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480 The Premier to move—That the House notes:—

\(a\) that the Tasmanian economy is continuing to show positive growth, including that:—

(i) since the election 6,800 new jobs have been created;
(ii) Tasmania’s unemployment rate has fallen by 0.8 per cent;
(iii) the gap between Tasmania’s unemployment rate and the national unemployment rate has fallen to be just 0.3 per cent and at its lowest point since October 2011;
(iv) business confidence amongst Tasmanian businesses is the highest in the nation;
(v) retail trade in 2014 had its strongest year on record; and
(vi) building approvals in the nine months since the election were 31 per cent higher than the nine months prior.

\(b\) that the Liberal Government is getting on with the job of delivering our ‘Plan for a Brighter Future’, and while it’s early days and there is much more to be done, Tasmania is heading in the right direction. (3 March 2015)

481 The Premier to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that Tasmania has experienced record levels of tourism visitation and strong growth in key indicators such as hotel occupancy, average room rate and yield.

(2) Welcomes the findings from the most recent Tasmanian Visitor Survey which show that:—

(a) there were over 1.062m visitors to Tasmania annually, up 6% on the previous year;
(b) total nights spent by visitors in the state increased by 8% to 9.35m; and
(c) visitor expenditure increased by 15% to $1.74b.

(3) Also notes that importantly:—

(a) the number of holiday visitors increased by 20%;
(b) holiday nights grew by 18%; and
(c) holiday expenditure was up 25%.

(4) Recognises that annual, state-wide business indicators tracked by the Tasmanian Hospitality Association also grew, including:—

(a) hotel occupancy up 1% to nearly 70%;
(b) room rates up 1.8%; and
(c) yield up 9.5%.

(5) Notes:—

(a) that regional performance has improved significantly, including increased visitation in the East (18%), Cradle Coast (9%) and North (6%);
(b) the Liberal Government’s strong support for the tourism and hospitality industry in Tasmania, including investing additional funds for marketing; and

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that we are heading in the right direction to achieve our target of 1.5 million visitors to the state by 2020. (3 March 2015)

Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the mistruths promulgated by the Hodgman Government in relation to public service job cuts and pay negotiations;

(b) that the ABC Fact Checker has identified that the Premier the Honourable Will Hodgman MP and his Ministers had been untruthful in the following statements:

"that its harsh cuts to education are the result of public sector workers rejecting what they call ‘a sensible pay freeze’ and that they chose a "pay rise over a pay cut’; and

(c) that the ABC Fact Checker found that these claims were "unfounded".

(2) Calls upon the Premier and his Ministers to apologise to public sector workers and unions for their unfounded allegations.

(3) Respectfully asks that the Premier and his Ministers tell the truth. (3 March 2015)

Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the Gonski agreement required a growing of the education budget to schools yet 90% of public schools have less teachers and support staff than they did last year;

(b) the 20 million dollars of Gonski funding was diminished by the 21 million dollars of savings required from schools;

(c) that the 20 million dollars of Gonski funding has been distributed in the following way:—

(i) 5% SRPs = almost $4 million (which schools have spent replacing funding that has been removed;

(ii) special Ed’n = $2 million;

(iii) VET in high schools = $.5 million

(iv) LiL = $.5 million

(v) IT bandwidth and servers = $2.5 million

(vi) Workforce Development = $3 million

(vii) K – 12 curriculum development = $7.5 million; and

(d) if Gonski had been delivered in full as additional funding to schools as it was intended and in line with the pledge signed the Premier that schools would have received 5 times more additional funding through the school gate.

(2) That this house calls upon the Government to deliver its commitment and give the Gonski money to schools. (3 March 2015)

Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges with great sadness the death of Daniel Haslam, after a four year battle with cancer at the age of 25.

(2) Recognises that in his short life, Dan Haslam, changed the nation, advocating alongside his Mum, Lucy, for the terminally and chronically ill to have access to medicinal cannabis to relieve their symptoms and suffering.

(3) Notes that, as a result of their advocacy and the powerful effect a meeting with Dan Haslam had on New South Wales Premier, Mike Baird, New South Wales led the move towards clinical trials of medicinal cannabis.

(4) Acknowledges the words of Premier Baird on hearing of Dan’s passing, when he said, “I was struck by Dan’s conviction and bravery from the moment I met him. His determination, not just to beat his disease, but also to make a difference to others, is an inspiration to all”.

(5) Vows never to forget Dan Haslam’s legacy of compassionate advocacy to enable Australians who find no, or limited relief, for their conditions from conventional medicines to access medicinal cannabis.
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(6) Expresses its heartfelt condolences to Lucy and Lou Haslam, their sons Billy and Luke, and Dan’s wife, Alyce, for the loss of their beloved son, brother and husband and such a fine young Australian in Dan Haslam. (3 March 2015)

487 The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes that:

(1) the Breaking the Silence Advocacy Group recently launched two vital initiatives with a strong focus on raising awareness about the impact of family violence;

(a) the first event was an innovative Pin Wheel Garden art installation launched on the 12 February 2015 featuring 1258 pinwheels to represent the number of children who were present at family violence incidents attended by Tasmania Police last year;

(b) the pinwheels provided a powerful visual message that conveyed just how pervasive the impact of violence in the home can be on young people and children;

(c) the second event, was a very moving and poignant art exhibition titled Hidden which used art to share experiences, ask questions and provoke discussion. “Hidden” sought to expand both public and political awareness of the complexities of family violence and the importance of engaging community members of all ages in possible solutions; and

(e) the message from this exhibition in the words of the Breaking the Silence Advocacy Group was “Our aim isn’t for people to walk away with shame or guilt but rather take a little bit of us home with them and use it to find purpose; we hope the audience hears our voice and incorporates our messages into their lives and the people they interact with. We are making a difference, and we need you to help us”.

(2) Congratulates all members of this wonderful group of passionate community members, who are continuing to break the silence in innovative ways around family violence. (3 March 2015)

488 The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes that:

(a) 14 February 2015 marked V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women and girls that was started in 1998 by author, playwright and activist Eve Ensler, and inspired by her famous play the Vagina Monologues;

(b) the One Billion Rising Campaign was launched in conjunction with V-Day in 2012 and the events continue to be celebrated together, serving as a reminder to us all that we must continue to tackle the serious issues of sexual and family violence against women;

(c) one Billion Rising draws its name from the terrible statistic that one in three women will experience violence at least once in their lifetimes, adding up to more than a billion women and girls across the world;

(d) V-Day 2015 and the One Billion Rising Campaign was celebrated in Tasmania with a flash mob on Parliament Lawns, which also at the same time launched the Hobart season of the Vagina Monologues which will be performed on 27 and 28 March 2015 at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania, at 7pm; and

(e) a group of local women are performing the show in Hobart and all funds raised will go to the international V-Day campaign to stop violence against women and girls and local organisations, A Fairer World and SHE. (3 March 2015)

489 The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes that:

(a) on 26 January 2015, Rosie Batty was named Australian of the Year for her campaign against family violence;
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(b) her story has touched the lives of all Australians with greater recognition that family violence could happen to anyone. In Rosie’s own words “to the women and children who are unsafe, in hiding or living in fear, who have changed their names, left their extended families and moved from their communities to find safety, you do not deserve to live a life that is dictated by violence”;

(c) on the 14 February 2015 Ms Batty launched a new domestic violence app titled iMatter which is aimed at teaching young women how to recognise the signs of unhealthy and abusive relationships such as overprotective, possessive and jealous behaviours;

(d) the app uses images, videos and quizzes to get the critical message across. Users can also share their own stories or use the app as a personal journal;

(e) the need for this kind of app was highlighted by recent Australian research which revealed young women often see abusive and controlling behaviour as protective and caring, and that 22 per cent of girls aged under 20 had been victims of actual harm from dating violence;

(f) reducing violence against women and children is the responsibility of every member of our community; and

(g) the Liberal Government is committed to working with the community to reduce violence against women and children. (3 March 2015)

Ms Giddings to move—That the House:
(1) Notes:

(a) before the election in March 2014 the Liberal Party campaigned heavily on saving the U-Turn program;

(b) the then Shadow Minister for Police said on 27 June 2013:—
“...the Liberals recognise the value of diverting young people from the criminal justice system back into education and learning opportunities and employment, to get their life back on track. That is why a majority Hodgman Liberal government will save U-turn. We will provide a $2m lifeline over four years to allow Mission Australia to continue to deliver U-turn with certainty”; and

(d) the Hodgman Liberal Government has now broken their election promise by terminating funding for the U-Turn program from the 1 July 2015.

