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UTAS welcomes key programs and awards for teaching and learning

The University of Tasmania has today welcomed the agreement to ensure key functions of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) are retained.

The function of the ALTC will now be administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

University Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Rich said negotiations by key independents and other Tasmanian federal MPs have resulted in these important programs and awards being retained.

"The University of Tasmania and the Higher Education sector generally have derived great value in the work of the ALTC, especially in the areas of sharing good practice and in recognising excellence in teaching," Prof Rich said.

"The ALTC is an essential part of enhancing the student experience.

"We appreciate the efforts and commitment made by Tasmanian politicians in particular across independents and parties, the NTEU and the Tasmanian University Union to help lobby for these very important programs and awards."

The ALTC was established to support high teaching and learning standards.

The abolition of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council from the end of 2011 was part of budget cuts proposed in late January to fund the proposed flood levy.

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