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- 88** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 3 September 2018, was Australian National Flag Day, the annual day specifically dedicated to celebrating our national flag.
 - (2) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day was officially established in 1996 by the proclamation of the former Governor-General, Sir William Deane AC, KBE, QC and celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901 over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne when then Primer Minister, Sir Edmund Barton GCMG, KC, announced the winners of a competition to design a flag for Australia.
 - (3) Acknowledges the Australian National Flag as Australia's foremost national symbol and a unifying and powerful expression of Australian identity.
 - (4) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude upon the achievements and qualities of this great nation since Federation.
 - (5) Further acknowledges the sterling work of the Australian National Flag Association in promoting and protecting our national symbol, whose work locally is led by Mr Reg Watson and ably supported by patron the Hon. Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General.
 - (6) Congratulates all individuals, community organisations, local authorities, businesses and schools across Tasmania that celebrated Australian National Flag Day by conducting flag-raising ceremonies and by flying or displaying the National Flag. (30 August 2018)
- 89** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Merchant Navy Day was 3 September 2018.
 - (2) Further notes the Australian Merchant Navy Memorial is a memorial honouring the Australian Merchant Navy's involvement in World War 1 and World War 11.
 - (3) Further notes that the memorial is located in Kings Park, on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra and its location on the shore of the lake represents the Merchant Navy's relationship with water.
 - (4) Recognises the Seafarers' Memorial is a memorial honouring the lives of all Tasmanian seafarers who lost their lives at sea, including those who served in the armed forces.
 - (5) Further recognises the Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial, located in Triabunna, on Tasmania's East Coast:—
 - (a) further notes the annual service on 3 October 2018; and
 - (b) the service will include the annual Blessing of the Fleet for the local fishing industry.
 - (6) Acknowledges that Merchant Navy Day illustrates the important contribution made to Australia's economic growth and prosperity in peacetime and in war.

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- (7) Further notes that the Merchant Navy of the whole British Empire, which included the Australian Merchant Fleet, suffered proportionately the highest casualties of any of the allied services in the Second World War.
- (8) Further notes that thirty thousand two hundred and forty eight British Empire merchant seamen who served at sea under the red ensign lost their lives doing so and that the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs nominal roll records 3,500 Australian merchant seamen serving in World War II in Australian registered ships. (30 August 2018)

90 Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that mining and minerals processing is a key economic pillar in Tasmania, employing thousands and accounting for over 50 per cent of our exports in the year to June 2018, or more than \$2 billion.
- (2) Acknowledges that the sector is on the verge of major revival with:—
 - (a) the granting of approvals for a new \$100 million iron ore mine at Rogetta south of Burnie, that will create hundreds of jobs;
 - (b) a boom in job numbers at Grange Resources Savage River and Port Latta operations to around 560 FTEs and \$10 million investment in the first stage of a feasibility study that may lead to accessing the ore body through underground development; and
 - (c) the announcement that Hellyer Gold Mine will be re-opened and tailings processed to extract gold, silver, lead and zinc with up to \$1.5 billion in gold and \$1 billion in zinc to be processed from the tailings dams and up to 50 ongoing jobs created.
- (3) Further notes that the 2018-19 Budget includes \$2 million for the new Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative to expand the real and potential mining base industry in Tasmania through supporting increased ‘greenfield’ mineral exploration with applications opening on 6 September 2018.
- (4) Further notes that there is no better friend of the mining and minerals processing than the Hodgman Liberal Government. (30 August 2018)

94 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Australia is still lagging behind other nations in representation of women in parliament.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) that achieving this goal has been further hampered by recent events concerning alleged bullying and shaming of women in Parliament;
 - (b) the comments by the former most senior Liberal party woman in the country, Hon Julie Bishop MP regarding women in leadership;
 - (c) the disparaging comments regarding women in parliament by Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz;
 - (d) the Tasmanian Parliament has a 50 % representation of women but that this is largely due to Labor, Independents and minor parties; and
 - (e) the risk that the ability to encourage women’s participation in parliament is hampered by the current treatment of elected women.
- (3) Investigates gender awareness training for all Members. (18 September 2018)

