

## **University of Tasmania response to questions from The Australian:**

The University of Tasmania operates institutional and research partnerships in China where the values and interests of we and our partners align.

These are reviewed to ensure that they are based on open and trusted academic principles and are mutually beneficial.

Two University of Tasmania researchers – Andrew McMinn and Sergey Shabala – are part of the Thousand Talents Program.

Professor McMinn – whose research focus is sea ecology and environmental change – ends a three-year term with the program in September.

Professor Sergey Shabala – who has world standing in plant physiology – ends his three-year term in June 2021.