(2) Condemns the Attorney-General Hon. Vanessa Goodwin, MLC for misleading the Tasmanian people when she said on 30 January 2015 that, “Labor have got it dead wrong...in claiming the program has been axed?” (3 March 2015)

Ms Giddings to move—That the House:
(1) Condemns the use of capital punishment anywhere in the world.

(2) Notes the Indonesian Government has been lobbying the government of Saudi Arabia to stop the execution of an Indonesian woman accused of murdering her employer’s wife.

(3) Calls on the Indonesian Government to show the same sympathy to Australians Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran and spare their lives too. (3 March 2015)

The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:
(1) Congratulates Rural Business Tasmania on the launch of their Rural Relief Fund Appeal to raise funds to support our farming families when in times of need.

(2) Notes that Rural Business Tasmania has an ambitious target of raising $50,000.

(3) Further notes that:

(a) the overarching message is that being prepared for natural and manmade disasters is paramount in minimising the stress and emotional toll on families;

(b) our farmers are resilient but are at the mercy of the elements and markets are very difficult to control, which is why an initiative like the Rural Relief Fund is so critical; and

(c) through the fund Rural Business Tasmania can act quickly to support those families most affected and in immediate need by helping them to meet their
personal requirements, which are often outside the scope of larger Government support programs.

(4) Acknowledges that there is a lot of competition for the charity dollar but the Rural Relief Fund is all about helping a mate or a friend in need which is a long established trademark of our rural communities.

(5) Encourages members to get behind Rural Business Tasmania on this fundraising initiative before the current Appeal closes on 21 March 2015 with a When a Friend is in Need Cocktail Party major fundraising event. (3 March 2015)

493 The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes Tasmanian pacer Beautide’s stunning victory in the 2015 Inter Dominion.
(2) Acknowledges the fantastic work of the trainer and driver, James Rattray.
(3) Notes that News Limited publications across Australia described the win as “breathtaking” and Beautide himself as “the pride of Tassie”.
(4) Wishes Beautide and his connections all the best when the champion defends his crown in Perth in December 2015, when the Inter Dominion returns to its traditional format of three sets of heats in eight days and a final a week later. (3 March 2015)

494 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) that the Government has broken its promise not to cut front line jobs, with the Minister for Education proceeding with plans to cut over 250 staff from the Department of Education and Training in 2015; and
(b) that the overwhelming majority of the employees to lose their jobs will be teachers and school support staff from Tasmania’s public education system.
(2) Agrees that the Government is claiming to have delivered on its Gonski commitment while at the same time it is slashing staff funding from schools to a value of many times the Gonski increase.
(3) Calls on the Minister for Education and Training to cease his attack on the public education system, keep the promises his leader made before the election, and restore staff funding in Tasmania’s public schools to its previous level. (3 March 2015)

495 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) that Tasmania has a world class reserve system covering over half of Tasmania’s land mass, including 1 584 000ha in the United Nations listed Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area;
(b) that this world class reserve system exists thanks to so many people, including tens of thousands of Tasmanians who campaigned over many decades to have many of the areas protected;
(c) that Tasmania’s wilderness is under unprecedented threat due to the Liberal government redrafting the World Heritage Area Management plan to remove the Wilderness Zone entirely and replace it with a Remote Recreation Zone, deliberately providing for developments received under the government’s Expressions of Interest process, allowing for mining in the World Heritage Area, and for the first time explicitly providing for logging in the World Heritage Area;
(d) that Tasmania’s wilderness is also under unprecedented threat due to the government’s agenda of sacking up to 30 staff from the Parks and Wildlife Service at a time when the Service has recently been given more land to manage; and
(e) that Tasmania’s wilderness is also under unprecedented threat due to the Minister’s secretive Expressions of Interest process which does not contain a mechanism to assess the cumulative impacts of nearly 40 proposals.
(2) Brings to the attention of the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage the Hon. Matthew Groom MP:—
(a) that in the latest Motivations Research published by Tourism Tasmania, 52% of respondents rated Tasmania’s wilderness as “A unique experience only available in Tasmania”, which was the highest rating of all of Tasmania’s assets that were tested; and
that the same survey found that “the greatest trigger to influence intention to visit Tasmania was Wilderness.”, which was a greater trigger than our heritage and our food and beverage put together.

(3) Calls on the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage Hon. Matthew Groom MP to cease his relentless attack on wilderness values in Tasmania, recognise that our wilderness is one of our state’s best assets, and start doing his job which is to protect wilderness values, not destroy them. (3 March 2015)

Mr McKim to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that a poll has been conducted by Lonergan Research with 2200 Tasmanians polled on the question “Do you think that the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area should continue to have its wilderness protected?” with 72% of respondents answering “yes”.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage Hon Matthew Groom MP to listen to Tasmanians, cease his relentless and unprecedented attack on Tasmania’s wilderness, and withdraw and redraft his divisive and short sighted draft World Heritage Area management plan. (3 March 2015)

Ms White to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that every year in Tasmania 350 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and that this type of cancer remains the most common cancer affecting Australian women.

(2) Acknowledges that breast screening services have a 90% success rate of detecting breast cancer in women and that by identifying cancer early there is a great improvement in survival rates and treatment outcomes.

(3) Commends the Breast Screen Tasmania Mobile Unit for embarking upon regional tours every year to help women aged over 40 in less urban areas access free screening and early detection services.

(4) Raises concern that despite 29 women in St Marys having treatment for breast cancer in recent times; the Breast Screen Mobile Unit will not be including this town on their itinerary when they visit the Break O’Day region in April 2015.

(5) Notes that the Break O’Day Council has raised this matter with the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, asking him to reconsider and reinstate St Marys on the itinerary.

(6) Understands that isolation and problems accessing transport in this community may prevent women at risk of developing cancer from seeking an appointment if the Mobile Unit is not able to include St Marys on the itinerary.

(7) Highlights the trickery of the Minister for Health who made a statement in July 2014 announcing an additional 9000 breast screen services would be provided to Tasmanian women over the next four years, including improving the level of access for women in rural and remote regions of the state.

(8) Contrasts this statement with the reality for Tasmanian women who have been informed that not only will some towns not be included on the itinerary that had previously had the Mobile Breast Screen Unit visit but that some women would not be sent reminder notices about making an appointment for a mammogram and that appointments would be limited.

(9) Raises concern that as a result of State budget cuts to health, Tasmanian women are being put at risk and denied appointments that could help them detect breast cancer early.

(10) Calls on the Minister for Health to listen to the local community and ensure that St Marys is included as a destination for the Breast Screen Tasmania Mobile unit when it visits the east coast in April 2015. (3 March 2015)

Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Agrees the February 2015 release of the Revised Estimates Report 2014-15 was a missed opportunity for the Treasurer, who failed to provide a detailed breakdown of job cut targets despite calls for greater transparency.

