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### Notices of Motion

- 1452** The Premier to move—That the House:—
- (1) Welcomes the continued success of our tourism providers at the recent Australian Tourism Awards.
  - (2) Congratulates all nominees and medal winners who represented Tasmania's great tourism industry with distinction.
  - (3) Congratulates the five gold medal winners:—
    - (a) Three Capes Track, New Tourism Business;
    - (b) the Tasmanian Walking Company; EcoTourism;
    - (c) RiverFly 1864, Specialised Tourism Services;
    - (d) Saffire Freycinet, Luxury Accommodation; and
    - (e) the Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Business Events (and inducted into the Hall of Fame).
  - (3) Notes that these awards demonstrate once again that Tasmania does tourism better than anyone, and that the partnership between government and industry to maintain the tourism boom is working. (7 March 2017)
- 1453** The Premier to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 7 February 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Black Tuesday Bushfires that claimed 64 lives and left 7,000 people homeless;
  - (2) Further notes that Black Tuesday is indeed forever etched in the story of Tasmania and as a reminder also of the strength of our people and our community, which came together in crisis.
  - (3) Congratulates the local community groups and the Kingborough Council for successfully organising events to commemorate the bravery of our emergency services, the heroism of the volunteers and all those in our community that bonded in the face of the most catastrophic fires in our State's history. (7 March 2017)
- 1454** The Minister for Human Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloraine Street Car show was held on Sunday 19 February 2017.
  - (2) Notes:—
    - (a) that the 2017 event attracted an estimated 12,000 people to the township to enjoy 500 pre-1988 and vintage cars and motorcycles displayed in Emu Bay Road and other streets of Deloraine.
    - (b) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloraine Street Car Show has been described as the largest car show in Tasmania.

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- (c) that other entertainment at this family day out included 3 live bands plus child-friendly entertainment and the 50's and 60's dance enthusiasts were back to display their talents amongst the stunning vehicles.
- (3) Observes that support of the community is essential in running such events with the Car Show being supported by at least 38 local businesses and organisations.
- (4) Further notes the proceeds raised on the day supported the Deloraine Fire Brigade and Deloraine SES and further notes the support of the Hodgman Liberal Government for the event, which was recognised on the day by Mr Mark Shelton, Liberal MP for Lyons.
- (5) Commends the organising committee, Van Diemen's Street Rod Club and their sponsors on their efforts and commitment in again hosting a successful Car Show and wish them all the best as they prepare for next year's event. (7 March 2017)
- 1455** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Chudleigh Agricultural and Horticultural Show was held on Saturday 18 February, 2017.
- (2) Notes that the Show Committee continues to build upon the success of previous shows and that the 2017 family friendly and country style show again had exciting attractions for families to see and participate in.
- (3) Thanks Wayne Johnston, President of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association for opening this year's event.
- (4) Recognises the tremendous economic and social benefits of the Show to the Meander Valley region in particular and Tasmania more generally.
- (5) Further notes that the 2017 Show included the Men's Muffin competition, cattle, dairy heifer, sheep, equestrian, sheep dog trials and wood chopping events and the ever popular running of the Chudleigh Cup, a huge favourite with the crowds in the afternoon.
- (6) Congratulates the Chudleigh Agricultural & Horticultural Society, organisers of this superb event, on the success again of this year's event and particular thanks given to Josh Smith, President, Jenny Gregory, Secretary and the rest of the organising committee. (7 March 2017)
- 1458** Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government has declared war on Tasmania's environment and the communities determined to protect it.
- (2) Notes that this full frontal assault includes:—
- (a) logging in high conservation value forests;
- (b) fish farm expansion into pristine waters and damage to the World Heritage Area adjoining Macquarie Harbour;
- (c) a secretive process to enable private development in public protected areas;
- (d) a plan to compulsorily acquire land to enable a divisive cable car, and; and
- (e) planning laws that will facilitate inappropriate development, increased urban sprawl and land clearing.
- (3) Recognises this cynically political attack on Tasmania's natural and cultural assets has enormous potential to not only do irreparable environmental and social damage, it threatens Tasmania's visitor economy and its brand.
- (4) Agrees that the Greens are the only Party in this place that consistently, and tenaciously over decades, stands for the protection of Tasmania's rare and precious environmental treasures and the communities determined to protect them. (7 March 2017)
- 1459** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the importance of the Salmon Industry to Tasmania, which supports up to 5,200 jobs, many of them in regional communities.
- (2) Agrees this industry is a critical part of Tasmania's economy and a key contributor to our premium brand.

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- (3) Confirms our support for the industry, which is world leading and sustainable.
- (4) Reaffirms that the Tasmanian community can have confidence that our industry is well-regulated and we are only making it stronger.
- (5) Supports the very positive changes the Hodgman Liberal Government has made to strengthen the regulation of the Salmon industry, including the transfer of regulation to the independent director of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (6) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is developing a Sustainable Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Salmonid Industry and will soon legislate to establish a new environmental license for salmonid aquaculture and integrate the regulation of all salmonid inland and marine farms, including hatcheries, thereby building on the tougher penalties for non-compliance and an industry levy that we already introduced.
- (7) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government has led the way while Labor and the Greens did nothing to strengthen regulation of the industry when in Government. (7 March 2017)

**1460** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Queechy High School, who has taken out the top prizes in the F1 in Schools National Final, a wonderful achievement for the students involved and the school as well as our State.
- (2) Notes that three Queechy High School teams competed in the event. The teams were tasked with modelling miniature Formula 1 cars to compete in the competition and were responsible for everything from engineering, to marketing.
- (3) Further notes that:—
  - (a) the all-female team, Golden Diversity, took out the top prize as National Champions in the Professional Class, winning Best Verbal Presentation, Best Team Portfolio, Best Manufactured Car and Best Engineered Car;
  - (b) instant Transmission, also representing Queechy High School, finished in third place, winning Best Engineered CAD, Knockout Champions, Grand Prix Race Award and Fastest Lap; and
  - (c) a third team from Queechy High School, Zeal Tech Racing, who were competing in their first national final, won the Grand Prix Race Award and Fast Lap in the Development Class. (7 March 2017)

**1461** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that hundreds of jobs in Braddon and more throughout the state are dependent on the supply of high quality hardwood timber from Tasmanian Oak sawlogs.
- (2) Further notes scores of jobs in the states furniture, joinery and craft manufacturers are dependent on the reliable supply of the unique special species timbers from these superior eighty plus year old coupes carefully managed and protected over generations of foresters in this state.
- (3) Records with pleasure the opportunity to host the Minister for Resources, Hon. Guy Barnett MP recently on a visit to mills and the Frankland coupes.
- (4) Condemns in the strongest terms the vandalism of public infrastructure we observed on the Forestry Tasmania road and Tarkine Drive which resulted from the use of metal cutting equipment to deface and destroy tourist signs and a gate.
- (5) Records that the people on the inside of the gate, where entry had been forced, were forest protesters, many identified as the same people who shut-down the Ta Ann mill in 2012 which resulted in the traumatising of many in the Ta Ann workforce.
- (6) Notes the hypocrisy of the environmental movement which voted, through the Greens, in support of legislation, the Tasmanian Forest Agreement Act, which specifically approved the harvest of these coupes after it had been endorsed by the Wilderness Society and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

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- (7) Notes that both Houses of the Tasmanian Parliament have not once but twice approved the harvest of these coupes.
- (8) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for passing the Workplace Protection legislation in late 2014 because our priority is the protection of workers safety and appropriately dealing with workplace invasions.
- (9) Calls on the Labor-Green opposition to get off the fence on this issue and make it clear who they support - the workers and a sustainable timber industry or vandalising protesters? (7 March 2017)

**1462** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that the Department of Education attempted to gag respected education expert Mr Steve Biddulph from speaking about anything that could be perceived as political or partisan at the Building Brighter, Stronger Families conference in Devonport to be held in Devonport on 11 March 2017.
- (2) Further understands the contract provided to Mr Biddulph by the Department of Education specifically referred to changes to the school starting age.
- (3) Acknowledges that the two other speakers at the conference, Mem Fox and Maggie Dent, were not subject to the same conditions as Mr Biddulph.
- (4) Notes with concern that as a result of the pressure placed on Mr Biddulph not to speak about such issues, he withdrew from participating in the conference.
- (5) Condemns the treatment of this respected education expert.
- (6) Further notes that despite claiming that they support free speech, the Hodgman Liberal Government has gone to an extraordinary length to silence experts from speaking out.
- (7) Calls on the Government to abandon its culture of secrecy and be honest with the community about how many other speakers' contracts have contained gag clauses and who ordered them. (7 March 2017)

**1463** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that the tender for the implementation report on social and economic impact of the lowered starting age was only awarded on 15 February 2017 over two weeks after the proposed period of contract.
- (2) Further understands that the failure of the Hodgman Liberal Government to allow for enough time for a wide-ranging audit of every childcare centre in the state has hopelessly compromised the process.
- (3) Notes that instead of meeting with each Early Education and Care provider there will be regional forum and online survey.
- (4) Condemns the indifference of this government to ensure that this audit is carried out comprehensively.
- (5) Acknowledges that this review is critical to ensure appropriate structures are put in place to support younger children in schools and to assess the impact to Tasmania's early childhood education and care sector.
- (6) Calls on the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to explain to parents and teachers why 300 early childhood education and care centres across Tasmania why he feels meeting with each facility is impossible. (7 March 2017)

**1464** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Queechy High School on their phenomenal success at the highly regarded Re-Engineering Australia F1 in Schools competition.
- (2) Congratulates the following teams:—
  - (a) ZealTech Racing - Lachie Francombe, Sophia Arumugam, Bach Nguyen, Billy Gibbons and Eleanor Renton who came - 2nd in the Knockout final;

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- (b) Recorded the Fastest Lap Time and won the Grand Prix, narrowly missing out on a podium position and coming 4th overall in a very competitive Development Class;
  - (c) Instant Transmission- Dylan Cai, Steven Cabalzer, Duncan Hill and Mathew Fleming - won Pressure Challenge social media, Best CAD, knockout challenge, Fastest Lap, Grand Prix and 3rd Place Outright; and
  - (d) Golden Diversity Yara Alkhalili, Eleanor Arumugam, Hoai Nguyen, Claire Cameron and Hollie Johnson who won Best Graphic Design, Best Verbal, Best Engineering, Best Manufacturing and became the National Champions who will head to Kuala Lumpur to represent Australia in September 2017.
- (3) Congratulates passionate educator and leader in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching Murat Djakic for being inducted into the REA Fellows.
  - (4) Congratulates Bell Bay Aluminium who received the prestigious John Button Award for their incredible commitment to F1 in Schools.
  - (5) Commends Queechy High School, its Principal Kathy Davis and Acting Principal Louise Meyer for their commitment to STEM.
  - (6) Thanks teachers Murat Djakic, Adrian Smith and Donna Francombe for the many additional hours on nights and weekends that they selflessly gave to support these students and accompanied them to Adelaide.
  - (7) Notes that these students and Queechy High School achieved this with no additional support from the Department.
  - (8) Further notes that unfortunately the school did not have the resources this year to allow students to participate in the 4X4 competition held at the same national event.
  - (9) Calls upon the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP to offer support to schools who participate in STEM and other national competitions by at least extending the coverage of relief staff – an option provided when teachers participate in national sporting competitions but not academic ones as this would greatly support schools in allowing access to these competitions.
  - (10) Looks forward to the Departments significant contribution to assist Golden Diversity in their pursuit of the World Title. (7 March 2017)

**1465** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—  
Congratulates Amy Cure on her double gold medal performance at the UCI Track World Cup Series in Colombia with a win in the women's points race and the women's team pursuit. (7 March 2017)

**1466** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the important work the Hodgman Liberal Government is undertaking to fix a broken health system.
- (2) Highlights that the Hodgman Liberal Government has made a record \$6.4 billion investment in health over the next four years, helping to deliver the health system that Tasmanians need and deserve.
- (3) Further recognises that since the Hodgman Majority Government was elected, more staff have been employed, including 120 FTE nurses, record numbers of elective surgeries have been performed, elective surgery waiting lists are at a record low and waiting times for surgery have been reduced.
- (4) Welcomes the permanent opening and funding of 15 more beds at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH).
- (5) Remembers that it was the former Labor Green Government who shamefully closed Ward 4D.

