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Extension given on deadline for West Park DA

The University of Tasmania has sought and been granted an extension to the deadline to complete the development application (DA) for student accommodation at Burnie's West Park.

UTAS Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional Development) Professor Janelle Allison said today the step was taken with a view to following good process and did not signal any substantial change in approach to the project.

"In late November we announced to the community that we were lodging the application under the most contemporary rules available – which is the interim planning scheme that came into effect in October," Professor Allison said.

"As we've been working through that new scheme, we are considering and ensuring compliance with regulations which weren't present in the previous framework."

Professor Allison said Burnie City Council had agreed to extend the deadline within the Heads of Agreement to March 31 to ensure a thorough review of the project within the new scheme could take place.

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