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University to make Fountainside available

A statement from University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black:

"The University of Tasmania is working to respond to COVID-19 in a way that supports the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students, and that of the broader Tasmanian community.

"From early times in the response to COVID-19, we have been in ongoing discussions with the State Government and Public Health about how we can help.

"Today the Tasmanian Government has requested that we make our inner-city Fountainside Apartments available for the COVID-19 response.

"Working closely with our residents, we are making the necessary arrangements and will have the facility ready for the Government by Tuesday, 24 March.

"We are incredibly grateful for the understanding of our students - who will move to other inner-city University apartments - freeing up 50 ensuite rooms. There are currently 44 students at Fountainside Apartments.

"In recent days, as we have made the transition to online teaching, a number of students have opted to continue their studies at home and close to their families and we have been happy to support them with that transition. This has created extra capacity across our accommodation facilities.

"This is allowing us to continue offering safe, supported housing for students where we can take appropriate social distancing and self-isolation steps, while freeing up facilities for the wider Tasmanian community.

"Like individuals, companies and organisations throughout the State, we are ready to contribute to the response to COVID-19, and as a result the safety of our community, in any way that we can."

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