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- (6) Acknowledges and thanks the hardworking LGH staff who serve their community professionally and often go above and beyond to ensure each person is given the care they need.
- (7) Acknowledges that the continued investment in our health system is only made possible because the Hodgman Liberal Government has got the Budget back on track. (7 March 2017)

**1467** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Hodgman Majority Government for implementing its long-term Plan to grow Tasmania’s economy and create jobs, the results of which are clearly evident in the latest ABS data showing the unemployment rate now at 5.9 per cent, the lowest it’s been since October 2011.
- (2) Highlights that since the Hodgman Majority Government was elected, 4,300 jobs have been created, with 400 jobs created in January alone. On average, four new jobs have been created each and every day that the Hodgman Government has been in power.
- (3) Recognises that State Final Demand, a key measure of economic growth, has increased by 6.1 per cent since the Hodgman Government was elected.
- (4) Remembers the job destroying Labor Green Government that saw unemployment soar to 8.6%, State Final Demand go backwards and industry around the State on its knees.
- (5) Acknowledges that while there is more work to do, highlighted in the “Plan for a Brighter Future; Deliverables 2017”, the Hodgman Government will continue to build on the positive results already achieved through three years of unified, disciplined Government. (7 March 2017)

**1468** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Mourns the passing of a great Tasmanian, Max Angus, who died on the 21 February 2017, aged 102.
- (2) Notes that:-
  - (a) Max was born in Hobart in 1914. He studied at Hobart Technical College, and later started a commercial art studio with his brother in Melbourne. Following WWII, he returned to Hobart, where he continued his journey with watercolour paintings and a particular emphasis on the landscape of Tasmania, for which he was best known;
  - (b) Max produced thousands of paintings, and his work was exhibited widely;
  - (c) Max was made an Order of Australia in 1978, and was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London;
  - (d) in 1967, Max was part of a wider protest movement against the proposed flooding of Lake Pedder. He documented the original state of the lake in his art; and
  - (e) Max was believed to be one on Australia’s oldest living and practising artists.
- (7) Remembers this wonderful Tasmanian Artist and remind us all how powerful art is as documentary evidence of the beauty of this place. (7 March 2017)

**1469** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:-
  - (a) the Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP has issued a threat to Councils to take over TasWater;
  - (b) for the past three years of this Government, Minister Gutwein has buck passed and denied all State Government responsibility to assist TasWater in upgrading its aging infrastructure; and
  - (c) the Treasurer and Minister was proud to recently announce a \$150million windfall gain from Stamp Duty and Land Tax.
- (2) Agrees this money would be best spent supporting TasWater’s critical work, not put away into an election slush fund.

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- (3) Acknowledges that with an election looming, the Minister has taken a sudden interest in TasWater.
- (4) Understands the Minister's late-term plan to halve the time taken to undertake TasWater's infrastructure schedule has not been adequately modelled to offer an alternative to TasWater's plan.
- (5) Notes that Minister Gutwein has produced no analysis on how to execute this plan suggesting the government is using water and sewerage infrastructure as a political issue, rather than an earnest attempt to resolve a decades long problem.
- (6) Agrees that by singling out this Government to be quarantined from investment in our aging water and sewerage systems, the Minister for Planning and Local Government has indicated that he would rather pick a fight with local governments and TasWater, than collaborate with them.
- (7) Calls on the Liberal Minister to enter into meaningful discussions with TasWater and to treat the Tasmanian community with the respect they deserve when negotiating the best possible outcome for all, not just political posturing for dramatic and purely political effect. (7 March 2017)

### 1470 Ms Dawkins to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:-
  - (a) there is a two speed economy at play in Tasmania, with the Northern part of the state missing out on opportunities for economic and social development;
  - (b) it is young Tasmanians and displaced manufacturing workers who are really missing out;
  - (c) the Northern Stimulus Package has so far produced a car park, which is yet to see a vehicle;
  - (d) whilst the Northern economy transitions out of manufacturing and resource based economies, opportunities for our natural competitive advantage are being not being fully explored by government;
  - (e) Launceston is one of Australia's most beautiful cities, with unique built and natural heritage, yet its river kanamaluka/River Tamar is one of the most polluted rivers in Australia;
  - (f) most of the pollution comes from industrial farming practises along the North and South Esk rivers;
  - (g) this Government is responsible for the quality of the water which flows into kanamauka/River Tamar but takes no responsibility for its quality; and
  - (h) that in spite of a lack of government leadership, interest in our local food economy and creative industries continues to grow.
- (9) Resolves to ensure Northern Tasmania can share in the economic and social benefits which are currently flowing strongly to the South of the State.
- (10) Calls on the Hodgman Liberal Government to get serious about a long term, strategic plan for sustainable jobs and opportunities in Tasmania's North and North West. (7 March 2017)

### 1471 Ms White to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the crisis in the state's public hospitals, particularly in the emergency departments of the Royal Hobart (RHH) and Launceston General (LGH) hospitals.
- (2) Further notes the shameless announcement by the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP claiming he is opening more beds when these beds are either already available, previously promised by him but not delivered, previously closed by him or already announced in an earlier statement.
- (3) Condemns the Minister for doing nothing with the report "Review of Access to Emergency Care" for six months and only releasing it when an RTI was lodged.
- (4) Reminds members that Minister Michael Ferguson claimed to have come up with a decanting strategy for the RHH redevelopment that was safe but in fact what has been revealed is that this is just another misleading statement from the embattled Health Minister.
- (5) Recalls statements by the Health Minister that the demolition of B Block would not result in a loss of beds at the Royal Hobart Hospital but in fact that is exactly what

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has occurred, despite staff raising concern about the impact for many months prior, without action from the Minister.

- (6) Condemns Minister Michael Ferguson for failing to ensure a safe decant plan was developed before demolition of B Block which has left the Royal Hobart hospital emergency department in daily crisis and staff under enormous pressure. (7 March 2017)

**1472** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the bravery of Kaushalya Ilangkovan and her family in speaking out about the totally unacceptable and reprehensible treatment that they experienced in the week commencing 27 February 2017 in Launceston.
- (2) Notes that the support that was extended to the family by the community since this ordeal represents the true nature of both the Launceston and Tasmanian communities as one of welcome and acceptance.
- (3) Commends the family for their courage and capacity to forgive and not judge the whole community by the actions of a tiny minority.
- (4) Wishes our guest students and new residents a happy and successful time in Launceston, which is proud to have them as members of the community. (7 March 2017)

**1473** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that an estimated 250 people packed the Triabunna Community Hall on Sunday, 5 March 2017 at a public meeting about the Government's approval of a Tassal fish farm on the pristine East Coast.
- (2) Understands that, by their own words, the meeting comprised local residents, shack owners, recreational fishers, divers, several ex-salmon farmers, owners of commercial fishing businesses, ex-Tassal employees, marine biologists, and tourism business operators.
- (3) Accepts that, on a show of hands from the hall, 4 people expressed their support for salmon farming at Okehampton Bay, and the remaining more than 200 raised their hand against.
- (4) Realises the pretence that this fishing industry expansion has widespread community support is shown to be a lie.
- (5) Acknowledges that two State Greens MPs were present at the meeting, but not one Liberal or Labor MP, State or Federal, attended to hear community concerns.
- (6) Understands the meeting resolved to call on Minister Rockliff to reverse his approval of fin-fish farming at Okehampton Bay.
- (7) Calls on the Government to respect the will of the community and act to end the expansion of fish farming on the east coast. (7 March 2017)

**1474** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP's approval of fin-fish farming in Okehampton Bay was decried as being a corrupt process, and rejected by some 250 people at a Triabunna public meeting last Sunday 5 March 2017.
- (2) Recognises that local residents, shack owners, recreational fishers and divers who use and take pleasure in Okehampton Bay, and who will be directly impacted by industrial inshore fish farming operations, were specifically excluded by Minister Rockliff from having their say to the Marine Farming Planning Panel's review.
- (3) Further recognises that existing and future tourism operators, existing mussel and oyster farmers, and rock lobster and abalone divers who will be economically impacted by industrial fish farming infrastructure and operations were also excluded by Minister Rockliff from having their say, and that the economic impacts of this expansion were excluded from the Panel's review.
- (4) Acknowledges that the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel's decision-making took place behind closed doors, with community and existing businesses locked out of the review and now with no right to appeal the Panel's recommendations or the Minister's decision.