95 Mr *Hidding* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Labor Party’s rule “appointments to electorate or ministerial offices of State and Federal members of the Parliamentary Labor Party must be members of the Party, and a financial member of the relevant Union”.
- (2) Further notes that to get a taxpayer-funded job with the Labor Party you need to have paid membership fees to the Labor Party and the Unions, maintain that membership for the period of their employment, and obey the rules of both organisations.
- (3) Further notes that the Labor Party rules effectively enforcing compulsory union and party membership are a potential breach of Federal and/or State legislation.
- (4) Calls on the Labor Party to act immediately to remove this discriminatory requirement from its Tasmanian Labor Party rules. (18 September 2018)

96 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Pays tribute to the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) for its 70 years of service to rural and regional Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises the TFGA's powerful and effective voice for the farming sector and the vision it shares with this Government for agriculture.
- (3) Understands that there is no greater supporter of Tasmanian farmers than the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (4) Notes that the Government is backing the TFGA's mission to provide a voice for farmers to ensure the growth, sustainability and profitability of our agriculture sector including:—
 - (a) investing \$150 million in an AgriFood Plan; and
 - (b) focusing on growing the value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.
- (5) Further notes the TFGA's leadership in working with governments to create lasting policy change and a vibrant future for the agriculture sector.
- (6) Calls on all Members of the House to work with the TFGA to help build future opportunities and build on Tasmania's unique position in the world. (18 September 2018)

97 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the international reputation of Tasmania's trout fishery.
- (2) Appreciates that Tasmania's inland fisheries attracts more than 26,000 recreational anglers each year, including 5,000 from interstate and overseas.
- (3) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government understands the importance of fishing tourism and, at the same time, is ensuring trout fishing remains a valued tradition for generations of Tasmanians by:—
 - (a) making it cheaper to go trout fishing by freezing licence fees for the next four years;
 - (b) supporting peak group Anglers Alliance Tasmania through the Anglers Access Program by investing \$215,000 over four years to improve community amenities at high visitation waters; and
 - (c) working with Anglers Alliance Tasmania and Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania to further market and promote angling tourism.
- (4) Supports the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28 that is helping to grow and develop recreational trout fishing by providing better opportunities for anglers, assess fishery performance and manage fish stocks for future generations.
- (5) Further recognises that Tasmania's strong reputation for trout fishing will be further enhanced when the World Fly Fishing Championships will be held in our State in December 2019. (18 September 2018)

98 The Minister for Veterans Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Saturday, 15 September 2018, was Battle of Britain Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who fought and died in the Battle of Britain, history's first entirely aerial campaign and a strategic turning point of the Second World War.
- (2) Notes that the Battle occurred over the United Kingdom between 10 July 1940 and 31 October 1940 between the air forces of Nazi Germany and the then British Empire and Commonwealth.
- (3) Further notes that Allied success in the Battle was pivotal in seeing the planned seaborne invasion of the United Kingdom by Hitler's Germany cancelled, allowing the British Isles to eventually become the springboard from which the invasion of occupied Europe was performed, leading to the liberation of millions under Nazi oppression.
- (4) Pays tribute to 'The Few', as Winston Churchill immortally named the fighter pilots fighting in the skies over Britain, for their service, courage and sacrifice, including more than thirty Australians, 14 of whom died in the Battle including Flight Lieutenant Stuart Walch, of Hobart, who attended the Hutchins School before joining the RAAF.
- (5) Acknowledges that over the past weekend 15/16 September 2018, a memorial service commemorating the Battle was held at St David's Cathedral and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence

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Force, foreign militaries, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending. (18 September 2018)