(2) Notes:—
(a) with frustration that the Treasurer once again failed to provide the comprehensive information at the departmental level, appreciating privacy considerations, necessary for people to be able to measure job cuts against projected targets;

(b) that the Liberals have not even met their target of 800 FTE positions gone by July, yet are blaming the deterioration of $14.3 million in the Net Operating Balance on the unexpected cost of redundancies in some agencies;

(c) with concern that the above highlights the lack of any real strategic restructure plan underpinning these punitive public sector worker cuts; and

(d) the sudden job cuts update, released as a third-party right to information request fell due, on 27 February 2015 that a total of 668 FTE positions have gone, but details from where these positions have been cut were still not provided, and nor was it detailed how the remaining 200-odd jobs to be abolished by July will be targeted.

(3) Agrees Tasmanians deserve to know where those jobs are coming from, how they are identified, and how delivery of community services will be impacted.

(4) Notes with concern that these figures show that the Liberals’ single-string bow of cutting jobs and services, will not grow the economy on its own but risks the continual undermining of community and business confidence. (3 March 2015)

499 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes with grave concern the belated discovery of Myrtle rust in Tasmania, with outbreaks confirmed across nine private properties and six commercial nurseries.

(2) Acknowledges the serious concern that this disease could spread to the state’s wilderness areas with devastating consequences for our native vegetation and forest estate.

(3) Notes:—

(a) the serious risk myrtle rust poses to native flora and ultimately fauna in Tasmania;

(b) the serious threat this disease presents to Tasmania’s agricultural industries;

and

(c) the serious threat this disease presents to Tasmania’s economy.

(4) Condemns the Hodgman government for reducing bio security services in the state and disbanding the dedicated Invasive Species Unit.

(5) Condemns the Hodgman government for cutting Parks staff by an estimated 25 to 30 full time equivalent jobs.

(6) Calls on the Government to:—

(a) reinstate and boost both Parks and Wildlife, and bio-security funding; and

(b) abandon plans to commercialise world heritage areas and reserves due to the serious risk of spreading phytothera, myrtle rust and other infectious diseases which threaten our biodiversity. (3 March 2015)

500 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the strong community concerns over any potential introduction of the hydraulic fracturing (fracking) process, as demonstrated by the number of submissions made to the recent review into the one year moratorium, of which approximately 90 per cent did not support fracking; and

(b) that the Tasmanian Government Policy Statement on Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) 2015 released on the 26 February 2015, while imposing a rolling five year moratorium, remains fundamentally flawed.

(2) Raises concerns that the provision allowing exploration for hydrocarbon resources, will continue to lock in uncertainty for our farmers, landowners and broader community.

(3) Reiterates that the only way to guarantee long-term investment security for primary producers, for landowners, and provide genuine protection for our waterways and environment is to introduce a permanent ban on fracking.
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(4) Calls for the government to be bold, and definitive, and support the immediate introduction of a permanent ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing in the State. (3 March 2015)

501 Ms Courtney to move—That the House:—
(1) Remembers that the small community of Lefroy in northern Tasmania saw 122 men enlist in the Great War, eleven of whom made the supreme sacrifice in battles in Gallipoli and the Western Front.
(2) Pays tribute to these men, as the community did when in 1918 when a tree planting took place known as the Lefroy Memorial Avenue of Honour.
(3) Notes that for many years these trees were called “Soldier Trees” by the locals, but unfortunately over the years the Avenue fell into disrepair and only three of the original eleven oaks remained.
(4) Pays tribute to those who brought the plight of the Avenue to the attention of the Returned Services League of Australia.
(5) Recognises the grants and donations from the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, the George Town Council and the George Town RSL that allowed the site to be restored and transformed.
(6) Commends the many individuals and businesses who generously donated materials and time to ensure that the Lefroy Memorial Avenue of Honour was restored.
(7) Acknowledges that the rededication of the Lefroy Memorial Avenue of Honour marks an important chapter in the Centenary of ANZAC celebrations for Tasmania. The importance of this was highlighted clearly by a strong community presence at the rededication on 25 January 2015. (3 March 2015)

502 Mr Brooks to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) that the World Track Cycling Championships were recently staged in Paris, France;
(b) that the north west coast’s own Amy Cure won a gold, silver and bronze medal at these World Championships; and
(c) that not only are Amy and her teammates world champions in the team pursuit but they are also the new world record holders.
(2) Calls on all Tasmanians to congratulate our newest world champion and to recognise the success this athlete has had.
(3) Commends Amy Cure for being a role model to many in the community.
(4) Wishes Amy every success in the future, including her personal goal for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. (3 March 2015)

503 Mr Brooks to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes that the Liberal Government is committed to assisting local business access the tendering and procurement process of the Government and its agencies.
(2) Acknowledges the roll out of the first round of state-wide workshops in support of the Government’s Winning Government Work Program.
(3) Notes:—
(a) that the Tendering Basics Workshops in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart had over 150 businesses attend;
(b) that this is a key part of our Backing Small Business plan;
(c) the Government’s election policy of Winning Government Work is a four-year fully funded program that will help ensure Tasmanian Businesses have a level playing field when tendering for Government Contracts, and the follow up workshops will continue throughout 2015;
(d) that this initiative, along with the Government’s Local Benefits Test and Paying our Bills on time policy further supports local Tasmanian Businesses supplying the Tasmanian Government with products and services; and
(e) that whilst there is still a long way to go, there has been increased business confidence across Tasmanian since the election of a majority Liberal
Government which delivers job creation and economic growth which is a stark contrast to the disaster of a Labor-Green Government. (3 March 2015)

504 The Minister for Human Services to move—That the House notes:—

(a) families in the Sheffield community will benefit from strengthened family support services following the recent opening of the Kentish Family Support Service;
(b) the Government has allocated $500,000 over four years towards the new service to ensure that individuals and families in the Kentish community have access to family support services in their local area;
(c) the new service will be run by Glenhaven Family Care who will work closely with the Kentish Council, local service providers and the local community to deliver services tailored to meet the needs of the Kentish community;
(d) proposed services for at-risk individuals and families include drop-in weekly sessions for parents and children, parent effectiveness training, tailored playgroup sessions and a range of workshops for parents and family members on topics relevant to their lives and their community; and
(e) the Liberal Government's provision of $500,000 to this service further demonstrates our commitment to supporting families and empowering local communities to ensure the health, wellbeing and future of all Tasmania's children and young people. (4 March 2015)

505 The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes:—

(a) on 18 February 2015, the second edition of the Standards of Practice Manual for Services Against Sexual Violence was launched, which sets out the expected standards and quality of service provision for the sexual assault sector around Australia;
(b) the manual was developed by the National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence, which is chaired by Tasmania’s own, Liz Little;
(c) the Tasmanian Government is the first government and state to adopt the standards which will assist State Government funded services to provide the best possible response and support for clients;
(d) this Government is committed to working with the community to reduce all forms of violence against women and children, including sexual violence; and
(e) through the specialist services we fund across the State, the Government has a strong focus on supporting the survivors of sexual assault in their recovery. (4 March 2015)

506 Ms Ogilvie to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the fundamental importance of access to communications technology through the National Broadband Network, and that access to knowledge is a social good;
(b) the digital divide existing in Tasmania, between those who can afford to access knowledge and those who cannot, must be addressed urgently and strategically;
(c) the affordability of broadband access is critical to ensuring fair access to knowledge, and, affordability is the key barrier to internet access; and
(d) the Federal Liberal Government has backtracked on its clear commitment to provide NBN access to all by imposing a $600 headworks charge to new home sites.

(2) Calls on the Tasmanian Liberal Government to move swiftly to resolve this issue by ensuring universal free connection is assured, whether for those in public housing, those building new homes or those in regional areas.

(3) Calls for the NBN headworks charge to be removed in the same way the Liberal Government say they have removed other headworks charges and I quote from the
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Premier’s State of the State Address: ‘We acted swiftly and removed the headworks changes which have deterred development and investment’.