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- (5) Calls on the Government to end this corrupt process, disband the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel and move the approval of new leases, and expansion of existing ones, within the Land Use Planning and Approval Act. (7 March 2017)
- 1475** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Welcomes the ABS Retail Trade figures which show that January 2017 was the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of retail growth in Tasmania.
  - (2) Notes that the value of retail trade in Tasmania grew by 3.7 % between January 2016 and January 2017, 0.5 % above the national growth rate.
  - (3) Notes that the December 2016 Sensis Business Index found that the Tasmanian Government was the most popular Government in Australia in terms of its policies supporting small business.
  - (4) Thanks and congratulates Tasmanian businesses for their positive outlook and continuing investment in products, services and jobs for Tasmanians.
  - (5) Urges Labor and the Greens to join the business community in supporting the Hodgman Liberal Government's policies that are supporting growth and confidence, jobs and investment in Tasmania, instead of talking the place down. (7 March 2017)
- 1476** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:-
- (a) that the Hodgman Liberal Majority Government's plan to support business and create jobs on the North West has helped renew confidence in the region;
  - (b) that positive policies such as buying local, investing in our schools, rebuilding our health system and slashing red and green tape has delivered jobs and growth to the North West;
  - (c) the Hodgman Majority Government's plan and policies are in stark contrast to the sell-out Labor party with a leader that is more interested in his eco-tourism business than standing up for the interests of his Electorate;
  - (d) the united Hodgman Majority Government continues to focus on the future of Tasmanians compared to the no policy opposition that are too lazy and too incompetent to develop any policy for the Tasmanian community; and
  - (e) that there is still work to be done and the united Hodgman Government will continue to focus everyday on supporting the North West and the community. (7 March 2017)
- 1479** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that 15 permanent beds have been opened at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH), which were closed by the Labor-Green Government and harmed patient care. This will increase patient flow and improve patient care.
  - (2) Notes that:-
    - (a) \$7.9 million has recently been invested into upgrades for the Children's Ward at the LGH, the first major work on Ward 4K since it was built more than 30 years ago. In line with Rethink Mental Health Plan, the upgrade will also incorporate specialist facilities for child and adolescent mental health patients for the first time; and
    - (b) a further \$3 million has been invested into Allied Health Clinics at the LGH.
  - (3) Acknowledges:-
    - (a) the record levels of elective surgery due to two new theatres, the 120 extra full-time nurses and commends all the staff for their work in reducing waiting lists to record lows; and
    - (b) that the Government is committed to investing in community health and improving the health of all Tasmanians. (8 March 2017)
- 1480** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 8 March 2017 was International Women's Day.
  - (2) Celebrates the 2017 International Women's Day message, "Be Bold for Change".

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- (3) Understands the indisputable link between gender inequality and violence against women and children.
- (4) Acknowledges that unconscious bias and casual sexism are serious, persistent issues in everyday life - in schools, workplaces, homes, board rooms, and even our parliaments - that are a block to true gender equality in Australia.
- (5) Recognises that as members of Parliament we have a responsibility to be the change we want to see.
- (6) Calls on all Members to be role models for the next generation.
- (7) Encourages all Tasmanian women, to be brave, be bold for change, and for all Tasmanian men to stand with women and girls and be strong advocates for equality, and a safer Tasmania. (8 March 2017)

**1481** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that despite not being mentioned once in the Premier's Address, climate change is the greatest threat to Tasmania, and the planet.
- (2) Notes that as soon as the Liberals took office they removed the climate change ministry from Cabinet, sacked the independent Climate Action Council abandoned the free energy efficiency program for low income Tasmanians, scrapped the substantial, consultative work of the Labor Green Government and announced plans to ramp up native forest logging at a huge cost to the climate.
- (3) Understands that last year's devastating fires and floods are climate related, and that climate change is already hitting the Tasmanian economy and communities hard.
- (4) Recognises that more than a year ago, the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, Hon. Matthew Groom MP, released a bundle of motherhood statements lacking in substance, inaccurately titled the draft Climate Change Action Plan.
- (5) Further notes that the Liberals' "AGENDA 2016" commits to delivering the final 'Climate Change Action Plan, 2016-21' by the end of September last year.
- (6) Further acknowledges that we are one year in to an Action Plan that does not yet exist.
- (7) Further understands:
  - (a) that while every other government initiative, no matter how small, is received with overwhelming self-congratulation, Hon. Matthew Groom's 'Climate Change Action Plan' is six months overdue and has disappeared without a trace from all Liberal propaganda; and
  - (b) the Hodgman Government can barely utter the words 'climate change' for fear of upsetting their climate-denying membership, let alone actually do something about the challenge facing the State.
- (8) Calls on the Liberals to:—
  - (a) behave like a responsible, future-focussed government and apply a climate lens to all policy as the Greens do;
  - (b) take substantial action to lower emissions while enabling communities and key economic sectors to adapt to a hotter planet; and
  - (c) release a real climate action plan for Tasmania. (8 March 2017)

**1482** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Parliament of Victoria for passing legislation to ban onshore unconventional gas exploration, include coal seam gas and fracking.
- (2) Notes that fracking is an environmental and human health issue that can cause:—
  - (a) contamination of ground and surface water;
  - (b) methane emissions;
  - (c) air pollution; and
  - (d) chemical and radionuclide surface contamination.
- (3) Agrees the Victorian decision provides much needed security for Victorian farmers and communities.
- (4) Calls on the Government to introduce a permanent ban on Fracking in Tasmania, to create a frack-free Tasmania and provide Tasmanian's with the same security as Victorians. (8 March 2017)

**1483** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Acknowledges that International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, a day which also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.
- (2) Notes that International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day.
- (3) Hears the words of world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist Gloria Steinem. Thus "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," says International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level.
- (4) Understands that:
  - (a) in the 2012 Workplace Gender Equality Act was legislated to promote and improve gender equality in remuneration and employment within Australian workplaces; and
  - (b) the Act requires organisations to report annually against a number of gender equity indicators, including remuneration, and provides each organisation with an individual report that compares their gender equity standing to industry benchmarks and that According to WGEA 'Despite major advances for women in both educational attainment and workforce participation, the gender pay gap remains a permanent fixture of the Australian labour market, with the full-time gender pay gap remaining at or around 20% for more than two decades. The full-time gender pay gap currently stands at around 18%, with women earning on average only 82% of a man's pay (ABS 2015). This means that a woman would have to work an additional 65 days each year to earn the same as a man (WGEA 2015).
- (6) Notes with concern that in Tasmania there has been an increase in the Gender pay gap. Just in one year from May 2015 where it was 12.1 % Up to 13.2 % in May 2016 a Difference of 1.1 %.
- (7) Recognises that it is estimated that at our current rate of progress, it will take 170 years for women to achieve gender equality around the world. This is simply too long to wait, and it is why dedicated women's movements matter.
- (8) Calls upon all Members of this house to, speak up, speak out, and speak to each other. Celebrate women. Condemn inequality. Create change. (8 March 2017)

**1484** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Fair Work Commission decision to reduce Sunday penalty rates will have a disproportionate impact on women workers.
- (2) Further notes that the decision wholly endorsed by the Liberal Party means a retail worker on \$600 per week could expect to lose \$80 per week or \$4,160 a year.
- (3) Acknowledges comments by the professor of gender and employment relations at the University of Sydney Business School, Dr Marian Baird, who said 'for many women, working on weekends is their only option because conventional career work on weekdays is too inflexible for them and there is no childcare', and that 'more women will be affected by these cuts than men, and that while the Fair Work Commission's decision looks at the composition of part-time workers it does not properly acknowledge the representation of males and females. It also describes a category of jobs as 'non-career'.
- (4) Further acknowledges that Dr Baird continued on to say 'this misses the point that for many women there is no other option as their so-called career jobs are impossible to manage if they have children, elder care or other family responsibilities. So they have been forced to take other work that is more flexible, but lower skilled and paid', 'are we now also saying that because a job is non-career it is worth less than if it was

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a career position for a person, even if the work is the same? Do workers in retail really have the option for the part-time career position or the casual non-career position – even when the work is exactly the same’?

- (5) Notes that Marie Coleman, Chair of the Social Policy Committee of the women’s lobby group the National Foundation for Australian Women said the Fair Work Commission’s decision was a ‘fair smash at younger women and female-headed families’. It is a very rough deal, and that women are disproportionately represented, more likely to receive minimum award wages and more likely to rely on penalty rates to meet household payments.
- (6) Calls on the Tasmanian Liberals including Senator Abetz to condemn this decision which hurts all workers and women workers even more. (8 March 2017)

**1485** Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House notes that:—

- (a) there are approximately 1,500 Educators working in Long Day Care services across Tasmania and that today, International Womens Day 100 early Education and Care Workers will be walking off the job as part of their Big Steps campaign for equal pay.
- (b) the gender pay gap in Australia has grown in the past decade. Ninety-seven per cent of Educators working in long day care are women, making it one of the most highly feminised workforces in our country. It also makes it one of Australia’s most poorly paid professions.
- (c) early learning across our country is chronically underfunded, especially when compared to other OECD countries. If our government truly valued early learning, they would also value the Educators who deliver it.
- (d) early childhood educators are walking off the job to demand the Federal Government values their work and the difference they make in children’s lives.
- (e) despite the importance of their role many Educators earn just \$20 an hour. This is because it’s seen as “women’s work”.
- (f) that’s why on International Women’s Day Tasmanian Educators are joining in the biggest early education walk off in Australian history – to say very clearly that it’s time to value their work, by funding equal pay for educators in this year’s Federal budget.
- (g) here in Tasmania these walk offs have extra significance in the face of our Education Act reforms. A lower school start age threatens to decimate our Early Childhood Education and Care sector, and these centre closures will demonstrate exactly what sort of impact that will be for services, families and communities.
- (h) the lack of concern the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and his Government have shown for the significant job losses forecast in the ECEC sector as a result of this policy and contrast this with the concern they have shown for job losses in male dominated industries. (8 March 2017)

**1486** The Minister for Women to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) International Women’s Day, an annual global celebration of the economic, political, cultural and social achievements of women;
- (b) International Women’s Day is also an opportune reminder to reflect on the past accomplishments as well as the particular challenges and discrimination that women and girls still face due to their gender;
- (c) the theme of International Women’s Day 2017 was ‘Be Bold For Change’, with the aim to help forge a better working world – a more gender inclusive world;
- (d) that all can play a part in creating a more gender inclusive world, because more visibility, awareness and education are the factors that will help drive a positive change for women;

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- (e) that the Tasmanian Government is committed to addressing the underlying factors that create and maintain gender inequality, and empowering and enabling women and girls to reach their full potential;
- (f) that one initiative of the Hodgman Liberal Government is to work with the University of Tasmania Gender Policy Strategy Group, on highlighting the issue of the gender pay gap for young women graduates and empowering female graduates to negotiate for better pay in the workplace;
- (g) that each year an amazing array of events is offered throughout Tasmania to acknowledge International Women's Day, with events planned throughout the whole week, giving women and men the opportunity to participate in some way. This year, over 20 events will be held in Tasmania, with details available on the DPAC website;
- (h) that in the week commencing 13 March 2017, over 600 guests will attend the 2017 Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation's International Women's Day Big Breakfast in Hobart with guest speaker Dr Susan Alberti AC, who is one of Australia's pre-eminent philanthropists, a leading business woman and one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the women's roster in the AFL; and
- (i) we thank all those women who have come before us with the challenges that they have faced, and we celebrate all that Tasmanian women have achieved and will achieve in the future. (8 March 2017)