- 99** The Minister for Veterans Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that Friday, September 14, 2018 was Australian Peacekeepers Day, an annual day of remembrance for Australian military and police personnel who have served in peacekeeping operations across the globe.
 - (2) Notes that this day is the 72nd anniversary of the United Nations' first peacekeeping mission in 1947—an operation which consisted of four Australian military officers on the UN Good Offices Commission in the then Dutch East Indies, now known as Indonesia.
 - (3) Further notes that since this date, over 75,000 Australian defence and Police Force personnel have participated in 77 operations in 65 different countries.
 - (4) Commend our Tasmanian peacekeepers and their families for their service and the invaluable contribution they have made toward achieving peace in areas of need.
 - (5) Acknowledges the members of the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veteran's Association – Tasmania Division.
 - (6) Pays tribute to the 3,767 multi-national personnel who have died on UN peacekeeping operations since 1948. (18 September 2018)
- 100** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the team behind the Launceston Night Market, which is providing an exciting opportunity for locals and visitors to socialise and share a quality experience.
 - (2) Thanks market organisers Natasha Nieuwhof and Corey Baker for inspiring the community with the night market vision.
 - (3) Notes that the venture is inspired by night markets from around the world and is designed to celebrate food and beverages and local producers and musicians.
 - (4) Urges Tasmanians to experience the market and encourage visitors to do the same, noting the dates for the Spring/Summer market series:—
 - (a) 5 October 2018;
 - (b) 2 November 2018;
 - (c) 7 December 2018;
 - (d) 8 February 2019; and
 - (e) 8 March 2019.
 - (5) Acknowledges the support the market receives from the City of Launceston Events and Tourism team and Environmental Services.
 - (6) Further notes the Launceston Night Market is held within Civic Square, which has recently been revitalised as part of Launceston's City Deal vision.
 - (7) Further notes that the City Deal is energising Launceston and making the city an even better place to live, work and be part of the community. (19 September 2018)
- 101** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the importance of cycle tourism as one of Tasmania's strongest competitive advantages.
 - (2) Supports the Hodgman Liberal Government's Cycle Tourism Strategy, which is growing the sector, creating jobs and highlighting the benefits that cycling brings to Tasmania.
 - (3) Further notes the Government is working with industry, stakeholders and Local and Federal Governments to draw from the growth in cycling tourism.
 - (4) Further notes the Cycle Tourism Strategy is guiding the development of Tasmania's cycling tracks and trails, growing and promoting experiences and events.
 - (5) Further supports community cycling events, like Central Launceston Rotary's Sally's Ride Tamar Valley Challenge, which is promoting the benefits of cycling and working to attract interstate visitors.
 - (6) Further supports current and future cycle tourism ventures such as Blue Derby, Maydena Bike Park, the St Helens Mountain Bike Trail Network and Stacked Loop Network.
 - (7) Further notes the Cycle Tourism Strategy is working to improve safety for all cyclists and supports the Government's goal to make Tasmania home to the healthiest population in the nation by 2025. (19 September 2018)

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- 102** The Minister for Veterans Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that on Friday, 7 September 2018, the keys to an old DPIPWE shack were officially handed over to the Returned and Services League (RSL) Tasmania and that the shack will be renovated by the veteran community to be used by post-Vietnam military veterans.
 - (2) Further notes the shack will assist veterans with their recovery post-service, both during the construction and once complete and operational.
 - (3) Commends the Vietnam Veterans who have indicated their willingness to assist the younger veterans with their renovations.
 - (4) Congratulates Ex-Service organisations for their work in providing advocacy and care for all cohorts of the Veterans community, to assist Veterans in re-assimilating back into civilian life post-service.
 - (5) Acknowledges the committee members appointed by RSL Tasmania State Executive to oversee the renovation and management of the shack.
 - (6) Further acknowledges our 10,500 Tasmanian ex-service men and women, their service and sacrifice must be remembered.
 - (7) Further notes the Tasmanian Government is a proud supporter of our Veteran's community and has contributed \$100,000 towards supporting the renovation project. (19 September 2018)
- 103** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes Volunteering Tasmania is entering its 25th year of operating in Tasmania.
 - (2) Acknowledges that as the leading voice for volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations, Volunteering Tasmania works to strengthen the sector and promotes the benefits of volunteering and its value in transforming and enriching Tasmanian communities.
 - (3) Further notes that over six million Australians and—on average—four out of every five Tasmanian adults volunteer, donating around 7.1 million hours in Tasmania alone over the last twelve months.
 - (4) Further notes that, according to the State of Volunteering report, volunteering provided a total benefit of \$4.9 billion to the Tasmanian economy, with Tasmanian employers enjoying \$2.1 billion of productivity benefits as a result of their employees volunteering.
 - (5) Commends Volunteering Tasmania's Staff and volunteers, including their Board of volunteers for their passion and dedication to the organisation.
 - (6) Congratulates Lisa Schimanski on her appointment as the new Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering Tasmania. (19 September 2018)
- 104** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the 5th Longford Jazz Festival took place from Friday 14 September to 16 September 2018.
 - (2) Appreciates the Festival was a celebration of everything that is special and unique about jazz music, including an impressive range of performers from around the State and country.
 - (3) Acknowledges the 2018 Festival included a program of events celebrating key elements of jazz culture and music—highlighted by a Jazz Ball on Saturday 15 September 2018 hosted by two jazz artists from the mainland.
 - (4) Congratulates Don Ives for his leadership and vision to first start the music festival in 2014.
 - (5) Commends Matthew Ives and the Matthew Ives Big Band with special guests Paul Furniss and Paul Ingle for their performance in the Longford Hall at the Festival this year.
 - (6) Further acknowledges the nearly 50 Tasmanian performing artists involved with the Festival, who came from all around the State showcasing their incredible talent.
 - (7) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Festival and also the Longford community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting what is a growing festival each year. (20 September 2018)
- 106** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Burials and Cremations Act 2002 does not provide perpetuity rights for interments.
- (2) Acknowledges all other Australian jurisdictions provide perpetual interment options within their burials and cremations legislation or regulation.
- (3) Further notes the current review of the Burials and Cremations Act 2002 is a significant opportunity to introduce perpetual interment rights.
- (4) Further acknowledges the Tasmanian Burials and Cremations Act 2002 is behind other Australian jurisdictions.
- (5) Further notes the lack of perpetual interment rights for Tasmanian Veterans.
- (6) Further notes that Tasmanian Veterans deserve the same interment rights as other Australian Veterans.
- (7) Calls upon the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP to amend the Burials and Cremations Act 2002 to ensure that cremation or bodily remains interred in a graveyard or burial ground are interred for perpetuity.
- (8) Further calls upon the Minister to amend the Burials and Cremations Act 2002 to convert the right of interment to a perpetual right of interment in all Tasmanian graveyards and burial grounds.
- (9) Further calls on the Government to review and amend the Burials and Cremations Act 2002 to provide perpetuity rights to interments by 1 December 2018. (25 September 2018)