(4) Notes the NBN headworks charge must be addressed. (4 March 2015)

507 Ms Ogilvie to move—That the House:—
(1) Recognises the importance to all small businesses in the professional services sector of affordable professional indemnity insurance.
(2) Notes:—
   (a) that consumers are better protected when professional indemnity insurance is in place and risks are appropriately managed by service providers; and
   (b) that the professional indemnity insurance market responds to improved risk management by reducing the cost of premiums, which in turn reduces cost to the consumer.
(3) Supports continued efforts to address this critical business issue. (4 March 2015)

508 Ms Ogilvie to move—That the House:—
(1) Supports efforts to increase opportunities for Tasmanians to engage in technical training which will allow them to participate in innovative jobs in the communications sector.
(2) Notes that Tasmania has seen a range of fly in fly out (FIFO) workers performing work that could be provided by local workers.
(3) Supports continued efforts to address this critical business issue. (4 March 2015)

509 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
   (a) that the impending executions of Australian citizens Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran in Indonesia has raised the issue of the death penalty in Australia;
   (b) that in September 2014 a Morgan poll found that 52.5% favoured the death penalty, a significant increase from a 2009 poll that found only 23% supported the death penalty;
   (c) that the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights states that the abolition of the death penalty ‘contributes to enhancement of human dignity and progressive development of human rights’;
   (d) that the death penalty is the most premeditated of murders and that State sanctioned murder, carried out in the name of its citizens, is particularly brutal; and
   (e) that the death penalty has been found to have no deterrent effect, does not rehabilitate and removes the chance for an individual to change their attitudes towards crime over time.
(2) Agrees:—
   (a) it is incumbent upon elected representatives to be steadfast in opposition to the use of the death penalty both in Australia and other countries; and
   (b) that the death penalty is an archaic remnant of justice systems past that has no place in modern society. (4 March 2015)

510 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Acknowledges:—
   (a) with sincere sorrow the cruel displacement of Tasmania’s First peoples, the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, from their land and their way of life by European settlement of their home island; and
   (b) that the national Corroboree 2000 convention and the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation identified a treaty “as unfinished business of the reconciliation process”.
(2) Recognises:—
   (a) that lack of action at the Commonwealth level does not preclude the State of Tasmania taking the initiative and negotiating with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community; and
   (b) the need for a formal Treaty to be negotiated with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as a vehicle to provide redress for past wrongs and help
establish a path forward based upon mutual goals and responsibilities.

(3) Notes and welcomes the Premier’s commitment in his State of the State Address delivered yesterday, to “re-set” our relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, and urges that the need for a Treaty is considered within that commitment’s context.

(4) Agrees:—
(a) to establish a process to negotiate a formal Tasmanian Aboriginal Treaty to address the current pattern of exclusion and discrimination inherent in our current state legal and policy-setting framework; and
(b) the formal Treaty process is to include:—
(i) consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community regarding the appropriate mechanism by which a formal treaty can be negotiated, and to identify the necessary participants and timeframe, and other matters arising; and
(ii) following the establishment of the agreed negotiation process arising from Step 1, provision for appropriate administrative resourcing as necessary, including the capacity to seek expert advice, and provide for public education and awareness campaigns to deliver key goals of the Treaty, and to foster ongoing reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Tasmanians.

(4 March 2015)

511 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes the ongoing pain, sorrow, anger and disrespect many Tasmanian Aboriginals feel over the annual national celebration of Australia Day on the 26 January 2015 which coincides with Invasion Day.
(2) Recognises that celebrating a day of invasion which saw the First Peoples of this land dispossessed, disempowered, and subjected to attempted genocide will only enshrine ongoing bitterness and anger.
(3) Acknowledges the setting of our national day of celebration is a national responsibility and decision.
(4) Notes and welcomes the Premier’s commitment as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in his State of the State Address delivered on 3 March 2015, to “reset” our relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and, acknowledges that advocating for this reform is consistent with his pledge.
(5) Agrees to formally petition the Federal government to establish a public consultation process by which a new date can be identified for annual Australia Day celebrations, which can truly be a day of pride and celebrations for all Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians alike. (4 March 2015)

512 Ms Giddings to move—That the House:—
(1) Welcomes the Attorney-General’s commitment to introduce a Criminal Cases Review process into Tasmania.
(2) Calls upon the Attorney-General to ensure any process allows for fresh and compelling new evidence to be examined as well as any errors at trial that were overlooked at previous appeals to ensure a potentially innocent person is not in jail.
(3) Notes the Attorney-General has been deliberately vague about expected timelines for debate of the Bill in parliament only saying that it will be by the end of this year.
(4) Calls upon the Attorney-General to release a more precise timetable including when the draft Bill will be released for public consultation and when the final Bill will be ready for debate in parliament. (4 March 2015)

513 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House notes:—
(1) Notes with deep sadness the 17 deaths of Australian women and children at the hands of violent men already in 2015 recorded by ‘Counting Dead Women Australia’ a project of the national gender equality movement, ‘Destroy the Joint’.
(2) Warmly congratulates Rosie Batty for being named Australian of the Year and acknowledges her courage, dignity and her powerful voice in the campaign to stop violence against women and their children.
(3) Applauds The Hobart Mercury newspaper for showing community leadership with their ‘Man Up’ campaign, which champions ‘real men’ who stand up against violence towards women and children, telling real stories of survivors, frontline workers and male advocates for change, while encouraging all members of our community to stand against sexism, family and sexual violence.

(4) Acknowledges that Prime Minister Abbott plans to dedicate a 2015 COAG meeting to tackling violence against women and children, while Opposition Leader Bill Shorten has called for a national summit on the family violence epidemic, with an opportunity for survivors to tell their stories.

(5) Notes the tripartisan support from Liberal, Labor and Green members for tackling violence against Tasmanian women and children and agrees family and sexual violence is a community crisis that transcends party lines.

(6) Understands that achieving gender equality is the first critical step towards cultural change in our society and an Australia where all women and children feel safe, valued and respected in their homes, workplaces and communities.

(7) Encourages all Members and Tasmanians to show support for their female constituents and colleagues by attending the second Hobart season – after a sell-out show last year - of Eve Ensler’s powerful and ground-breaking work, the Vagina Monologues on the 27 and 28 March 2015 at the Stanley Burbury Theatre. (4 March 2015)

514 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges with great relief that the Federal Abbott Government has scrapped its unpopular GP co-payment, ten months after it was dumped on Australians in the first Abbott Budget.

(2) Notes:—

(a) that the proposed co-payment did not have the support of the Tasmanian people, the Australian Medical Association Tasmania, or the Tasmanian Council of Social Services because of its certain negative impact on disadvantaged Tasmanians, and its intended erosion of universal health care; and

(b) with disappointment that the proposed freeze on indexation of Medicare rebates is still government policy and that, if implemented, it will lead to higher costs for a visit to the GP.

(3) Agrees that the Abbott Government does not understand the value and principles of a strong public health system and universal health care.

(4) Condemns its decision to cut $1.7 billion out of Tasmania’s health system over the next nine years as an abrogation of the Commonwealth’s responsibility to contribute towards the health of all Tasmanians. (4 March 2015)

515 Mr Jaensch to move—That the House notes:—

(1) The inaugural Tasmanian Theatre Awards were held at a gala event in Hobart in February 2015. Celebrating the talent, achievement and vast diversity of the Tasmanian performing arts sector, the Awards are a very welcome addition for the theatre sector.

(2) Acknowledges:—

(a) recently released ABS data that showed 233,500 Tasmanian adults attended at least one performing arts event last year. A figure that is considerably higher than the national average; and

(b) that performing arts activity in Tasmania, not including performances at festivals, contributed an estimated $21.8 million to the Tasmanian economy in 2012/13.

(3) Agrees that a strong performing arts sector will also help grow Tasmania's cultural reputation and capitalise on cultural tourism opportunities.