**1487** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes and expresses its deepest concern as to reports of a major data breach from the Tasmanian Department of Justice.
- (2) Further notes:-
  - (a) personal details of former staff were accidentally sent out;
  - (b) 10,000 emails were mistakenly delivered to state workers and members of the public;
  - (c) it is unclear how many of the emails contained sensitive data;
  - (d) the Justice Department confirmed the breach;
  - (e) that despite the extensive investigation and report into IT and data security undertaken by the auditor general, there has been scant information provided to the people of Tasmania as to the implementation of solutions to the very real, and very dangerous, issues identified in that report; and
  - (f) that the integrity of information, particularly personal and confidential information, is of the greatest concern to all Tasmanians and we call for the Government to act immediately to ensure a robust and secure technology environment for workers and for members of the public. (8 March 2017)

**1488** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns the Liberal Government for its efforts to restrict access to information which is rightfully the property of the people, and I ask the house to note that:—
- (2) Notes:-
  - (a) continued subversion of the RTI process through ham fisted political meddling does nothing to enhance the confidence of the people of Tasmania in government;
  - (b) the people of Tasmania want to know what its government is doing, and how it is spending their taxes, and that freedom of information is the mechanism through which that occurs;
  - (c) Transparent and Open government must be supported with robust and accessible RTI processes; Freedom of information, freedom of speech and access to one's personal information is critical to proper government functioning; and

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- (d) it is essential that in the Westminster system, to ensure that appropriate checks and balances are in place to restrain the unbridled use of government power, that information flows freely and fairly upon request by any member of the public utilising the RTI process.
- (3) Condemns the short sighted approach of this Liberal Government for its secretive approach and its fear of engaging directly with the people, which will undoubtedly see it come unstuck at the polls. (8 March 2017)

**1489** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) The fundamental inability of the Liberal Government to engage with the Tasmanian people in relation to their legitimate and deeply held concerns regarding Planning law reform.
- (2) Further notes that:-
  - (a) Many groups and individuals are engaged in a broad based discussion across our Island State as to the efficacy or otherwise of the Liberal Government's approach to planning reform.
  - (b) Despite the rhetoric there are few people who feel they have had an adequate opportunity to engage in a well-run consultation process'.
  - (c) It is clear that resistance to the more egregious elements of the proposed approach is forming and it is only good, proper and sensible that the people be heard on this matter.
  - (d) An integrated approach to planning law reform is the essence of what a contemporary system should look like, and only Labor can get these reforms back on track.
  - (e) Planning must be properly resourced, not subjected to funding erosion year on year.
  - (f) Planning for Tasmania must be at the heart of how we manage our future environment, both built and natural, for the benefit of future generations.
  - (g) Politicians should never be fearful of listening, understanding and reflecting the people's wishes in how reforms such as the planning reforms are envisaged and implemented,
  - (h) Only Labor is listening. (8 March 2017)

**1490** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Kafkaesque shambles triggered by the Liberal Governments pugilistic approach to key stakeholders in local government.
- (2) Further notes that:-
  - (a) fighting with your stakeholders and ratepayers can only end in tears;
  - (b) people are fed up with politicians who won't listen;
  - (c) ratepayers just want things run properly, and are not fooled by Liberal Government efforts to bring local government under its direct line control;
  - (d) efforts to reduce the income of councils by removing dividends from their income streams will have a deep impact on many councils;
  - (e) this is nothing more than forced mergers by stealth as smaller councils will find it hard to maintain sustainability in the face of reduced finances;
  - (f) ratepayers will be the ones who suffer, as the inevitable occurs – rates will rise, or services will be reduced; and
  - (g) only Labor takes local government seriously and understands that local government is at the heart of our local communities and must be sustainable. (8 March 2017)

**1491** Mr *Street* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that health is a key priority of the Hodgman Liberal Government.

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- (2) Commends the Government for redeveloping the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH), which will increase bed capacity by 250 beds.
- (3) Further notes that:-
  - (a) in 2016 almost 3,300 additional people came through the doors of the RHH Emergency Department compared to 2015;
  - (b) the Government has announced the opening of 27 new beds starting this month at locations including the Roy Fagan Centre, the New Norfolk District Hospital and the Hobart Private Hospital to help alleviate the very real demands the RHH is facing right now;
  - (c) the opening of these beds was done after close consultation with senior clinical staff; and
  - (d) this will free up space for emergency department patients, allowing hundreds of extra people to receive care this year.
- (4) Acknowledges that this investment in frontline care has been made possible by responsible financial management, which has put the State Budget back in the black.
- (5) Further notes that:-
  - (a) this announcement is the next stage of our Patients First initiative and is designed to further improve patient flow and ease pressure on emergency department waiting times;
  - (b) the new beds will allow patients to be treated in the facility best suited to care for them; and
  - (c) recruitment for additional health professionals will begin straight away.
- (7) Comments the hard working staff at the RHH for their exceptional professionalism and dedication to our patients as we have worked through this challenging task during a major redevelopment.
- (8) Commends the Government's commitment to deliver a better health system for all Tasmanians. (8 March 2017)

**1492** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the article in the Mercury on the 8 March 2017 quoting staff from the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) who continue to be concerned about the lack of beds available and the capacity of the hospital to cope with increasing demand.
- (2) Further notes comments from Health analyst Martyn Goddard said the 27 beds for the South would not be enough to alleviate pressure during the coming flu season.
- (3) Acknowledges the statement from the Medical Staff Association at the RHH that demolition of the Royal Hobart Hospital's B Block should not continue before the extra beds announced by the State Government last week are up and running.
- (4) Brings to Members' attention the statement from one senior staff member who said: "Demolishing the RHH B Block wards without first ensuring there were enough alternative beds for our patients was not just irresponsible, it was negligent."
- (5) Further notes that another said: "The announcement of extra beds at the time of finally releasing the ED report was disgusting spin doctoring, but worse it won't allow us to get through the winter safely — too little, too late."
- (6) Condemns the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP for failing to listen to staff when they first began to raise concern about the decant strategy last year which has led to a scenario where staff are now worried they will be placing patient safety at risk due to inadequate resourcing. (8 March 2017)

**1493** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Labor has resolved to establish an independent Community Services Commissioner with the powers to:—
  - (a) handle individual complaints; review the situation of an individual, or group of people;
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) inquire into matters affecting services and people eligible to receive community services; and

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- (d) promote access to advocacy support for service receivers to ensure adequate participation in decision-making about services they receive.
- (2) Further notes that Labor believes that all people should be afforded the right to access government funded community services that are safe, of high quality and afford respect.
- (3) Recognises that with an increasing number of services now delivered by the community sector, including disability and child protection services, there is a need to ensure the rights of people are protected.
- (4) Highlights that with the move to outsource many government services to the community sector, such as housing, disability services and out of home care, there needs to be an appropriate oversight mechanism that allows individuals to have their concerns heard and investigated by an independent body.
- (5) Understands that without an independent process this leaves vulnerable people and their carers without adequate support or remedy when they feel aggrieved.
- (6) Agrees that Tasmania needs to establish a Community Services Commission that can act as an independent statutory authority with the power to investigate individual complaints and make findings.
- (7) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to commit to establishing an independent Community Services Commissioner. (8 March 2017)

**1494** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that in November 2016 many Tasmanians with disability who had transitioned to the NDIS had their access to the Tasmanian Transport Access Scheme smartcard removed.
- (2) Further understands that the impact of this was reduced access to support services and day programs and undermined the ability of individuals to access education, employment and participate in the community.
- (3) Notes that only after the community and media placed significant pressure on the Minister for Transport an interim measure put in place.
- (4) Notes with concern the ongoing uncertainty for NDIS participants about whether they will be able to continue to have access to transport that meets their needs after the temporary measure expires in June of this year.
- (5) Recognises that unless a long-term solution is reached NDIS participants will again have reduced access to programs and support services, education and employment.
- (6) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to work with the Federal Government as a matter of priority to provide an ongoing solution for people with disability before the current short-term measure runs out. (8 March 2017)

**1495** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes health is a key priority for the majority Hodgman Government and that the Burnie hospital has a vital ongoing role delivering health services for North West coasters in collaboration with the specialist Mersey Hospital which delivers state-wide elective surgery.
- (2) Welcomes the opening of eight new permanent beds at the North West Regional Hospital in March 2017.
- (3) Further notes:-
  - (a) the eight new beds will be available from April and are the next stage of the Patients First initiative targeted to ease pressure on the Emergency Departments and ensuring patients get the care they need sooner;
  - (b) the beds include four Emergency Department stay beds. The Short Stay Unit will provide care for emergency patients who do not need a lengthy stay in hospital freeing up other beds; and, four surgical beds for elective surgery patients who need overnight stays;

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- (c) that this additional capacity will allow the North West Regional Hospital to focus on overnight surgeries, which will in turn allow more day surgery to be carried out at the Mersey Community Hospital;
  - (d) that the new bed package will be supported by a \$720,000 upgrade of the pre-admission area and a funded staffing increase valued at \$600,000 in FY16/17;
  - (e) this continued investment in our health system is only made possible because we've got the Budget back on track; and
  - (f) that Labor has no plan, no policies and a terrible track record when it comes to delivering on health.
- (4) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on a record \$6.4 billion investment in health over the next four years, and while there is still more to be done we are delivering the health system Tasmanians need. (8 March 2017)

**1496** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:-
- (a) the town of Derby has been significantly revitalised as a result of the Mountain Bike Trails (MTB) development during the past two years;
  - (b) the economic and employment spin-offs of these developments extend to many other areas of the North East of Tasmania;
  - (c) the Blue Derby MTB trails are now a world class adventure tourism development, which is recognised by many in the industry as the best MTB riding in the world;
  - (d) Derby, and Tasmania, will come to the sporting world's attention during the 2017 Enduro World Series event in early April;
  - (e) over 2000 people are expected to descend on the North East of Tasmania, including dozens of international journalists;
  - (f) MTB trails such as Blue Derby rely heavily on the high quality and rich diversity of the surrounding forests, and these trails trade on the 'clean and green' image we project to the world; and
  - (g) the Government is now planning on removing protection for the reserves surrounding Blue Derby and the Blue Tier, and allowing logging operations in the forests that contain these world renowned trails.
- (2) Calls on the Government to suspend logging operations adjoining these trails, and take steps to protect the forests surrounding the area, including the area of the Blue Tier. (8 March 2017)

**1497** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:-
- (a) it has been a year since logging at Lapoinya resulted in decimation of the forest;
  - (b) flooding has affected siltation at Mayne's Creek and the area has not seen the remediation required to address this issue and allow for the return *Astacopsis Gouldii* to the area;
  - (c) *Astacopsis Gouldii*, the largest freshwater crayfish in the world, remains under threat from this and other logging operations;
  - (d) the wildlife has not returned to the area as there is no forest to sustain them;
  - (e) Forestry Tasmania, no matter how it is branded, stands little chance of FSC whilst operations like this are undertaken in forests with significant natural values;
  - (f) Forestry in Tasmania costs the community dearly with \$67M pumped in from the public purse in the last financial year; and
  - (g) comments made by the Government in May 2016 stating that 'The next stage of the forest management plan has begun and will see regeneration of the area', have not come to fruition.