108 Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that all people should be afforded respect and the right to access government funded community services that are safe and high quality.
- (2) Acknowledges there is an increase in the number of services delivered by the community sector, including disability, housing and child protection services and there is an urgent need to ensure the rights of people are protected.
- (3) Calls on the Government to establish an independent Community Services Commissioner with the powers to:—
 - (a) handle individual complaints;
 - (b) review the situation of an individual, or group of people;
 - (c) monitor and review the delivery of community services and make recommendations to improve the delivery of services and to promote the rights and best interests of service receivers;
 - (d) inquire into matters affecting services and people eligible to receive community services; and
 - (e) promote access to advocacy support for service receivers to ensure adequate participation in decision-making about services they receive.
- (4) Further calls on the Government to provide the House an update on 29 November 2018 regarding the progress to establish a Community Service Commissioner. (25 September 2018)

109 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 22 September – 30 September 2018 is Veterans' Health Week, an annual event celebrating the ongoing efforts being made to improve the health and wellbeing of the veteran and ex-service community.
- (2) Notes that the aim of Veterans' Health Week, is to raise awareness of, and encourage participation in, activities that promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of veterans, their families and carers.
- (3) Further notes that the key message for Veterans' Health Week 2018 is the promotion of healthy lifestyles with a special focus on nutrition.
- (4) Commends the staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs and volunteers from many organisations across the State including RSL Sub-Branches, Ex-Service organisations, sporting clubs and other community groups for their efforts in participating in the 2018 Veterans Health Week program in Tasmania.
- (5) Encourages the community to get involved and help support our veterans and the ex-serving people who provide such an example of service and sacrifice to our society. (25 September 2018)

111 Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes the Tasmanian forestry industry is experiencing renewed confidence and optimism in the sector.
- (2) Further notes the revival is consistent with the Hodgman Liberal Government's plan to support jobs in our forestry industry, knowing that working forests create jobs.
- (3) Further notes the renewed optimism is backed up by a report by Associate Professor Jacki Schirmer from the University of Canberra, with findings that note:—
 - (a) the industry generated more than 5,700 jobs in 2017-18 including more than 3,000 direct jobs;
 - (b) a far higher proportion (82%) of those jobs are full time, compared to the workforce as a whole (60%);
 - (c) the direct annual contribution to the Tasmanian economy is more than \$700 million, rising to more than \$1.2 billion when flow-on effects are included;
 - (d) the industry is particularly important for regional communities, with forestry directly employing more than 9% of the workforce in Dorset, 6.6% in Circular Head, 6.5% in the Derwent Valley, 6% in George Town and 5.4% in the Central Highlands; and
 - (e) forestry jobs are spread across the native forest sector, as well as softwood and hardwood plantation sectors.
- (4) Acknowledges just over half (55%) of the businesses contacted by Associate Professor Schirmer felt demand would grow for their services, or products would over the next 12 months. The remainder (45%) felt that demand would remain about the same. No businesses reported feeling that demand for their services or products would reduce. (27 September 2018)

