role as determined by Council**

- 4.1 The role of the Council is to accept ultimate responsibility for –
  1. The mission and vision of the University
  2. Setting strategic directions for the University
  3. The election of the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor(s)
  4. The appointment and performance management of the Vice-Chancellor
  5. Oversight of management
  6. Setting and monitoring broad budget and planning framework, ensuring that the University finances are sound, and taking major financial decisions
  7. Approving the annual budget and business plan

8. Monitoring University performance against strategic objectives
9. Overseeing and monitoring the academic activities of the university
10. Setting Council policy and risk management parameters and critically monitoring their implementation
11. General overview of any **controlled entities**
12. Extending links and communication between the University and the wider community
13. Legislative roles, including ensuring that the University is acting ethically and in conformity with all legal requirements
14. Council performance and succession planning.

4.2 A **controlled entity** is one that satisfies the test of control in section 50AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cwth).

**Made by Council on 23 July 2004.**

**Sealed with the seal of the University of Tasmania on 2004.**

**Vice-Chancellor**

**University Secretary**