(4) Congratulates both the nominees and winners of the awards known as the Errols, all of whom stood out for their excellence, passion and dedication to performance in Tasmania.
(5) Further congratulates the Theatre Council of Tasmania for their initiative, their hard work, and commitment to the Awards and to the sector more broadly. (4 March 2015).

516 Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—
(1) Recognises that on Saturday 28 February 2015, the 35th Fingal Valley Festival was held.
(2) Notes:—
(a) that the programme of events celebrated key elements of the area’s heritage and culture—including the World Roof Bolting Championship and Coal Shovelling Championships, in which contestants shovel half a tonne (508 kg) of coal in the shortest possible time noting also that the Member for Lyons, Mr Barnett, competed, shovelling half a tonne in one minute and 25 seconds; well short of the world record of less than 30 seconds; and
(b) that other events including sports shearing and wood chopping and activities such as art & craft stalls, wine tasting, a snake and archery display and relays were also on display.
(3) Acknowledges that the event was attended by representatives of the Hawthorn Football Club following their game at Aurora Stadium in Launceston much to the enthusiasm of the festival goers.
(4) Observes that support of the community is essential running such events with the Festival being supported by at least 25 businesses and organisations with the Sports Shearing sponsored by a further 23 individuals, organisations and businesses.
(5) Commends the Fingal Valley community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting a successful Festival and wish them all the best as they prepare for next year’s event. (4 March 2015)

517 Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—
(1) Recognises that the beautiful town of Sheffield hosted the Australian Tidy Towns Awards on 26 and 27 February 2015.
(2) Notes that Sheffield, Overall Winner at the 2014 Australian Tidy Towns Awards, organised by Keep Australia Beautiful, was the first Tasmanian winner since 2007.
(3) Commends the town of Sheffield for hosting a successful awards evening attended by Eric Hutchinson MP Federal Member for Lyons, the Hon Matthew Groom MP Minister for Environment Parks and Heritage, Mark Shelton MP, Mayor Don Thwaites and Guy Barnett MP who were all honoured to present awards.
(4) Notes the strong support given by the Kentish Council with Mayor Don Thwaites speaking proudly on behalf of his community and councillors and the General Manager, Gerald Monson, also in attendance, together with Mayor Craig Perkins of the Meander Valley Council.
(5) Congratulates:—
(a) Westbury upon winning a Highly Commended Award in the Environmental Innovation and Protection category of the 2015 Tidy Town competition and being named as the State finalist in the 2015 Australian Tidy Town competition; and
(b) the town of Toodyay in Western Australia for their success in being the Overall Winner at this year’s awards.
(6) Commends all involved in achieving this success and encourages other towns to participate in the awards. (4 March 2015)

518 Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—
(1) Recognises that the Bothwell International Highland Spin-In and Fibre Festival was held from 27 to 29 February 2015.
(2) Notes:—
(a) that the event celebrated its 37th anniversary this year; and
(b) that the festival—held every two years—celebrates arts such as spinning, weaving, dyeing, felting, knitting and allied fibre crafts and was founded by Bothwell local Barbara Fowler OAM.
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(3) Acknowledges that this year’s festival included an international guest, Florence Jauke Kamel. Ms Kamel is a Bilum fibre artist from Papua New Guinea, a unique art of that country, whose art has been featured in the UN Headquarters in New York.

(4) Notes:—
   (a) that a new feature of this year’s event was the introduction of an Alpaca section and congratulates the festival on its expansion in this area; and
   (b) the strong support provided the event from all levels of Government with Eric Hutchinson MP in attendance, Mayor Deirdre Flint OAM being piped into the event by a bagpiper and Guy Barnett MP being honoured to represent the Premier.

(5) Commends the tireless work of the many individuals and organisations including eleven sponsors from around Tasmania, whose efforts made the festival such a success, with particular commendations being made to the Committee Executive including President Maree Davey, Vice-President & Treasurer Wayne Doran and Secretary Liz Rapley. (4 March 2015)

519 The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes that:—

(1) On 5 March 2015, Daisy the National App developed under the National Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and their Children, was officially launched by Senator Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, and Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty.

(2) The content of Daisy has been developed with input from the Australian, Tasmanian and other state and territory governments, and 1800RESPECT, the National Sexual Assault Domestic Family Violence Counselling Services.

(3) Daisy is targeted at women aged 15 to 39 years who are at risk of family violence and/or sexual assault.

(4) Daisy lists services right across Australia which support women experiencing violence and allows users to locate service provider information in a number of categories, including family violence, sexual assault, legal services, housing and finance services and children services in their state and local area.

(5) Users can create a list of favourite services for easy reference and Daisy has a number of security features including a ‘get help’ button that allows users to quickly call 000 and a ‘quick exit’ button to leave screens containing service information.

(6) The Australian Daisy was chosen as the icon and title. Daisies can be singular flowers, or can be linked into a daisy chain, which is appropriate as the App links women to services and highlights that women are not alone.

(7) Daisy is free and available in the App Store for iPhones and in Google Play for Android phones from midday Thursday 5 March 2015. (5 March 2015).

520 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

(1) Congratulates the Burnie Community House for its foresight and drive over the last four years to create the Hilltop Fresh Produce Project.

(2) Recognises that this project will aim to transform one of the North West’s most disadvantaged areas – Shorewell.

(3) Welcomes the opening of the Hilltop Produce Stall at the Shorewell Plaza, the next step in this project and employing some of the North-West’s most disadvantaged residents.

(4) Notes:-
   (a) that the objective of this project is to deliver healthy local produce to some of the North-West’s most disadvantaged through the sale of fresh vegetables, mouth-watering takeaways, take-home meals and eventually the delivery of healthy lunches to local businesses, to elderly people, people with disabilities and mothers with small children;
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(b) that all the food is prepared under experienced supervision of the chefs and Community House volunteers with participants trained in food handling, food safety, preparation and point-of-sale through the house’s partnership with Tas TAFE;

(c) that the transformation of a paddock into a vegetable garden has been achieved with work-for-the-dole participants and volunteers; and

(d) that one part of the project is to supply the stall with fresh vegetables year round.

(5) Pays tribute to the many stakeholders including Burnie City Council, Housing Choices, Mission Australia, the Heart Foundation, Hellyer Road Distillery and Tasmanian Medicare Local.

(6) Wishes the Burnie Community House every success with this next exciting step in the Hilltop Fresh Produce Project. (5 March 2014).

521 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House notes that:—

(1) The recent hepatitis A outbreak highlights the critical importance of food safety throughout our entire food supply chain.

(2) Ensuring safety in the food supply is a complex process that involves good hygienic practices in the production and handling of food at all stages between the farm and consumption.

(3) For fresh produce like leafy greens and fruits a heating step is not possible and safe food production relies on hygienic production to deliver a safe food product.

(4) In Australia there are quality assurance schemes which focus on hazard awareness to ensure that Australian fresh produce is grown, harvested, packed and transported to limit contamination from food-borne pathogens.

(5) Similar quality assurance schemes operate across the globe and imported products are required to meet the same hygienic standards as food produced in the importing country.

(6) Microbiological testing of food is only one aspect of the existing quality assurance schemes.

(7) Pathogen testing is difficult due to:

   (a) contamination is not evenly distributed with the food and only certain portions of the food may contain the pathogens;

   (b) testing of the foodborne viruses destroys the food that is tested; and

   (c) separating viruses from the food is difficult and can be very complex.

(8) The CSIRO advise that it is not possible to ensure safety by testing a final product.

(9) The best thing we can do is to ensure the food we eat is safe is to foster a culture of food safety in Tasmania by educating all those involved in the food industry, including consumers, to understand the safety risks associated with the production, manufacture and consumption of foods.
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(10) Food safety and quality assurance is an investment and micro-testing or putting a ‘grown in Australia’ label does not make imported or Australian food safe. (5 March 2014)

522 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) with grave concern the issues raised by a leaked salmon industry email, dated the 19 September 2014, into the water quality and health of Macquarie Harbour; and
(b) the concerns raised in the email include the potential negative impacts upon farmed fish health as well as environmental health, and also raises concerns over the role of the Regulator in managing the farms and impacts of the recent expansion.

