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Utas city relocation revives Launceston, needed in Hobart

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has today thrown its support behind UTas relocating to Hobart's CBD.

TCCI CEO, Michael Bailey, said Launceston was a great example of the benefits relocation will bring.

"Relocating facilities to Inveresk has been a success," Mr Bailey said.

"It's generated a real economic boost for Launceston, initially through the building and construction works and now by making Launceston's retail, hospitality and entertainment businesses more sustainable.

"Not only that, by moving the campus to the city it's made UTas much more accessible to many more people.

"The impact on traffic has been negligible and if anything, it's encouraged the uptake of public transport and options like bikes or scooters.

"I've seen the debate going on in Hobart and I've made a point of talking to many Hobart businesses. The feedback has been quite positive. Many businesses are looking at what's happened in Launceston and hoping that the relocation project proposed for Hobart will bring just as many benefits.

"Just like the Launceston community a few years ago, there are going to be questions and concerns, but you only have to look at Launceston

to see that relocation can be done in a sensitive, sustainable way that will benefit the whole economy.

“The TCCI strongly supports this project and we look forward to working with UTas to see the relocation through in Hobart and to continue the development in Launceston.”

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