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- (2) Calls on the Government to learn from this failed logging operation at Lapoinya, and halt further incursions into Tasmania's native forests, which have no industry and little community support. (8 March 2017)

**1498** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes that:—

- (a) Tasmanians are benefiting from the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to reduce red tape;
- (b) the '*Tasmanian Red Tape Audit Report 2016*' documents 98 red tape issues identified so far through consultation, 72 of which have now been addressed through legislative and policy changes including:-
- (i) faster council approvals and reduced permit requirements for home builders;
- (ii) the removal of barriers to allow Uber and AirBnB to operate in Tasmania; and
- (iii) simplification of dam works approvals for Tasmanian farmers.
- (c) the Hodgman Liberal Government is now working with the Australian Government and Local Government in Tasmania to identify and address red tape and duplication between levels of government where doing so creates benefits for Tasmanians and Tasmanian businesses;
- (d) cutting red tape is just one way the Hodgman Liberal Government is opening Tasmania up for business, boosting the economy and building Tasmania's future, but there is still more work to be done; and
- (e) Labor and the Greens should embrace ongoing red tape reduction as an integral part of good government instead of calling for the abolition of the Red Tape Reduction Coordinator position and the Office of the Coordinator General which supports it. (8 March 2017)

**1499** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that in 2012, the conservation movement and others, including a former salmon farmer, opposed the 360 per cent increase in salmon farm production that was approved for Macquarie Harbour because of concerns about the lack of science to demonstrate that this expansion would be sustainable.
- (2) Acknowledges that the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel ignored those warnings and approved the expansion of salmon farms from annual production of 8 000 tonnes to 29 500 tonnes.
- (3) Notes that the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP's regulatory framework and monitoring regime that he has repeatedly assured Tasmanians is "comprehensive and robust" and "comparable to world's best practice" has overseen a state where Macquarie Harbour is at point of ecological collapse, with catastrophically low dissolved oxygen levels throughout the basin; one lease site virtually devoid of life out to at least half a kilometre from the cages; and inevitable damage to world heritage values, including the maugean skate.
- (4) Understands that we have witnessed an unfolding catastrophe in the Harbour, as a result of corrupted regulatory processes, culminating the Minister for Primary Industries and Water and the Director of the EPA being sued by industry for failing to regulate to protect the Harbour.
- (5) Calls on the Government to listen to the East Coast Community who doesn't want the Minister to export his world's best practice in shore fish farming chaos to the East Coast. (8 March 2017)

**1500** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that 35 organisations from around Tasmania recently met in Ross and joined together as the Planning Matters Alliance.
- (2) Further understands the groups are united to campaign against the government's State Planning Provisions that severely limit communities' involvement in development and planning decisions that affect their future.
- (3) Realises these groups were drawn from across the state, from rural and urban areas, and are comprised of ratepayers and progress associations, environmental groups, Landcare groups, and local "friends of" groups.

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- (4) Calls on the Minister for Planning to hear the widespread concerns of people in Tasmania about the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, that puts developer interests first and community interests last, and to overhaul the scheme to:—
- (a) introduce far stronger planning controls so that developments must benefit the community's interests and sustain environmental biodiversity;
  - (b) remove ministerial powers of intervention into planning decisions;
  - (c) restore the powers and independence of the Tasmanian Planning Commission;
  - (d) protect our plants and animals by reducing allowable land clearing, funding the development of a high quality state-wide vegetation map, and protecting national parks and reserves;
  - (e) preserve the characteristic differences of our towns, suburbs and countryside, including local character and heritage; and
  - (f) strengthen third party rights to appeal, reduce the costs for appeals, and promote community consultation before decisions are made. (8 March 2017)

**1501** Mr *Llewellyn* to move—That the House notes that:—

- (a) Labor is a strong supporter of the Tasmanian Forest Industry;
- (b) Labor believes that to ensure a strong investment environment for the forest industry this can best be achieved with a bipartisan approach on forest policy;
- (c) Labor is committed to the pursuit of Forest Stewardship Council certification of forests managed by Forestry Tasmania in order to facilitate market access and sustainable growth for the industry;
- (d) Labor is committed to the legislative requirement to deliver 137 000 cubic metres of high quality sawlogs from production forest land without the need to reopen contentious areas;
- (e) Labor supports the harvest of special species timber from FPPF land on a tread widely, tread lightly basis, subject to the completion of the Special Species Management Plan;
- (f) Labor believes that the achievement of Forest Stewardship Council Certification by Forestry Tasmania will open up markets for forest residue and return profitability to the industry within existing PTPZ areas;
- (g) on the basis of industry consultation, Labor has reservations about the intention of the Liberal Government to make 357 000 ha of land previously identified for reserves available for broad scale harvest because;
- (h) there has been no demonstrated demand for volumes from within the 357,000ha. In fact, major customers have categorically stated that they will not accept timber from FPPF land. Others have stated that they would only accept timber if it was certified by the Forest Stewardship Council;
- (i) there is significant uncertainty over how much timber is actually available to harvest within the 357,000ha. In answers to questions on notice from GBEs in 2016, Forestry Tasmania advised that of this land only 64,000 had previously been included in provisional native forest production coupes. The actual area suitable for harvest is believed to be even smaller once contentious areas such as the Three Capes Track, Bruny Island and the Derby mountain bike trails are removed;
- (j) the Government is basing its strategy in large part on advice from Forestry Tasmania that a quarter of its coupes cannot be harvested commercially at current prices. Therefore, it is argued FT cannot satisfy its legislative and contractual obligations to provide 137,000 cubic metres of thign quality sawlogs annually. The Government contends that its strategy will allow the shortfall to be supplied from FPPF land and the private forest estate. It is worth noting that the Government's strategy was not a recommendation from Forestry Tasmania;
- (k) the Government's legislation will actually reduce Forestry Tasmania's obligation to supply 137,000 cubic metres of high quality sawlogs from public forests. This was set as the absolute baseline volume to provide certainty to the industry. Timber from other sources was supposed to provide opportunities for future growth;
- (l) it is unclear how Forestry Tasmania's existing contracts can be fulfilled suing timber from other sources without being renegotiated;

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- (m) it is also unclear who will harvest timber from the FPPF land and how it will flow through FT to satisfy contracts, without impacting on FT's pursuit of FSC certification;
- (n) concerns have been expressed by both the owners and harvesters of private forests that Forestry Tasmania will effectively be competing with them to supply timber previously sourced from public forests; and
- (o) the Government has threatened that 700 jobs will be lost if their legislation is not passed, but that will only happen if the Government knowingly and deliberately rip up legally binding contracts. (8 March 2017)

**1502** Mr *Llewellyn* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the important role Neighbourhood Houses have in community life.
- (2) Recognises that Neighbourhood Houses provide opportunities for local people to gain new skills and qualifications to become leaders in their own communities.
- (3) Commends the work of staff and the programs they deliver at Neighbourhood Houses to help to find local solutions to problems that arise in communities, and for offering training and development opportunities for the people who engage with them that can lead to exciting new pathways.
- (4) Notes that Neighbourhood Houses run programs and activities at a local level that help to build the strength and resilience of individuals, families and communities.
- (5) Notes that without recurrent funding, Neighbourhood Houses face uncertainty which gets in the way of their important everyday functions.
- (6) Notes that a Labor Government would commit to:—
  - (a) increased recurrent funding for the operation of 33 Neighbourhood Houses across Tasmania of \$35,000 each; and
  - (b) will invest \$2 million to provide capital upgrades to refurbish the aging buildings Neighbourhood Houses operate from.
- (7) Notes that this capital investment program will stimulate economic activity across our regions as well as improve the important infrastructure Neighbourhood Houses operate from. (8 March 2017)

**1503** Mr *Llewellyn* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes it's been 9 months since the Premier promised an audit into the business emails of former Mining Minister Adam Brooks.
- (2) Further notes the Premier indicated the audit would be completed in just a couple of weeks.
- (3) Calls on the Premier to explain the current status of the audit and what is being done to progress it.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to clear the air and demand the audit be completed.
- (5) Notes the Premier said, "As long as this matter is not resolved Adam Brooks remains on the backbench" (8 March 2017)

**1504** Mr *Llewellyn* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that an analysis of the Revised Budget Estimates Report figures reveals the chances of big spending cuts before the next election.
- (2) Understands that the Treasurer's projected expenditure by the Government over the next year falls well short of what is needed to pay public service salaries, including the Government's agreed 2% pay rise.
- (3) Acknowledges in the 2017-18 financial year, Government spending is actually forecast to decrease by 1.5%, followed by minor increases of 1.1% in 2018-19 and 0.3% in 2019-20.
- (4) Notes that respected ratings agency Moody's has highlighted the fact that the Treasurer has a most difficult challenge ahead to contain expenditure to the levels projected – without a reduction in frontline services.
- (5) Calls on the Treasurer to explain to all Tasmanians – particularly those who work at the frontline in our health system, in our classrooms, in law and order and other critical areas of the public sector – how he will magically shrink expenditure without sacking workers. (8 March 2017)

**1505** Mr *Llewellyn* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes the hands-off approach of the Minister for Racing, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and his failure to fight for the industry.
- (2) Further notes the Government's broken promise to boost stakes money, when in fact they cut it across all three racing codes.
- (3) Calls on the Minister to become more actively involved in the industry and opportunities to secure new funding.
- (4) Congratulates Racing Clubs Tasmania on its advocacy for the industry and their work around the proposed merger of TABCorp and Tatts.
- (5) Calls on the Minister to take an interest in the merger to guarantee Tasmania receives its fair share of any dividend that flows from the merger. (8 March 2017)

**1506** Ms *Giddings* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the latest EMRS poll which saw support for the Hodgman Government drop a massive 11 points from 46 per cent in February of 2015 to 35 per cent in March of 2017;
- (b) the panic in the Hodgman Liberal Government that the public is seeing through their political spin and walking away from the government, as they have done nothing in three years;
- (c) this panic has led the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Minister for Infrastructure, Hon. Rene Hidding MP to behave in an extraordinary manner by releasing recommendations from a yet to be released report by Tasmania's Sentencing Advisory Council in relation to Sentencing of Driving Offences that Result in Death or injury, thus undermining the role of the independent Sentencing Advisory Council; and
- (d) the chair of the Sentencing Advisory Council advised the media that the report would not be released until April 2017. (8 March 2017)