(2) Acknowledges that when two of the three licenced fish farming companies write to the Premier and the Primary Industries Minister calling for action to protect Macquarie Harbour, then something very serious has gone wrong.

(3) Recognises that Macquarie Harbour is an internationally acclaimed water way situated on the doorsteps of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, and therefore the public have a right to be fully appraised of its health.

(4) Call for:—
(a) the EPA to conduct a formal investigation of all matters raised in the leaked email, and the Macquarie Harbour Dissolved Oxygen Working Group draft report which was tabled in the Australian Senate on Monday 2 March 2015, and the effectiveness of any action taken by the government and the industry since these matters were raised with the government in September last year; and
(b) the Minister to immediately require the Macquarie Harbour fish farms are de-stocked back to the pre-expansion level, and ensure rigorous and tested science and management plans are developed before any renewed expansions are considered. (5 March 2015)

523 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) with concern and regret that Forestry Tasmania (FT) have identified Coupe FD053 at Lapoinya in the State’s north west for logging; and
(b) the ongoing and vocal objection by the Tasmanian community at the intent by FT to log this beautiful piece of land, such objections including much correspondence to both Forestry Tasmania and the Liberal government.

(2) Acknowledges that the coupe is home to the Giant Freshwater Lobster, listed as ‘vulnerable’ in accordance with the Threatened Species Protection Act 1995 and has a global status of ‘endangered’ in accordance with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Endangered Species.

(3) Notes with concern that despite the Regional Forestry Agreement 1997 recommendation that FT “ensure the relevant studies occur prior to access” that no Astacopsis Gouldi survey has been conducted to establish the presence, or otherwise, of the lobster.

(4) Acknowledges that the coupe is home to a healthy population of Tasmanian Devil and that again no survey or study has been conducted by FT to establish existence of their habitat, or otherwise.

(5) Recognises the hypocrisy of the Liberal government in this case given that Minister for State Growth, Hon. Matthew Groom MP, has identified the Tasmanian Devil as a new emblem.

(6) Acknowledges that the Tommingeer Nation have been to the coupe and identified artefact zones, however again no survey has been conducted by FT with regard to Aboriginal Heritage.

(7) Recognises that the aforementioned fauna are just the tip of the iceberg and the coupe is also home to the Burrowing Crayfish, Masked Owl and Platypus.

(8) Calls for:—
(a) the Minister for Resources Paul Harriss MP to urgently intervene as
shareholder Minister and ensure Forestry Tasmania complete all relevant surveys and studies to identify the existence of endangered and vulnerable species;

(b) the Minister to liaise with Forestry Tasmania and ultimately inform the House of the reasons identified by that agency to log Coupe FD053 in favour of others; and

(c) Forestry Tasmania to cease any plans for logging operations in this Coupe. FD053 at Lapoinya. (5 March 2015)

524 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—
(1) Congratulates everyone within the north east community, and the local councils involved, who contributed to the successful completion of Stage 1 of the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails, which was launched in spectacular style in February 2015.

(2) Urges Tasmanians from all around the state to meet the mountain bike challenge, travel to Derby and see how well the North East sets the standard for this growing area of nature and adventure tourism.

(3) Acknowledges this initiative is exactly the type of appropriate local development the Greens have been campaigning for and highlights the need to protect these forested areas from broad scale woodchipping.

(4) Recognises the Derby Mountain Bike Trails will value-add to other north east cycle and walking trails enhancing the entire regions’ reputation as a world class cycling and biking destination, noting that a recent 2014 report estimated that cycling tourists spend an average of $2,072 per visit while in Tasmania.

(5) Acknowledges former Launceston Deputy Mayor Jeremy Ball for his enthusiastic support and tireless lobbying for the protection of the North East and its natural landscapes, including his advocacy of the potential for low impact activities within this spectacular region such as mountain biking.

(6) Recognises that the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails has the great potential to become a honey pot and a job and wealth generator for the local community. (5 March 2015)

525 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes:—
(a) that Saturday 7 March 2015 sees the opening of the annual duck shooting season;
(b) that many of these ducks are listed as threatened species and have their protection removed when the duck hunting season arrives so they can be killed for sport;
(c) that duck shooting takes place in some of our most internationally significant Ramsar wetlands;
(d) that the estimated take for 2014 was 58,991 birds up from 43,928 birds in 2010 and that this is likely to be a significant under-estimation of actual numbers of birds killed; and
(e) that the Centre for Ecosystem Science and the University of New South Wales has found that waterbirds in eastern Australia are in significant decline and that ‘game species’ are well below long term average levels.

(2) Agrees that there is no excuse for allowing the continuation of recreational duck shooting given the crucial role that duck species play in our wetland ecologies.

(3) Calls on the government to permanently ban duck hunting in Tasmania. (5 March 2015)

526 Mr McKim to move—That the House:—
(1) Notes that:—
(a) the Attorney-General announced in Budget Estimates in 2014 that Right to Appeal legislation would be introduced in Tasmania;
(b) while it is important to get this legislation right, over six months have elapsed and no exposure draft has been released;
(c) despite updating the House on progress on 5 March 2015, the Attorney-General is yet to give a time-frame for releasing the exposure draft of her proposed legislation;
(d) there is significant public interest in Right to Appeal legislation being enacted; and

(e) Tasmania now has the benefit of the Keogh decision in South Australia, which interpreted new and innovative provisions in that state’s legislation.

(2) Agrees there must be a clear and transparent mechanism for getting meritorious cases back before the courts in a timely way which does not impose unworkable resource demands on our courts and judiciary.

(3) Calls on the Attorney-General to commence consultation on this important legislation immediately. (5March 2015)

527 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Recognises the affect the Four Corners expose into greyhound racing had on our community.

(2) Understands the horrific footage of live baiting was obtained by animal welfare activists.

(3) Acknowledges it is often animal welfare activists who bring such cases of cruelty to light.

(4) Accepts it is evidence of broad scale cruelty that forces change in an industry for the better.

(5) Notes that the proposed “ag-gag” Bill by Liberal Senator Chris Back would see serious criminal penalties applied to those activists who obtain the evidence and do not report it to authorities within 24 hours.

(6) Recognises that ag-gag legislation criminalises the very people who help to build cases against real criminals.

(7) Agrees that the proposed ag-gag legislation directly opposes the very principle of animal welfare, and public accountability.

(8) Encourages every concerned community member to write to their Federal MPs and the Senate Committee by 12 March 2015 to oppose this Bill. (5 March 2015)

528 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:—

(1) Celebrates that International Women’s Day is now in its 104th year and will be held globally on 8 March 2015.

(2) Recognises that International Women’s Day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, present and future, while highlighting that the road to equality is long and the journey far from over.

(3) Notes with regret and resolve to be a positive part of change, that of the one billion people living in extreme poverty worldwide, an estimated 70% are women and girls.

(4) Agrees that key to unlocking the social and economic potential of all women and girls is increasing access to education and employment opportunities.

(5) Acknowledges that one of the critical underpinning factors of violence against women is gender inequality, and that Australia is not yet a nation of equals among men and women.

(6) Notes the theme of the 2015 celebration and call for true gender equality will be “Make it Happen”.

(7) Encourages all Members and Tasmanians to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8 by attending an International Women’s Day event, by recognising and thanking the strong, true women who surround us, enriching our lives in myriad ways, and by doing all in our power to “make it happen”. (5 March 2015)

529 Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges that the Liberal Government made the right decision to put the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment project on hold to work through the myriad issues from the mis-management of the former Labor-Green Government.

