MoU partners discuss northern campus future

Members of the consortium considering concepts for the University of Tasmania’s campuses in Launceston met today to discuss concept plans.

The concepts were delivered by the August 31 deadline in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the University, State Government, Launceston City Council and TasTAFE.

“We are working together on ideas which could have positive and profound impacts on the city and the region,” Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said. “It is important that the partners interrogate these ideas together to create a shared vision.

“Once this has happened we look forward to a strong process by which that vision is laid out for the community for feedback.”

“We believe that lifting educational attainment in Tasmania is crucial to the State’s economic, social and cultural future, and building better infrastructure is an important step towards that goal.

“We want to provide high quality, relevant and appealing university courses in modern, fit for purpose facilities that will attract more students and high quality academics to teach them.

“A more accessible, purpose-built campus closer to the Launceston CBD would also bring new life, energy and economic growth to the city, along with revitalised infrastructure and jobs in the construction phase.

“We aim to expand student numbers and course offerings in Launceston - while retaining our existing teaching and research focus - by broadening the provision of industry-relevant courses in growing sectors such as aged care, allied health, ICT, business, smart manufacturing, the arts and agriculture.

“Our aim is to attract 10,000 new Tasmanian students into tertiary education across the State in the coming decade, and we have identified that the greatest demand is in the North and North-West of the State.
“We are still at a very early stage in planning this project. Full details such as the exact size and design of the buildings, their cost, and which faculties they will house will be developed as part of an ongoing process.”

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