NEW TOWN HIGH SCHOOL & TECH OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC

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Hon Tania Rattray MLC Chair, Public Works Committee, Parliament House, Hobart, Tasmania.

Dear Chair

Redevelopment Hobart City High School

My name is John Barker, President of the New Town High School Tech Old Scholars Association Inc. (NTHS&TechOSA)

The Association represents former students, teachers or staff of Hobart Junior Technical School, Hobart Technical High School and New Town High School and I am authorised to present this submission on their behalf.

The Association is also linked with the Friends of Hobart City High School which incorporates the former Ogilvie High School cohort.

We actively contribute to the cultural development of Hobart City High School , particularly important during the schools early development.

The Association;

Has close interaction with the HCHS Lead Principal and key senior staff.

Is mentoring the establishment of an HCHS alumni,

Establishing a Health and Wellbeing Program for members and fathers of current students and friends at the New Town campus Pavilion. Once that program is proven it is intended to extend it to the former Ogilvie High School cohort and mothers of current students,

Improving some garden facilities at Ogilvie campus, and

Social and fundraising activities to benefit HCHS.

The Association wholeheartedly supports the Governments proposed \$23 million redevelopment program at HCHS, New Town campus..

The redevelopment will provide learning facilities commensurate with a 21st century education environment. Noting that many of the structures at the New Town campus have not altered since the school opened in 1952.

The Association is of the view the proposed works are timely, complement the coeducation environment and will also encourage the broader school community to become more involved in school activities.

The Association asks the Committee to approve the proposed funding allocation for the project and I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to its considerations.

Yours sincerely,

President,

New Town High & Tech Old Scholars Association

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