

State of Tasmania and University of Tasmania –

# Making the Future Partnership

education, innovation, quality of life and economic impact 2015-2025

## Annual Statement on Progress 2016



## Background and context

*Making the Future Partnership* was born out of a shared vision to improve the economic prosperity and quality of life of the residents of Tasmania through education, innovation and health. A strong sense of equity, social justice and determination underpin this historic collaboration.

It brings together the State of Tasmania and the University of Tasmania in an agreement that spans the period 2015 – 2025. The expectation is that this commitment will last beyond this timeframe.

The Partnership Agreement was signed on 29 August 2015 by the Honourable Will Hodgman MP, Premier of Tasmania and Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania. It outlines bold plans designed to fundamentally shift Tasmania by positioning education at the heart of the State's future. It recognises the unique opportunity to leverage the relationship between the State and the University of Tasmania, as the only university on the island.

The Partnership recognises the complex and dynamic contexts in which both organisations operate. Although there are two signatories, there is also a shared appreciation of the contribution made by the wider community including industry, the education and health sectors and not-for-profit organisations.

# Objectives of *Making the Future Partnership*

*Making the Future Partnership* has five objectives,

- 1. Access and attainment:** Improving educational outcomes in Tasmania by raising the number of Tasmanian students in higher education by 10,000.
- 2. Economic impact:** Growing the research and higher education sector in Tasmania by increasing the turnover of the University so that it reaches at least \$1 billion a year by 2025.
- 3. Internationalisation:** Increasing the flow of international students into the Tasmanian community and doubling their contribution to the economy to \$400 million per annum within five years.
- 4. A modern economy:** Cementing the University's role as one of Australia's top ten research institutions; a leader in workforce development and reform, business innovation and industry development.
- 5. Revitalised regions:** Bringing new capital investment worth more than \$400 million into regional centres and increasing the contribution of students to community life in our cities.

These objectives are supported by five key priority areas.

## Progress towards partnership objectives

In acknowledging the positive steps that have been taken as a result of the establishment of the Partnership, progress has not been the same for all objectives, in particular for the 'internationalisation' and 'a modern economy' objectives. These will be priorities for work in 2017.

## Achievements to date      Priorities for 2017

- A \$300 million investment has been agreed for campus development in Launceston and Burnie supporting educational attainment, skills, jobs and revitalised regions. The Tasmanian Government and the University have committed to invest \$75 million each to support the University's redevelopment of its campuses in North and North West Tasmania. \$150 million has been secured from the Australian Government to support the initiative.
  - A new \$90 million Creative Industries and Performing Arts precinct is underway in Hobart, providing student accommodation, teaching and performing spaces and offices/shop fronts, supporting a cultural and artistic resurgence in Tasmania.
  - The Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment has been established and its programs of research, evaluation, raising aspirations and workforce development are underway.
  - There is a renewed partnership between the University and TasTAFE.
  - There has been continued joint support for research institutes, initiatives and programs driving industry development and improving social and environmental outcomes including the agriculture, aquaculture and health sectors.
  - Completion of the Tasmanian Premier's Scholarship Fund.
  - The Tasmanian Government and the University have each appointed a senior officer to work together and lead activity relating to the Partnership across each organisation.
- Setting five year targets.
  - Progressing initiatives relating to global engagement and international education including agreement of an International Education Strategy.
  - Exploring opportunities for a Science and Technology (STEM) Precinct in Hobart.
  - Progressing initiatives relating to raising educational attainment and participation in Tasmania.
  - Focusing on research and innovation in key sectors including identifying and nurturing future industries and current sectors with untapped growth potential for Tasmania.

### For more information on *Making the Future Partnership* visit

The Tasmanian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet's website [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/policy](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/policy)

The University of Tasmania's website [www.utas.edu.au/vc-2015/university-state-government-partnership](http://www.utas.edu.au/vc-2015/university-state-government-partnership)

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