

Healthy plan for uni

THE University of Tasmania should be congratulated for its visionary and courageous plan to establish a health science and sport precinct in Launceston.

Tasmania leads Australia in prevalence of obesity and chronic disease including type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers.

This sort of initiative by the University of Tasmania acknowledges the problem and can be part of the solution.

The federal government spent more than \$300 million with the University of Sydney to establish its Centre of Excellence in Obesity, Diabetes and Cardio-vascular disease at the newly established Charles Perkins Centre.

It should give serious consideration to the University of Tasmania's plan for Launceston.

— GUY BARNETT, Diabetes Australia
Ambassador.