**1507** Ms *Giddings* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Honours the lives of three Tasmanians who have passed away in 2017 after contributing enormously to our vibrant arts culture, namely Susan Williams, Geoff Parr and Max Angus.
- (2) Susan Williams was a legend around the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, having sung with the TSO Chorus for many years, sat on the TSO Board and helped to run the Friends of the TSO. She was also well known in the theatre world and as a teacher at the Friends School.
- (3) Geoff Parr, a contemporary artist and teacher, whose talents enriched the visual arts in Tasmania over many decades. His modern works across media have left a legacy which we will continue to enjoy and explore through the state collections at TMAG and beyond.
- (4) Max Angus lived to the ripe old age of 102. He was a well-renowned water colour artist who never stopped painting. At the age of 100, he was still holding exhibitions of his new and old work. He brought the Tasmanian landscape to life through his works whether it be mountains or beaches.
- (5) Sends its thoughts and condolences to the families and friends of these extraordinary people. (8 March 2017)

**1508** Ms *Countney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Celebrates the important role female professional athletes have in our community as role models to inspire young people and break down stereotypes.
- (2) Welcomes the news that the University of Tasmania has been successful in its bid to be one of the eight teams to join the maiden National University Sevens Series.
- (3) Congratulates the team at the University of Tasmania Stadium for being awarded the first of four rounds of the national series on 26-27 August 2017 ahead of Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra.
- (4) Recognises that this great announcement complements the matches the Hurricanes Women's Big Bash League play around the State as well as the hotly anticipated

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Suncorp Super Netball League game on Sunday 30 April 2017, where the Collingwood Magpies will take on the Queensland Firebirds at the Silverdome. (8 March 2017)

- 1509** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that Chief Pharmacist Peter Boyles has been the successful nomination from the State Government for the prestigious leader development Future Shapers Program, run by Public Administration Australia in June 2017.
  - (2) Congratulates Peter Boyles on this fantastic achievement and for being a role model to younger people aspiring to work in the pharmaceutical and policy sector. Peter is an accomplished young and reflective leader and his participation in this national program will further enhance his skills and contribution to public leadership in Tasmania.
  - (3) Notes that this program is supported by the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation, Sir Roland was a Rhodes Scholar born in Ulverstone and had a successful career in the public service. (9 March 2017)
- 1510** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Welcomes the launch on 8 March 2017 of the national Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) Nurse & Midwife Support service which is now available to nurses and midwives in Tasmania.
  - (2) Note that this is the first national dedicated telephone and online service that provides confidential health advice and referral for nurses and midwives.
  - (3) Commends the NMBA for the introduction of this service, which will assist in protecting the public by ensuring that these professionals have the health support they need to practice safely.
  - (4) Note that the service which offers a nationwide 24/7 support and referral about health issues via telephone and a website, complements the employee support services that are already available in Tasmania can also be accessed by educational providers and employers of nurses and midwives.
  - (5) Further notes that the new service compliments the employee support services that are already available in Tasmania.
  - (6) Acknowledges that the health and wellbeing of all nurses and midwives is a matter that the government and I take most seriously. It is obviously in the best interests of the broader community that our hard working and dedicated nurses and midwives have access to timely and confidential information and support when they need it. (9 March 2017)
- 1511** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges that the Ahmadiyya Muslim community had the most volunteers for Clean Up Australia day around the country, and raised the most money towards a cleaner, greener environment.
  - (2) Notes with sadness that the generosity, patriotism and hard work of these communities received no attention from main stream media outlets.
  - (3) Further notes that on the same day Senator Pauline Hanson did receive media attention, where she slandered Muslims with the claim that they do not assimilate and become Australian; and
  - (4) Agrees that Australians of the Muslim faith have made, and will continue to make, an outstanding contribution to the nation across all fields of community endeavour. (9 March 2017)
- 1512** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the 2016 energy crisis cost Tasmania an estimated \$126 million and highlighted how insecure the state's energy supply is.

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- (2) Understands that the Liberals' only response to the crisis has been to participate in talk-fests, and to promise an energy-efficiency loan scheme that still isn't functioning more than a year after the energy crisis commenced.
- (3) Recognises that nearly half of Tasmania's electricity in January **2017?** was imported over Basslink, or generated by the costly Tamar Valley Gas Power Station, costing taxpayers approximately \$15 million and showing how far we are from being self-sufficient in renewable electricity.
- (4) Acknowledges the huge sum of money that's left the State and gone to purchasing dirty coal and gas electricity from companies on the mainland.
- (5) Further understands that Tasmania has everything it needs, except political will, to become 100% self-sufficient and electricity secure every day, whatever the weather.
- (6) Calls on the Liberals to commit to a target, backed by real actions, to make Tasmania 100% self-sufficient, 100% renewable, 100% of the time. (9 March 2017)

**1513** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Ministerial approval to make the State Planning Provisions on 22 February 2017.
- (2) Respects that this was a sad day for all Tasmanians aware of the threat this approval brings to environmental values, local character, and our built and cultural heritage.
- (3) Further notes the Minister for Planning and Local Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, has steamrolled through complex reforms, showing contempt for the Tasmanian community, democratic process, and the independent Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- (4) Recognises the Liberal Government prevented the Tasmanian Planning Commission having a free hand to properly review the impact of the changes by limiting their Terms of Reference and timeframes, with the Commission given less than 7 weeks to conduct their assessment of 429 pages of dense planning rules, following the public hearings process.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for Planning and Local Government to respond to the Tasmanian Planning Commission statement in their report that the timeframes were too short to look at the impact on amenity and character in residential areas, despite these being critical to the operation of a planning scheme.
- (6) Understands, the Natural Assets Code is a disaster for protecting Tasmania's endangered plants and animals, risking the very environmental values that make Tasmania unique.
- (7) Calls on the Minister for Planning and Local Government to explain why he rejected the Commission's recommendation to throw out the "Natural Assets" Code and start the process from scratch, despite the Tasmanian Planning Commission stating their lack of confidence in the vegetation mapping that will guide council decisions about land clearing.
- (8) Calls on Minister for Planning and Local Government to explain why the Commission was also prevented from adding in extra planning material, and despite objections from councils, why Tasmania will now have no Stormwater Code as a result. (9 March 2017)

**1514** Mr *Street* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that from Friday 10 to Monday 13 February 2017, Hobart hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Wooden Boat Festival.
- (2) Recognises the cultural and economic contribution the festival makes to the whole of Tasmania, in particular the south of the State.

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- (3) Acknowledges the naming rights sponsor MyState as well as the City of Hobart, Dobson, Mitchell and Allport, Southern Cross Austereo and the Allport Bequest as the major sponsors.
- (4) Thanks the entire organising committee for their extraordinary efforts in putting the festival on and also recognises that apart from one paid employee the entire event is run by volunteers.
- (5) Thanks the Dutch Embassy in Canberra and DutchCulture a Netherlands funded organisation that operates in the areas of culture, media and heritage who both contributed greatly to this year's festival and the Dutch theme that accompanied it.
- (6) Recognises that the Australian Wooden Boat Festival attracted 220,000 visitors in 2015 with 40% of those visitors coming from interstate and overseas and that it appears at this stage that the 2017 event surpassed the numbers attracted in 2015.
- (7) Acknowledges that the Tasmanian Government is contributing \$2.25 million over six years to support not only this year's completed festival but also the 2019 and 2021 events. (9 March 2017)

**1515** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) in each of the last four years, more than 20 Tasmanian towns have been on Boil Water or Do Not Consume water alerts;
  - (b) TasWater's sewage treatment plant compliance with regulatory discharge to water limits has steadily declined since 2009;
  - (c) in 2014-15, only one of TasWater's 78 Level 2 Wastewater Treatment Plants was fully compliant with regulatory discharge to waters limits;
  - (d) more than two-thirds of Level 2 sewage plants are less than 90% compliant with regulatory discharge to water limits; and
  - (e) TasWater's rate of sewer overflows to the environment is seven times the national average.
- (2) Congratulates Treasurer, the Hon. Peter Gutwein MP and the Hodgman Liberal Government for taking responsibility for water and sewerage services in Tasmania meeting modern community and environmental expectations.
- (3) Notes that, in his response to the Ministerial Statement yesterday, the Leader of the Opposition claimed credit not only for discovering that the system was in crisis, but also for creating the system that is now in crisis.
- (4) Agrees that Tasmania cannot risk letting Labor fix water and sewerage again, especially when their priority is privatising public assets to support big city projects, not providing safe drinking water for regional towns. (9 March 2017)

**1517** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) resumption of mining at Mt Lyell is being "vigorously" reviewed after significant improvements in copper prices over many months from \$US4,600 per ton in November to around \$US5,900 now;
- (b) Copper Mines of Tasmania (CMT) is undertaking feasibility studies that have the potential to totally change how Mt Lyell mine operates, including an Australian-first use of electric trucks to move ore to the mill;
- (c) the proposed improvements would enable an increase in production from 2.6 million tonnes to 3.5 million tonnes per year, also improving the mine's viability; and
- (d) the Hodgman Liberal Government will continue working very closely with CMT with an aim to ensure a restart of the mine as soon as possible. (9 March 2017)

**1518** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Congratulates Copper Mines of Tasmania (CMT) and its parent company Vedanta for keeping the mine on a care and maintenance basis at a cost of \$80 million since production ceased in 2014.
- (2) Congratulates the Hodgman majority Government on its \$25 million package of assistance to support a resumption of mining at Mt Lyell.
- (3) Congratulates the Government for further demonstrating its support for jobs on the West Coast and jobs in the mining industry by keeping the door open to ongoing dialogue with the company regarding additional measures to get Mt Lyell up and running again. (9 March 2017)

**1519** Ms Dawkins to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:-
  - (a) Heidi Dairy's raclette won the most prestigious award at the 16th Australian Grand Dairy Awards;
  - (b) Heidi's raclette beat almost 400 products to be crowned the grand champion cheese;
  - (c) The locally produced Heidi Farm raclette, using milk from neighbouring farms, is handcrafted following traditional cheese making techniques and carries unique characteristics specific to the North-West;
  - (d) Last year Heidi Tilsit won the grand champion award with both cheeses being world class; and
  - (e) Tasmania still only has a dozen cheese makers and the potential for further value adding to the exiting dairy industry through cheese making is evident through the success of existing cheese makers.
- (2) Calls on the Government to further support research and development in the dairy industry in order to facilitate the expansion of the Tasmanian cheese industry. (9 March 2017)

**1520** Ms Dawkins to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:-
  - (a) the Tarkine forest is home to Australia's largest patch of temperate rainforest. It includes rare and endangered species. It contains one of the greatest concentrations of Aboriginal sites in Australia. The plant and animal life in the Tarkine is as rich and varied as the many habitats that support them;
  - (b) the Tarkine forest now forms the basis for an increasing amount of sustainable economic activity in the Tourism sector on the NW Coast - including food, accommodation and adventure tourism operations;
  - (c) in a similar way to what is happening in North-eastern Tasmania, the economic activity generated through these types of activities presents significant opportunities for local towns, local businesses and local people;
  - (d) it is becoming abundantly clear that we can celebrate and protect the wilderness and cultural heritage within the Tarkine - and create jobs - simultaneously; and
  - (e) the preservation of the Tarkine will protect the natural wonders that exist in the area, as well as bring enormous benefits to the surrounding region and the whole of Northern Tasmania.
- (2) Calls on the Government to halt further logging operations in this area, which have no industry and little community support, and risk ruining the opportunities for sustainable economic growth in the region. (9 March 2017)

**1521** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the TasTAFE Student Excellence Awards were held on Friday 3 March 2017 to celebrate the achievements of TasTAFE students in 2016.