(2) Notes that this week, work has re-started on the project, recognising that this is a tremendous step forward for the Tasmanian community.

(3) Recognises that going forward, the project will be significantly improved, benefiting from:—

(a) the addition of a $10.5 million helipad which was omitted from the former Government’s original design;
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(b) $2.4 million in additional funding for contemporary standards and outdoor areas for Mental Health Services;

(c) funding for a safe and achievable decanting plan involving the construction of a temporary facility onsite at the Liverpool Street forecourt; and

(d) accelerated replacement of the hyperbaric chamber, which is approaching the end of service and was identified by the taskforce as a potential construction risk not picked up by the former Government.

(4) Acknowledges that the Royal Hobart Hospital of the future will be well placed to function as a key component of a statewide health system, allowing it to better serve the needs of Tasmanians wherever they live. (5 March 2015)

530 Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges that every week in our hospitals, Tasmanians suffer adverse outcomes from treatment which can be directly attributed to issues caused by unacceptably long waiting times, inefficiency, duplication, and in many cases, services not being available where and when they should be.

(2) Agrees that this is unacceptable and that change is needed in our health system.

(3) Recognises that positive progress is being made under the Government’s One State, One Health System, Better Outcomes reform program.

(4) Notes:—

(a) the release of the Green Paper and the constructive community consultation which has taken place during the past two months; and

(b) the forthcoming release of an exposure draft of the White Paper, which will be followed by an extended period of community and stakeholder consultation. (5 March 2015)

531 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes the Prime Minister’s recently announced $203 million over four years expansion of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme to cover overseas export.

(2) Acknowledges this Federal expansion has badly and embarrassingly undercut the Hodgman Government’s $33 million pipedream to establish a direct international container shipping service from Tasmania.

(3) Notes the public comments made by the Minister for Infrastructure on 14 March 2015 acknowledging the extension of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme to all northbound freight has “changed the landscape”.

(4) Calls on the Hodgman Government to immediately put an official end to arrangements with Swire Shipping, and redirect this much-needed funding back into Tasmania and the community services needed by Tasmanians, as provided for in the Tasmanian Greens’ Alternative Budget Statement 2014-15. (17 March 2015)

532 Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Considers it unacceptable that the Liberal Government has paid an interstate law firm more than $62,000 to fight its own public sector workforce.

(2) Notes that this equates to an exorbitant $1083 per hour, for 58 hours of work, paid to interstate legal firm Herbert Smith Freehills, despite the barrister representing the firm repeatedly telling the Industrial Commission at the time they had no instructions from government and therefore refused to negotiate on behalf of the Government.

(3) Demands to know why it is that local legal firms could not be used by government to represent it through the Industrial Commission process.

(4) Recognises that the use of this interstate legal firm is in breach of the Government’s own ‘buy local’ policy.

(5) Believes this expensive and ham-fisted approach is a sad reflection upon this vindictive and revenge driven government determined to crush into submission the state’s public sector workers no matter what.

(6) Calls on the Hodgman Government to cease its anti-worker vendetta, and instead work with public sector unions, workers, and the community to identify the necessary community services, and the resources required to provide them in a sustainable and accessible manner. (17 March 2015)
Mr Booth to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—
   (a) that the Examiner John West Memorial Lecture was held at the Albert Hall in Launceston on Friday, 13 March 2015;
   (b) the annual lecture is held in memory of John West who co-founded the Examiner newspaper in 1842 and was its first editorial writer; and
   (c) that this year’s guest lecturer was esteemed human rights lawyer Mr Julian Burnside QC.

(2) Acknowledges that Mr Burnside is one of Australia’s leading advocates for asylum seekers; has acted pro bono in many cases – particularly concerning the treatment of refugees; was made an Officer of the Order of Australia, and awarded the Sydney Peace Prize.

(3) Notes the common ground between Mr West and Mr Burnside in their abhorrence at the treatment of convicts sent from Britain to Australia during the transportation era, and the similarity to the treatment of refugees seeking asylum in Australia in the 21st Century.

(4) Recognises:—
   (a) Mr Burnside’s observations that Australia’s treatment of asylum seekers is a disgrace and the policy of offshore processing is done merely to “achieve government objectives”;
   (b) the emphasis by Mr Burnside that despite the fact it is not illegal to seek asylum in Australia, that asylum seekers are treated as law breakers and criminals, and in terrible conditions.

(5) Acknowledges with particular concern and sadness Mr Burnside’s comment that “the Australian public tolerates what’s going on … because they’ve been conditioned to believe that boat people are criminals and we need to be protected from them”.

(6) Recognises the urgent and obvious need for education for the community at large on the issues associated with seeking asylum in Australia, including current Federal Liberal government policies concerning offshore processing.

(7) Calls for:—
   (a) The Premier Hon. Will Hodgman MP to liaise with his Federal counterparts to establish a dialogue between the State and Federal governments with a view to implementing a fairer, safer and more economic method of processing asylum seekers; and
   (b) a review of the potential reopening of the Pontville Detention Centre with a view to assessing the merits of the reestablishment of the Centre as a positive for the community and processing asylum seekers onshore. (17 March 2015)

Mr Green to move—That the House:—

(1) Welcomes the Federal Government’s extension to the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme.

(2) Acknowledges that a $700 container subsidy for export goods will broaden our export markets and stimulate economic activity.

(3) Welcomes the announcement that shippers from King Island and the Furneaux Group will be eligible for a 15% additional loading.

(4) Calls on the Hodgman Government to immediately redirect an additional taxpayer funded subsidy of $33 million away from Swire Shipping and into essential service delivery.

(5) Notes the Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Rene Hidding MP has previously stated that the Swire subsidy was only necessary if an extension to the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme was not achieved.

(6) Condemns the Premier for allowing an international shipping company to determine whether or not it will pocket $33 million of taxpayers’ money instead of terminating the arrangement himself.

(7) Notes the Premier has repeatedly broken his fundamental commitment to Tasmanians to protect frontline services and calls on him to take this opportunity to repair some of the damage he has already inflicted on our schools and hospitals. (17 March 2015)
Mr Green to move—That the House:—

(1) Congratulates Tasmanian Richie Porte on winning the prestigious Paris-Nice road cycling race.
(2) Recognises that Richie is now the top ranked road cyclist in the world.
(3) Wishes Ritchie all the best in his campaign to win his first grand tour in the Giro d’Italia in May 2015.
(4) Commends Ritchie Porte for being a fantastic brand ambassador for Tasmania.
(5) Acknowledges that the win will further boost Tasmania’s international reputation for producing elite cyclists and as a premier cycling tourism destination. (17 March 2015)

Mr Green to move—That the House:—

(1) Commends Tasmanian boxer Luke Jackson on being crowned the Australian featherweight champion.
(2) Recognises that this is the latest accolade in Luke’s impressive amateur and professional career, which has included captaining the Australian Olympic and Commonwealth boxing teams.
(3) Expresses hope that Tasmanians will get a chance to see Luke defend his title on home turf later this year. (17 March 2015)

The Premier to move—That the House notes that:—

(a) one year ago Tasmanians overwhelmingly voted for a change of government and a new direction under a majority Liberal Government with a long-term Plan for Tasmania;
(b) since the 2014 election key indicators have shown we are heading in the right direction including:—
   (i) the State’s unemployment rate reducing by one percentage point from 7.5 per cent to 6.5 per cent;
   (ii) the number of unemployed Tasmanians reducing by over ten per cent;
   (iii) around 6000 new jobs for Tasmanians have been created;
   (iv) building approvals, retail spending, business investment and tourist expenditure have all increased and business confidence levels are amongst the highest in the nation; and
   (v) important investments in essential services, including an increase in police officer numbers, and record funding for health and education.
(c) the Governments clear view is that while these are very encouraging signs, there is still much more to do and we are determined to get on with the job of delivering our long term plan to build a brighter future for Tasmania. (17 March 2015)

