

# FACT SHEET

## *University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024*

This *University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024* (the Bill) gives effect to the Government's commitment to introduce legislation to amend the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* to require that the land at Sandy Bay currently held by the University of Tasmania, and gifted to the University in 1951 for education, cannot be disposed of except with the explicit support of both Houses, preventing UTAS from unilaterally disposing it.

The Bill creates a new Act with the following elements:

- A section requiring parliamentary approval to dispose of certain University land including a schedule of the land, how the disposal motion takes place and is tabled and how the Act applies to agreements for disposal.
- A section allowing the Minister to protect the land with a caveat.
- A section providing for the administration of the Act to be assigned to the Minister for Education and the Department responsible to the Minister for Education is the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

The term 'dispose' includes:

- a) sell, barter or exchange;
- b) deal in or agree to sell;
- c) offer for sale;
- d) supply for sale, or dispose of, in expectation of receiving payment or consideration for the ownership of the land;
- e) receive for sale;
- f) dispose of by way of raffle, lottery or other game of chance;
- g) offer as a gift, prize or reward;
- h) give away for any purpose;
- i) lease for a term of not less than 99 years.

The Bill also makes subsequent amendments to the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* that clarify:

- That the University's powers regarding the disposal of land require parliamentary approval for the disposal of the land.
- Confirms that, but for the requirement for parliamentary approval of disposal of specified land at the Sandy Bay Campus under the new Act, there are no restrictions on the use of the land.