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- (2) Congratulates all finalists and winners on their talent and dedication to their training across the 20 award categories and industry areas.
- (3) Further notes that the Minister for Education and Training, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP's TasTAFE Student of the Year Award was won by Jai North, who is a 22 year old butcher and small business owner in the North West, and completed a Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butcher).
- (4) Acknowledges the fantastic work of TasTAFE and the important role it plays in developing real skills for real jobs.
- (5) Further notes that investing in training opportunities repays our State many times over, which is why the Hodgman Liberal Government invests more than \$100 million per year in the Tasmanian training sector." (9 March 2017)

**1522** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Applauds the Hodgman Majority Government's long term plan of extending high schools to year's 11 and 12, which helps break the cycle of disadvantage and create a job ready generation of young Tasmanians.
- (2) Welcomes the news that from 2018, there will be a total of 38 schools offering Years 11 and 12, far exceeding our commitment to extend 21 schools to Year 12 by 2018.
- (3) Notes with approval that the recent Report on Government Services showed an increase in the Year 10-12 Government Apparent Retention Rate for 2015 or 73.8% compared with 70.1% in 2014.
- (4) Recognises that investments in education such as high school extension are only possible because the Hodgman Majority Government has the budget back on track.
- (5) Condemns Labor for its continued opposition to this logical change and their arrogance in telling these communities and parents they are wrong. (9 March 2017)

**1523** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 13 to 17 March 2017 is Coeliac Awareness Week and acknowledges the 'Consider Coeliac Disease' campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the condition in the community.
- (2) Recognises that in the electorate of Bass, it is estimated more than 450 of the constituents have coeliac disease, and of these, 80 percent do not know it.
- (3) Further notes that if left untreated Coeliac Disease can cause chronic health problems that can lead to liver disease, osteoporosis, infertility, other autoimmune illnesses and cancer. However, the risk of these associated conditions can be significantly reduced upon diagnosis and treatment.
- (4) Commends Coeliac Australia for the work it does in research, supporting people living with the disease, and their recently developed online training module for the food service industry, which will soon be available to TAFE students. (14 March 2017)

**1524** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Launceston businessman Errol Steward and architect Scott Curran have purchased the historical C.H. Smith site in Launceston to redevelop and congratulate them on this achievement.
- (2) Notes that this complex is one of Launceston's oldest remaining buildings and holds almost two centuries of the city's history dating back to the early 1800s, but has sat vacant as an abandoned eyesore for decades.
- (3) Commend the two men for their commitment to redevelop the site and making the area more attractive for the people of Launceston and tourists with the site set to be revitalised with a café, a restaurant, state offices and a 300 space care parking facility. (14 March 2017)

**1525** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the achievements of Pearn's Steam World in being awarded the Tasmanian Community Achievement Fonterra Australia Agriculture Award in November 2016.

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- (2) Notes that Pearn's Steam World has been operating in Westbury since 1987 and features a nationally significant assortment of steam traction engines, tractors, farm equipment and memorabilia collected from the 1950's.
- (3) Further recognises that Pearn's Steam World is run entirely by volunteers and brings visitors from all over the world to Westbury.
- (4) Congratulates the Pearn's Steam World Committee on their success. (14 March 2017)

**1526** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House notes:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) on 1 December 1942, Ordinary Seaman Edward “Teddy” Sheean selflessly gave his life to defend his shipmates by firing at attacking Japanese planes as his ship, the HMAS Armidale, sank beneath him; and
  - (b) Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean shot down one aircraft and damaged another sacrificing himself to ensure the safety of his crewmates.
- (2) Recognises that up to the end of World War 2 the granting of bravery awards for Royal Australian Navy personnel were administered by the British Admiralty and notes that Guy Barnett MP, together with Ordinary Seaman Sheean's nephew Garry Ivory on 25 February 2017 made a submission to the British Admiralty for reconsideration of an award.
- (3) Further notes:—
  - (a) that other servicemen have been granted posthumous awards for acts of bravery;
  - (b) there have been 100 Victorian Cross awards granted to Australians but not one of these were from the Royal Australian Navy;
  - (c) in particular the case of Leading Seaman Jack Mantle, of the Royal Navy, who on 4 July 1940 was wounded when his ship, the HMS Foylebank, was attacked by enemy aircraft but stayed at his gun, firing until he died to protect his shipmates and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross; and
  - (d) the actions of British Seaman Jack Mantle were very similar to Teddy Sheean; and
  - (e) that it is an injustice that Teddy Sheean was not recognised as Jack Mantle, and many others, so deservedly were, but it is one that can be addressed, and we are hopeful that the British Admiralty will do so.
- (4) Recognises and thanks Ordinary Seaman Sheean's nephew Garry Ivory and the Sheean family for their tireless work to achieve recognition for Teddy Sheean. (14 March 2017)

**1529** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Greens are the only political party who represent the interests of the environment, and the long term social and economic benefits its protection provides.
- (2) Understands that Labor and the Liberals are in lockstep when it comes to exploiting the environment for the short term interests of business.
- (3) Notes the Labor opposition offer no environmental voice holding the Government to account outside or inside of Parliament.
- (4) Understands much of the remainder of this term will be dedicated to the Liberal's attack on the environment and debating legislation that condones that attack. (14 March 2017)

**1530** Ms *O'Connor* to move— That for the remainder of this Session, Standing Order 148(1) (v) be amended by leaving out ‘four’ and inserting ‘three’. (14 March 2017)

**1531** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes that:—

- (a) confidence, in the community and economy, is essential for business and investment growth that creates more jobs for Tasmanians and more revenue to fund essential service;

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- (b) Tasmania is enjoying a record period of business growth and confidence, based on strong retail performance and State Government policies that support business and investment;
- (c) confidence in the community is also underpinned by strong, stable Government; seeing a government delivering on its promises creates certainty and reduces risk for businesses;
- (d) strong, stable Government is only possible with strong leadership and absolute unity;
- (e) the Hodgman Liberal Government is delivering strong, stable government, built on strong leadership and absolute unity that has delivered budget repair and is now getting on with building Tasmania's future; and
- (f) by contrast, Labor is a disunited mess, racked by internal division and a crisis of leadership. Labor is the enemy of confidence in our State and a showcase of everything Tasmania does not need in a government. (14 March 2017)

**1532** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is building Tasmania's future by working with the community to deliver lasting outcomes.
- (2) Welcomes the beginning of construction on the \$10.5 million Dial Regional Sports Complex at Penguin.
- (3) Further notes that:—
  - (a) this development has the dual benefits of providing jobs in construction and once completed encouraging greater participation in many forms of physical activity;
  - (b) the truly regional sports complex – with two AFL standard ovals and associated facilities – will be able to host local, state and even national sporting events;
  - (c) showcasing the best in our region will help to draw more people to sport, and the high quality facilities will themselves also assist in boosting participation;
  - (d) encourage people of all ages to be active as this will help to achieve the Government's goal of making Tasmania the healthiest state in the country by 2025;
  - (e) the Liberal Government is providing \$3.5 million to the project, matching the contributions of the Central Coast Council and the Australian Government; and
  - (f) importantly, this new complex will also allow the redevelopment of the existing Penguin Recreation Ground, which again will support jobs in construction.
- (4) Recognises the foresight 30 years ago of the Penguin Council's vision for a combined Sports Complex.
- (5) Congratulates the Central Coast Council for continuing with this vision, doing everything necessary to develop the outstanding mix of sports in this one location – football, cricket, mountain bike, athletics, cross country running, BMX, tennis, soccer and futsal. (14 March 2017)

**1533** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Commends the Government for the \$20.6m. investment it is making into Strong Families, Safe Kids, that will ensure Tasmania's vulnerable children and young people are kept safe and better protected.
- (2) Recognises that this redesign is a whole of Government response and is built upon the insights of state, national and international experts.
- (3) Reminds the House that countless successive Labor Ministers failed Tasmania's most vulnerable children and sat on their hands as the system crumbled around them.
- (4) Condemns the current Labor opposition for putting the welfare of vulnerable children at risk by playing politics and attempting to draw attention away from their own disunity and lack of any coherent or funded policy with regards to child protection.
- (5) Acknowledges that this investment is only possible because the budget is back in the black, allowing the Government to reinvest in essential services such as health, education and protecting vulnerable Tasmanians. (14 March 2017)

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- 1534** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:—
- (a) that the unified Hodgman Majority Government remains committed and focused on creating jobs, building business confidence and re-investing in health, education and frontline services;
  - (b) that the mining sector is seeing signs of growth, in particular on the West Coast with the restart of the Henty Gold Mine, the improved financial position and performance of Grange Resources and the change in position from Copper Mines of Tasmania in relation to Mt Lyell;
  - (c) the Hodgman Majority Governments plan to rebuild the mining sector included relocating MRT to Burnie, which is the heartland of mining;
  - (d) the bizarre position, of the leader of the Opposition, which has changed around 8 times to date, still is to oppose MRT being based in Burnie;
  - (e) the fact the leader of the Opposition, Hon. Bryan Green MP, is arguing to move government jobs out of his electorate and so called home town of Burnie, and relocate them to his heartland of Salamanca; and
  - (f) this is just another example of the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Bryan Green MP's complete betrayal of his electorate and it is no wonder why his leadership is under constant strain given his continued ridiculous party position and that he is spending most of his time at his Environmental Fishing Lodge, instead of representing the constituents that elected him. (14 March 2017)
- 1535** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP asserts his Marine Farming Planning Review Panel has provided independent scientific advice that supports salmon farming in Okehampton Bay.
  - (2) Understands:—
    - (a) the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel is a government panel, housed within DPIPWE, that was purged in 2011 by the Labor party to place ultimate decision-making with the Minister, after it rejected a proposed lease expansion by Tassal to Soldiers Point;
    - (b) the only scientific expert on the panel is Adjunct Professor Buxton, now working as a private consultant and best known for his support for bringing Super Trawlers to Tasmania; and
    - (c) the Panel's other members are:—
      - (i) the director of the EPA who is currently being sued by industry for failing to regulate to protect Macquarie Harbour;
      - (ii) a retired bureaucrat that managed licencing in Marine Resources;
      - (iii) an owner of an apricot business in Richmond;
      - (iv) a former director and owner of Plastic Fabrications Group that supplies salmon cages and boats to Tassal; and
      - (v) a retired commercial solicitor who served for over a decade with Tassal's CEO Mark Ryan as a director of Salmon Enterprises of Tasmania, which is majority owned by Tassal.
  - (3) Acknowledges that tourists come from across the world to see the white beaches and pristine waters of Tasmania's East coast.
  - (4) Calls on the Liberal and Labor parties to abandon the pretence of independent scientific assessment of the Okehampton Bay proposal, and commit to keeping the East Coast Fish Farm Free. (14 March 2017)
- 1536** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Understands that an explosive report into Tasmania's corrections system was released last week, exposing a justice system that Attorney-General, Hon. Vanessa Goodwin MLC, has starved of funds and pushed to breaking point.
  - (2) Recognises the KPMG report found technology and processes in the corrections system are outdated, error-prone and complex, and pose a risk to the community.
  - (3) Further understands that in 2013, under a Greens' Corrections Minister, funding was secured to fix these exact issues.
  - (4) Acknowledges this funding was scrapped by the Hodgman Government to make short-term budget savings, at the expense of community safety.
  - (5) Further understands that:—