112 Mr Brooks to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that there is no better friend of Tasmania's resources industries, including mining and forestry, than the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (2) Acknowledges that these industries employ more than 11,000 Tasmanians directly and indirectly, particularly in rural and regional areas, and create billions of dollars in income and export revenue for the State.
- (3) Further notes that the Tasmanian Greens' front groups – such as the Bob Brown Foundation, Save the Tarkine and the Wilderness Society, not content with the lock-up of 50% plus of the State, are engaged in an unreasonable and never ending campaign for more lock ups.
- (4) Further notes that these groups' latest push for another 680,000 hectares to be locked away in an extension to the World Heritage Area, would deliver a devastating blow to our resources industries, putting thousands of jobs at risk and adversely impacting the rights of recreational land users such as fishers, hunters and 4WD drivers.
- (5) Further acknowledges advice from the Department of State Growth that shows this land grab would:—
 - (a) ban mining in one of our most prospective mining regions, which includes more than 1,000 known mineral deposits;
 - (b) impact at least eight current mining leases;
 - (c) based on past expenditure, cost the State upwards of \$150 million in mining and exploration investment over 20 years;
 - (d) lock up more than 12,000 hectares of the Permanent Timber Production Zone and 91,000 hectares of our Wood Bank – the future potential production forest;
 - (e) cost a further \$250 million in the value of native forest harvesting over the next 20 years; and
 - (f) add to the sovereign risk issues that have seriously impeded investment in Tasmania for decades.
- (6) Calls on all Tasmanians to resist this destructive push and stand up for the very existence of our mining and forestry sectors, and the thousands of livelihoods they provide for Tasmanians. (27 September 2018)

113 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Australian Engineering Excellence Awards, Tasmanian Division, was held in Hobart on 9 August 2018.

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- (2) Further notes that the awards identify, recognise and reward outstanding achievement in the practice of engineering.
 - (3) Acknowledges that the Engineer of the Year Awards confer recognition for outstanding individual engineering achievements and recognises engineering professionals who show innovation and resourcefulness.
 - (4) Commends two engineers from Hydro Tasmania's engineering consulting arm, Entura, who received the top accolades for bringing that vision to life.
 - (5) Congratulates Donald Vaughan, Principal Consultant, Electrical Primary Systems, who was named Professional Engineer of the Year, and engineer Lyndon Johnson who won the Young Professional Engineer of the Year award.
 - (6) Further commends Entura on being selected as finalist for the Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project in Far North Queensland and the Yap Hybrid Renewable Energy Power System on the North Pacific island of Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia. (27 September 2018)
- 114** Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Agrees that Tasmania has experienced significant economic growth and strong increases in our population since 2014.
 - (2) Further agrees that, with this growth, comes added demand on our roads, bridges and public transport, and this requires proper investment in our infrastructure.
 - (3) Notes that after 16 years of Labor in Government, the last 4 of those in coalition with the job-destroying Greens, our Budget was in deficit, our economy was in a mess and investment in Tasmania's infrastructure had been slashed.
 - (4) Further notes that the 2018 State Budget included \$2.6 Billion in infrastructure spending across the State, together with a 10 year infrastructure pipeline for Tasmania of over \$13.9 billion dollars in public and private investment.
 - (5) Further agrees that only the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has a strong plan to build the infrastructure that Tasmania needs and deserves. (16 October 2018)
- 115** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 14 – 20 October 2018 was Carers Week.
 - (2) Further notes that around 66,000 Tasmanians provide unpaid, on-going care assistance to another person who, because of disability, frailty, chronic illness or pain, requires assistance with everyday tasks.
 - (3) Recognises that organisations such as Carers Tasmania provide a vital role in raising community awareness of the invaluable role of carers in our community.
 - (4) Calls on all Parties to support the development of an appropriate framework to provide better recognition of carers and to facilitate better coordinated services to those in care giving roles. (16 October 2018)
- 117** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House calls upon the Minister for Health Hon. Michael Ferguson MP to immediately act to ban the use of conversion therapy in Tasmania. (16 October 2018)
- 118** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 14 – 20 October 2018 was Seniors Week.
 - (2) Further notes that the over-arching theme of 2018 was “food, glorious food” with some 500 events around the State holding events with a food theme.
 - (3) Recognises that Seniors Week showcases the amazing source of knowledge and expertise older Tasmanians provide to our communities.
 - (4) Understands that an estimated 10,000 people will attend events around the State this week.
 - (5) Further notes that Seniors week is a celebration of older people in our community. (17 October 2018)
- 119** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 14 – 20 October 2018 was Anti-Poverty Week.
 - (2) Further notes poverty has many complex causes, which means there is no single, quick, or easy solution and long-term change of the necessary scale requires more than just supporting people on the ground.

