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To whom it may concern

Re. proposed project: *Paringa Archers Launceston Inc – Indoor Range Project*

Launched in February 2015, the Peter Underwood Centre is a partnership between the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian State Government and Government House. Its purpose is to support transformation in Tasmanian education, leading to increased levels of educational attainment and economic and social benefit for the state. The Centre's mission is to inspire Tasmanians to embrace learning and prosper from investing their time in education.

Children's University was officially launched in Tasmania in July 2015 under the auspices of Children's University Australia and through the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment. Children's University aims to raise aspirations about the value of learning and further education with students aged 7 – 14 years. For children to develop resilience, optimism and confidence, the opportunity for self-directed learning beyond the classroom is key. Children's University fosters wellbeing by promoting 'free range learning'; encouraging children to try out new activities, discover new passions, visit new places, and, above all, have fun! Children's University has a strong emphasis on experience as a significant learning tool, acknowledging the value of the range of different learning experiences and environments in which children engage.

Paringa Archers Launceston Inc is a valued *Learning Destination* with Children's University Tasmania providing 'Come and Try' sessions as a validated learning activity. These activities provide free opportunities to learn a new skill, participate in new experiences and perhaps discover a new passion. *Learning Destinations* such as Paringa Archers, provide a rich and diverse array of learning experiences for Children's University members and the wider community. The Indoor Range Project will enable Paringa Archers to offer these opportunities in a safe all-weather environment all year round, enabling greater participation by the community.

This project supports the aims and mission of the Underwood Centre in providing opportunities for young Tasmanians to engage in learning activities that will allow them to embrace learning to their fullest; therefore I strongly support Paringa Archers proposed project.

Kind regards,

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