



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Legislative Council Select Committee

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Inquiry into the Provisions of the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*

On 24 May 2022 the Legislative Council resolved to establish a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the provisions of the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*.

The motion to establish the Inquiry was made by the Hon Rob Valentine MLC, in response to a range of issues relating to the University that have been raised over recent months with members of the Legislative Council.

“Given the Tasmanian Parliament is responsible for the *University of Tasmania Act*, a Legislative Council inquiry is an appropriate framework to examine aspects of that Act and will be an opportunity to constructively consider matters relating to the university’s governance and decision-making processes” Mr Valentine said.

“An Inquiry will provide a formal and transparent platform for a full and frank examination of issues related to the Terms of Reference and will ultimately make recommendations to Government based on the evidence presented.”

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry include examining the Act in relation to the functions and powers of the University, the role and powers of the University Council and Academic Senate, and the Act’s appropriateness on aspects of accountable decision-making and protection of academic freedom.

The Committee is to advertise the Inquiry in Tasmania’s three main daily newspapers on Saturday 2 July 2022, calling for submissions which specifically address the terms of reference of the inquiry. Submissions will be received until close of business on Monday 29 August 2022.

The inquiry has a dedicated webpage which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/Ctee/council/LC%20Select%20-%20University%20of%20Tasmania.html>

Submissions received are generally made publicly available via the Inquiry webpage prior to the Committee reporting. The Inquiry may accept confidential submissions which are not published, however it should be noted that confidential information provided cannot be subsequently used in the Inquiry’s Final Report. The Inquiry cannot consider or resolve any individual disputes.

Members of the Committee are:

Hon Rob Valentine MLC (Chair)

Hon Meg Webb MLC (Deputy Chair)

Hon Nick Duigan MLC

Hon Mike Gaffney MLC

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