Mr McKim to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—
   (a) one of the world’s great natural jewels, Lake Pedder, was flooded in the heart of Tasmania’s wilderness in 1975 despite a committed campaign to save it;
   (b) despite the passage of 40 years, the original lake and its beach still remain beneath the flooded impoundment;
   (c) according to the Australian Energy Market Regulator, Tasmania faces an electricity surplus of between 250 and 750 MW by 2023/24;
   (d) every year Tasmanians are installing many thousands of solar panels along with other renewable energy capacity on homes, small and large business and public infrastructure, which has reduced, and will continue to reduce, demand for electricity generated by Hydro Tasmania;
   (e) advances in commercialising new battery technology are likely to drive a further increase in installation of local electricity generation capacity, further driving down demand for electricity generated by Hydro Tasmania;
   (f) increasing numbers of energy efficiency programs in homes, public
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infrastructure and small and large businesses are contributing to a reduction in electricity demand;

(g) there is a risk that one or more of Tasmania’s major industrial electricity users will leave in the short to medium term and significantly reduce demand for electricity in Tasmania, and that the Liberal and Labor parties do not have a plan to deal with that scenario apart from ever increasing public subsidies and selling electricity at an ever decreasing price;

(h) restoring Lake Pedder, one of the world’s great wilderness icons, could right a terrible wrong, provide jobs for Tasmanians, deliver significant levels of positive international publicity for Tasmania, and provide the critical mass necessary to establish Tasmania as a world leader in the rapidly growing sector of ecological restoration;

(i) some estimates suggest that Lake Pedder could be restored with the loss of less than 2% of Tasmania’s electricity generation capacity while retaining all existing dam and generation infrastructure including Lake Gordon and the Gordon River Power Station; and

(j) restoring Lake Pedder would be an ecological restoration project on a global scale, which would clearly require careful consideration.

(2) Calls on the State Government, in particular the Minister for Energy Hon Matthew Groom MP, to request Hydro Tasmania to undertake a technical, engineering and feasibility study into restoring Lake Pedder. (17 March 2015)

Mr McKim to move—That the House:

(1) Notes:—
(a) that the Safe Schools Coalition is a national, Federally funded program that aims to create safe and supportive school environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bi sexual, Transgender, Intersex young people;
(b) schools that join the Safe Schools Coalition commit to building a school that is free from homophobic and transphobic bullying and is safe and inclusive for all staff and students;
(c) that a Beyondblue funded report in September 2014 found that 66% of gay, lesbian, intersex and gender diverse students had seen a mental health professional in the previous 12 months, 38% had suicidal thoughts and two thirds had experienced verbal abuse;
(d) that the Australian Christian Lobby is campaigning against the Safe Schools program and a National Civic Council brochure shamefully stated that “students with same-sex attractions should not be encouraged to embrace activity linked with serious health risks.”

(2) Urges all Members of this place to support Safe Schools so that class room prejudice and bullying are challenged and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Intersex students are supported. (17 March 2015)

Ms O’Connor to move—That the House:

(1) Expresses its support and solidarity with the people of Vanuatu, but also Fiji, the Solomons, Kiribati and Tuvalu, our Pacific neighbours now struggling to cope with the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Pam.
(2) Understands that the Vanuatu archipelago consists of 82 islands, many of which are remote and that the full impact of Cyclone Pam will not be fully understood for some time.
(3) Acknowledges that aerial pictures of the southern island of Tanna have confirmed widespread destruction of houses and crops, with aid agencies saying conditions are among the most challenging they have ever faced.
(4) Understands that 70% of Vanuatu’s population of 250,000 have been displaced from their homes in the wake of Cyclone Pam.
(5) Recognises with deep sadness the 24 confirmed deaths, with the toll expected to rise when communication to the islands are restored.
(6) Hears the call from ‘UN Women’ that in the wake of natural disasters, there is a significantly increased risk to women and children, due to crowded living conditions, lack of food and water, psychological trauma, limited policing and high stress survival.
(7) Recognises that even once the power is back on and the water is safe to drink, the people of Vanuatu are looking at years of rebuilding and recovery.

(8) Encourages every Member in this place, and every Tasmanian to dig as deep as they can to donate to the recovery effort in Vanuatu, because our Pacific friends need all the help the world is able to offer. (17 March 2015)

541 Ms O’Connor to move—That the House;—
(1) Congratulates Break O’Day Council for joining the growing ranks of Tasmanian Councils backing medicinal cannabis, including the Huon Valley, Dorset and Derwent Valley Councils.

(2) Notes that Local Government in Tasmania is more in step with community sentiment than the Hodgman Government, with the most recent Reachtel Poll nationally showing 66% public support for the legalisation of medicinal cannabis.

(3) Acknowledges that due to the State Government’s apparent ideological intransigence on the issue, Tasmanian parents of children with epilepsy and other neurological disorders, as well as people suffering a range of chronic and terminal conditions are knowingly breaking state law to access and use medicinal cannabis.

(4) Notes that:—
   (a) a co-sponsored Bill initiated by Greens’ Senator, Richard DeNatale, with support from Labor, the Liberal National Party and independent Senators, seeks to establish a workable regulatory system for the medicinal use of cannabis in Australia;
   (b) the Victorian and New South Wales governments are moving towards the legalisation of cannabis for medicinal and therapeutic purposes.

(5) Expresses its regret that due to the wilful obstructionism of Minister for Health, Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Tasmania is being left behind and Tasmanians are being exposed to potential criminal charges.

(6) Calls on the Minister to start reading the evidence and truly listening to the stories of people whose quality of life has been substantially improved by access to medicinal cannabis.

(7) Reminds the Minister that it’s never too late to admit you have got it wrong and change course to do the right thing on compassionate and common sense grounds. (17 March 2015)

542 Ms Courtney to move—That the House;—
(1) Recognises that cyclists make up an increasing percentage of road users in Tasmania as Tasmanians come to understand the environmental and health benefits of cycling.

(2) Commends the Government on the range of road safety initiatives it has undertaken since March 2014 including:—
   (a) installing cycling warning signage on popular cycling routes;
   (b) amending road rules to allow motorists to cross a solid centre line to pass a cyclist, when it is safe to do so;
   (c) rolling out a minimum passing distance campaign; and
   (d) including cycling questions on learner driver tests and public education about cycling road rules.

(3) Encourages all road users in Tasmania to continue to treat each other with respect.

(4) Notes with approval that many cyclists report an appreciable change in the attitude and respect between road users following the Government’s activities in cyclist safety in the previous year. (17 March 2015)

543 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House;—
(1) Notes the recently released January Australian Bureau of Statistics Export data for Tasmania.

(2) Recognises the importance of Tasmanian industry and exports, in particular, to our economy and to jobs in regional Tasmania.

(3) Notes that the top ten merchandise exports by value are in descending order:—
   (a) non-ferrous metals;
   (b) metallic ore;
   (c) other and confidential which includes the processed poppy exports;
   (d) dairy products;
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(e) meat;
(f) seafood;
(g) fruit and vegetables;
(h) vehicles including vessels;
(i) paper and paper board; and
(j) wood and woodchips.

(4) Observes that mining and metallic ores make up more than 50% of our exports and therefore notes how significant the mining and metals sector continues to be to ensuring the provision of income this state needs to deliver education, health and police and all the services required by Tasmanians.

(5) Endorses the Tasmanian Liberal Government’s strong support for the mining sector, agriculture and aquaculture, manufacturers and the forest industry.

(6) Affirms the Federal Liberal Governments decision on 13 March 2015 to boost the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme giving the State’s exports a massive boost.

(7) Congratulates the Liberal Government on having a comprehensive plan which shows this State is truly open for business. (17 March 2015)

SHANE DONNELLY, Clerk of the House