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- (3) Further notes that 1 in 3 people in the world live in poverty, in Australia almost 2.2 million people – 9% of the population live in poverty.
- (4) Acknowledges that in the last 2 decades 660 million people have risen out of poverty, with the collaborative work of many and political will, it is possible to achieve a world that is free of poverty.
- (5) Calls on all Parties to promote awareness within the community of the effects of poverty and 'Make Poverty History'. (17 October 2018)

120 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council (TMEC), for developing and staging the 'Tassies's Better with Balance Multi-Sport Event 2018', and for their leadership in promoting mental health and wellbeing in the sector.
- (2) Notes that the multi-day endurance sports event ran from 8 – 14 October 2018 and raised funds and awareness for Rural Alive and Well (RAW) Tasmania's mental health and wellbeing outreach programs.
- (3) Further congratulates the eight Tasmanians - Matt Wilson, Michael Phillips, Kym Child, Steve Phillips, Greg Pilkington, Adrian Beard, Marty Viney and Kent Wyllie - who competed in three components, (cycling, kayaking and trail running) over a distance of 1,200 kilometres.
- (4) Further notes:—
 - (a) the launch in March 2017 of the TMEC Blueprint of Mental Health and Wellbeing; and
 - (b) the Hodgman Liberal Government's \$95 million, six year plan to deliver a range of improvements to build a better mental health system, ensuring Tasmanians get the right support.
- (5) Commends RAW for its tremendous work in supporting individuals, families and the community through mental health issues, especially in our rural and regional areas.
- (6) Further congratulates all event sponsors and supporters including Bluestone Mines Tasmania Joint Venture, Irrigation Tas, Recycal Pty Ltd, Alpha Electrics, Zezt Pty Ltd, Bell Bay Aluminium, Caltas Pty Ltd, Elphinstone Pty Ltd and Jemrok Pty Ltd, and others for what was a tremendously successful event. (18 October 2018)

121 The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Battery of the Nation with further interconnection will guarantee Tasmania's own energy requirements, whilst offering surplus energy for interstate consumers, which is – low cost, reliable and clean.
- (2) Acknowledges that Battery of the Nation with increased interconnection is regarded as nation building and nation leading infrastructure that leverages our natural advantages.
- (3) Recognises that the Battery of the Nation hydro and wind developments, with further interconnection, will bring an economic transformation – investment of billions of dollars, creation of thousands of jobs, and doubling of Tasmania's energy capacity.
- (4) Commends our Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison MP and former Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull for their support to progress these projects.
- (5) Congratulates Hydro Tasmania, TasNetworks and the Hodgman Liberal Government for their commitment and carriage of these important projects, working in partnership with the Australian Government through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.
- (6) Emphasises the importance of these projects in contributing to firstly the Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania-First energy policy to deliver a target of the lowest regulated electricity prices in the nation, and 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy by 2022 and secondly delivering low cost, reliable and clean energy.
- (7) Proclaims its support and commitment to the Battery of the Nation projects. (18 October 2018)

122 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that October 2018 is WorkSafe Month 2018, which forms part of a nationwide effort to raise awareness about work health and safety.
- (2) Recognises that the annual awareness campaign is an ideal way for individuals, businesses and the Tasmanian community to re-evaluate their work health and wellbeing, and learn more about how to achieve safer workplaces.

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- (3) Further notes that the theme for 2018 WorkSafe Month is ‘future work, future challenges’, which focuses on the impact emerging technologies and platforms will have on work health and safety and workers’ compensation over the next 20 years.
- (4) Further notes that activities held over WorkSafe Month 2018 include:—
 - (a) the Walk for Wellbeing along the Montrose Foreshore;
 - (b) the biennial WorkSafe Conference on 22 and 23 October 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, and will include a celebratory function on Monday 22 October to recognise the 2018 WorkSafe Awards recipients;
 - (c) free state-wide regional activities, including a forum with Beyondblue at Flinders Island, and the Strahan ‘Beach to Bay’ Fun Run;
 - (d) Effective Risk Management Workshops held in a number of locations across the State; and
 - (e) Safe Work Australia free online seminars, showcasing the latest thinking, research, developments and best practice in workplace health and safety.
- (5) Thanks the staff of WorkSafe Tasmania, Tasmanian employers and employees, for their often unsung work in promoting workplace health and safety.
- (6) Acknowledges that work health and safety should be an important part of every workplace’s culture, no matter how big or small, as it is everyone’s responsibility to stay safe at work. (18 October 2018)

124 Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian red meat industry is at the cross roads with the closure of lamb and cattle processing at the Devonport City Abattoir.
- (2) Further notes that cattle and lamb service kill capacity is crucial for the business models of many Tasmanian butchers, farmers, restaurants and retailers.
- (3) Further notes that Woolworths has now joined Coles in leaving the Tasmanian lamb market.
- (4) Further notes that the red meat industry must now rely on small abattoirs massively increasing their capacity potentially creating issues with throughput limitations, transport logistics, animal health and animal welfare.
- (5) Further notes that increased slaughter at small abattoirs and the resulting increases in waste, stock yarding and odours has the potential to significantly impact neighbouring property owners.
- (6) Further notes that there is just one remaining Government meat inspector in Tasmania – down from four.
- (7) Further notes the Government was warned of the vulnerability of the Tasmanian red meat industry two years ago and yet the Government took no action other than to buy time with a four-year deal with the Devonport City Abattoir owners JBS Swift that ended after two years.
- (8) Further notes the political appointment of the Member for Montgomery, Hon. Leonie Hiscutt MLC as the Chair of a meat taskforce creates further uncertainty due to her upcoming election in May 2019 predating the proposed finalisation of the taskforce report in June 2019. (20 November 2018)

125 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that our primary industries are a key pillar of the Tasmanian economy with the latest Tasmania’s Agri-Food Scorecard 2016-2017 showing the gross value of the State’s Agri-Food production to be worth \$2.4 billion.
- (2) Further notes that agriculture accounts for almost \$1.5 billion of this figure with the value of seafood production approaching \$0.95 billion.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to taking agriculture to the next level in Tasmania and have a target to grow the value of our agriculture sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050, as well as grow the value of our world-class wild catch seafood and aquaculture sector.
- (4) Further notes that under this policy, the Government has committed \$800,000 to Rural Business Tasmania (RBT) over four years, including \$595,000 in new funding over the forward estimates.
- (5) Further notes that this funding will allow RBT to provide Rural Financial Counselling Services and Farm Business Mentoring to support Tasmanian farmers

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with business skills, financial literacy, planning and debt mediation, further strengthening our agricultural sector.

- (6) Thanks the staff at Rural Business Tasmania, including Chair Geoff Fader and CEO Elizabeth Skirving, for the important role they play in supporting and advancing our farmers and rural communities. (20 November 2018)

126 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 2018 Invictus Games were held in Sydney from 20-27 October 2018, with more than 500 ex-servicemen and women from 18 countries competing in 11 adaptive sports.
- (2) Further notes that the Games use the power of sport to aid in the recovery of returned servicemen and women and are a testament to the strength of the human spirit.
- (3) Further notes that the Australian team comprised of 72 athletes, including two Tasmanian-based veterans, Jarrod Kent of Latrobe and Matt Brumby of Devonport.
- (4) Further notes that Jarrod Kent, whose personal motto is ‘broken, never beaten’, competed in powerlifting and swimming events and Matt Brumby of Devonport, competed in Archery and Wheelchair Rugby. Matt also co-captained the Australian team at the Games.
- (5) Congratulates Matt who won an impressive five gold medals and Jarrod who secured a Personal Best in Powerlifting with a lift of 121kg, and won through to the Long Jump finals, qualifying in first place.
- (6) Acknowledges that other Tasmanian-born Games participants included Bridget Baker (athletics and power lifting), Trent Forbes (cycling), Emma Kadziolka, (athletics and indoor rowing), Steve Sandman (archery), Stewart Sherman (archery and wheelchair tennis) and Sonya Newman (wheelchair basketball, indoor rowing, sitting volleyball and swimming).
- (7) Further notes that a special Welcome Home event for our Invictus Games athletes will be held at Parliament House next Wednesday, 28 November.
- (8) Applauds all our competitors for their participation in the 2018 Invictus Games and thanks them for their service to our country. (20 November 2018)

127 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that construction of the new 5,900 megalitre Dalness Dam is now completed with water is set to flow in the New Year from the new North Esk Irrigation Scheme.
- (2) Further notes that the Dalness Dam is one of five Tranche Two irrigation schemes either delivered, or in the process of being delivered, to supply farmers with the reliable water.
- (3) Further notes that more than \$160 million is being invested by the State and Federal Governments and farmers in the five Tranche 2 irrigation schemes, creating 28,000 megalitres of new water entitlements in the Southern Highlands, Swan, Duck, Scottsdale and North Esk districts.
- (4) Acknowledges that Pipeline to Prosperity (Tranche 3) irrigation program has recently been submitted to Infrastructure Australia, with \$70 million committed by the Hodgman Liberal Government, and includes another 10 potential irrigation schemes state-wide, with a capital cost of up to \$496 million, a return of \$114 million a year to the agriculture sector and more than 3,900 direct and indirect jobs anticipated.
- (5) Further notes that through these and other actions, the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to taking agriculture to the next level in Tasmania and has a target to grow the value of our agriculture sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050. (21 November 2018)

128 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Aurora Energy for their annual Community Grant Scheme.
- (2) Notes that the Grant Scheme provides funding for community programs designed to assist Tasmanians to participate in employment, educational and social opportunities.
- (3) Further notes that recipients of the Aurora Community Grant Scheme for 2018 include Giant Steps Tasmania, Community Housing, St Helens District High School Association, Housing Choices Tasmania and West Moonah Community House.

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- (4) Further notes that the Starting Point Neighbourhood House in Ravenswood was also awarded a \$4,500 grant from the Scheme to upgrade a manual vehicle for its Wheels4work driver education program.
- (5) Further notes that the Starting Point program is offered to those on low incomes, or Centrelink benefits, with no access to a safe vehicle or suitable supervisor.
- (6) Further congratulates Aurora Energy and the grant recipients for assisting Tasmanians with social and economic disadvantages. (21 November 2018)

129 The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Board Diversity Governance Scholarship Program (the Program) is an initiative under the Tasmanian Government Women on Boards Strategy 2015-2020 (the Strategy).
- (2) Further notes that the Strategy aims to address gender imbalance on government boards and committees, with a target of 50% female representation by 2020.
- (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's funding of \$200,000 over four years for scholarships for women to undertake governance training through courses delivered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).
- (4) Further notes that since its launch in 2015, 75 scholarships have now been awarded through the Program. In 2018, the Program provided seventeen scholarships for the Foundations of Directorship course, which includes a tailored six-month program of activities and events.
- (5) Further notes that 2018's scholarships have been awarded to Tasmanian women who are emerging leaders and women who face the most barriers to professional development opportunities, leadership roles, board and committee appointments.
- (6) Further notes that 2018 recipients come from a range of diverse backgrounds such as migrant or refugee, women living with disability and women working in STEM areas.
- (7) Congratulates the seventeen successful scholarship recipients: Zenobia Allie, Rebecca Astell, Mary Bosco, Emily Briffa, Joanne Folder, Karen Franks, Rebecca Free, Amanda French, Karen Hind, Fariba Ahmady Jaffari, Yashoda Koirala, Miaw Yng Lim, Anne Rathjen, Lisa Schimanski, Laura Smith, Sandra Thaow and Hirut Weldemichael Seboka. (22 November 2018)

132 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting our farmers and valuable reputation for clean and safe food by providing \$200,000 for the “Cows out of Creeks” project.
- (2) Further notes that the project, which is being delivered by DairyTas, is focussed on key dairy regions across the State's North-West and aims to improve the health of Tasmania's waterways.
- (3) Further notes that the funding will help support installation of water troughs and stock watering systems, stock crossings and fencing to provide livestock with access to clean water off-stream, ensuring that river banks are better protected and any nutrients, sediments and pathogen loads entering waterways are reduced.
- (4) Further notes that the program currently covers 37 projects, with each provided with funding of up to \$5,500 to be used for stock watering systems (troughs, pipe, pump etc.), fencing and stock crossings.
- (5) Further notes that “Cows out of Creeks” forms part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's new \$2 million Landcare Actions Grants Program, which will co-invest with farmers, Landcare, and other community organisations on practical on-ground works for sustainable agriculture and rivercare.
- (6) Congratulates DairyTas for their work in supporting both dairy and beef farmers to be involved in this important project, which also includes a partnership with beef processor Greenhams. (27 November 2018)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*