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- (a) while the Attorney-General has undertaken to fix some of the issues identified in the report, this comes too late and is too little; and
  - (b) the Attorney General has also presided over the defunding of the reintegration of ex-offenders program with ex-prisoners not being supported to transition into the community, and people now staying in prison longer before being forced to exit into homelessness.
- (6) Calls on Attorney-General Goodwin to do her job, and run a properly funded corrections system that prioritises community safety, with a focus on the rehabilitation of offenders. (14 March 2017)

**1537** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House notes:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) the wonderful success of the youth oriented festival ‘Party in the Paddock’ (PITP), held at Burns Creek, near Launceston, in February 2017;
  - (b) that PITP has grown significantly since the first festival held in 2013, becoming a widely known and highly rated youth-oriented event on the Australian festival calendar. It attracted 7000 people this year;
  - (c) the festival now brings a number of major Australian acts to Burns Creek, and has become known as a boutique, relaxed and friendly event, drawing people from all over Australia to Tasmania;
  - (d) that the festival works in conjunction with Beyond Blue to raise awareness for youth mental health;
  - (e) PITP provides many economic, social and cultural benefits to the region, and especially, provides young people in Northern Tasmania with a fun and safe local event; and
  - (f) Party in the Paddock is a testament to the drive and commitment of Jesse Higgs and a dedicated crew of young people who have really created something wonderful for the youth of Tasmania.
- (2) Calls on the Government to continue to fund events in the North of the state, encouraging visitation and an improvement in social and economic engagement for the community. (14 March 2017)

**1538** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Is dismayed that Narawtapu now faces localised extinction of its once thriving wombat population.
- (2) Notes that only 10 wombats are left in the park, as Sarcoptic mange has brought the population to a crisis point.
- (3) Acknowledges that the wombat caring community group at Kelso have put their lives on hold treating and caring for sick wombats, without any support from this Government.
- (4) Further notes that the surveys which indicate healthy wombat numbers in the rest of the state does not necessarily guarantee that wombats will continue to thrive in Tasmania, as Sarcoptic mange is moving south through wombat populations.
- (5) Thanks the Government for announcing that \$100 000 will be provided to assist in treating mange in affected wombats but notes this will only provide seed funding to the community organisations charged to treat mange affected wombats.
- (6) Calls on the Government to stop issuing crop protection permits to shoot wombats, in an area where the population has diminished to the point where numbers might not rebound, while the officers in DPIWWE visit the Kelso community to fully understand the community proffered solutions to localised wombat extinction. (14 March 2017)

**1539** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the disunity of the Labor Opposition and that the part time Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Bryan Green MP, is more interested in developing his Environmental Lodge than developing policy;
- (b) that the Opposition shadow Attorney-General and former Premier Ms Lara Gidding MP is being actively urged to quit parliament by the Union to allow the former failed Minister, David O’Byrne to come back and remove Mr Green as Leader;

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- (c) that it appears the Leader of the Opposition has done a deal with the former failed Minister David O'Byrne, the Union and his Party room to save his political skin which will allow him to stay as Leader but quit after the elections;
- (d) the contempt this shows the Tasmanian people and the electors of Braddon, and the arrogance of the Leader of the Opposition;
- (e) that yet again Mr Green is doing secret deals to save his job and is shameless in the way he goes about it; and
- (f) the stark difference between the rabble that is the Opposition led by the Hon. Bryan Green MP, and the stable, united Hodgman Majority Government that continues to focus on the community and rebuilding Tasmania after the last secret deal Bryan Green entered into with the Greens. (15 March 2017)

**1540** Ms *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) Savage River miner Grange Resources Limited has gone from a \$277.8 million loss for 2015 to a \$92.9 million profit for 2016;
  - (b) the Burnie-headquartered iron ore miner benefited from stronger prices after a difficult period of low margins;
  - (c) Grange's average price for pellets was up from \$87.23 per tonne in 2015 to \$98.06, while sales of iron ore increased from 2.36 million tonnes to 2.75 million tonnes, a 16.53 per cent increase in production is a credit to Grange management and workforce;
  - (d) the extra sales reflected sustained production through maintaining access to high grade ore, Grange said in its preliminary final report for the year;
  - (e) the price improvement was consistent with movement in the benchmark price driven by the stimulus policies in China following a Chinese economy slowing in late 2015;
  - (f) structural reforms reflecting greater desire to mitigate for environmental impact in the Chinese steel industry had also contributed by leading to greater demand for higher grade iron ore; and
  - (g) a strong Grange performance is good for our economy and for jobs in my electorate of Braddon.
- (2) Congratulates Grange for a great result and also the Hodgman government for having a clear plan for the Tasmanian mining industry and jobs on the West Coast. (15 March 2017)

**1541** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 15 March 2017, marked the third anniversary of the election of the Hodgman Liberal Majority Government.
- (2) Congratulates the Premier Hon. Will Hodgman MP and his Government for governing for all Tasmanians in the interests of the state and never being captive to noisy minorities and vested interests who want to hold our state back.
- (3) Further notes that:—
  - (a) our economy is growing strongly; our budget is back in balance; and as a result we are investing more in essential services like health, education, public safety and support for those Tasmanians who need it most; and
  - (b) Labor and the Greens have opposed every significant initiative and reform required to achieve this, showing clearly that they are only interested in political point-scoring and remain unfit to govern.
- (4) Acknowledges that, while Tasmania is now performing better than it was in 2014, on a wide range of measures, there is more work to be done to maintain the positive momentum and build Tasmania's future.
- (5) Commends the Hodgman Government for laying out a detailed plan for the last year of its first term in office, in stark contrast to the Labor Party, who can't even decide who their leader should be. (15 March 2017)

**1542** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the article in 15 March 2017 edition of the 'Mercury' newspaper, reporting on the theft of essential equipment belonging to the Tasmanian Headstone Project at Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

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- (2) Condemns this shameful act by thieves, stealing equipment that is utilised in the making of headstones of unmarked graves of WW1 veterans.
- (3) Recognises the enormous sacrifices our First World War veterans made for our country.
- (4) Applauds the outstanding work of the Tasmanian Headstone Project volunteers, who are determined to ensure that all our WW1 veterans have their final resting place acknowledged and remembered. (15 March 2017)

**1543** Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the owners of Optimo Awnings Proprietary Limited Paul and Julianne Smith for their investment in, and commitment to their new manufacturing workshop at Longford.
- (2) Notes that:—
  - (a) the new workshop has allowed for the direct employment of seven, soon-to-be eight more staff in addition to the five original staff members in a semi-rural regional economy of Longford, this workshop manufactures and powder coats of aluminium awnings with franchises in Launceston, Hobart and Victoria; and
  - (b) Paul and Julianne commenced this part-time awnings business in 2003 working from the workshop in their backyard, they have gradually expanded the business until the backyard was no longer big enough.
- (3) Congratulates the Federal and State Governments for putting together the Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund which has allowed small businesses such as Optimo Awnings to expand their businesses, employ more locals and keep regional communities viable.
- (4) Further notes that Paul praised his staff for his business's success, their commitment to the product and the quality of their work was the reason the business was successful. (15 March 2017)

**1544** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes “Losing Streak, How Tasmania was Gamed by the Gambling Industry” by Dr James Boyce, was launched on 14 March 2017 in Hobart.
- (2) Congratulates Dr Boyce on his insightful analysis of the devolution of Tasmania's casinos from establishments with ‘vegas style cabaret rooms with high rollers’ into pokie barns.
- (3) Further notes that the book documents that the Tasmanian experience offers a ‘valuable case study of bad governance and its consequences’.
- (4) Understands that in the early 90's the Commonwealth Grants Commission observed that Tasmania was the poorest state in Australia but had the second highest gambling expenditure as well as the lowest level of tax on gambling returns.
- (5) Acknowledges that in 1985 when Robin Gray's Government allowed the introduction of EGMs that the Greens Dr Bob Brown was the only MP who voted against them.
- (6) Further notes that Dr Boyce confirms that high intensity EGMs are only designed with one thing in mind, to maximise losses to players and profit to machine owners.
- (7) Agrees with Dr Boyce's appraisal that contends that it was crony capitalism which entrenched the deed and allowed the proliferation of poker machines in Tasmania's pubs and clubs.
- (8) Calls on the Government to listen to the words of this eminent chronicler and to listen to the wishes of everyday Tasmanians when deciding on the future of high intensity poker machines in Tasmania. (15 March 2017)

**1545** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the next Food Forum is on 28 April 2017, where once again hemp regulation will be discussed.
- (2) Implores the Government to make this the last time hemp is listed as a matter for discussion at the Food Forum, as Tasmanian farmers are ready to start growing commercial quantities of the product but require hemp to be regulated for human consumption if it is to be viable.
- (3) Understands that other jurisdictions have broken the single convention, in order to promote the hemp industry.

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- (4) Commits to following suit if this issue cannot be resolved, as suggested by Howard Nichol at the industrial hemp field day in early February 2017.
- (5) Further notes that collaborations between TIA and Ecofibre industries continue to demonstrate the suitability of Tasmania's climate and conditions for a viable industrial hemp industry.
- (6) Acknowledges that progress is only held back by regulations which do not properly reflect the plant in question but are instead based on an ideological opposition to cannabis.
- (7) Calls on this Government to push through the ideological barrier which limits the viability of industrial hemp farming by failing to allow whole plant use in order to bring us in line with the rest of the developed world and to ensure that our farmers are well represented at the next Food Forum. (15 March 2017)

### 1546 Ms Dawkins to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes there is damning independently verified evidence that the dead zone from salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour has spread into the World Heritage Area, with indicator species of a sick marine environment found more than one kilometre into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA).
- (2) Acknowledges, as the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage, Hon. Matthew Groom MP is legally required to intervene to protect the TWWHA and the endangered maugan skate that's very existence is threatened by the appalling environmental conditions in the Harbour.
- (3) Understands the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage, Hon. Matthew Groom MP has ignored his obligations since assuming his office, with not a single work uttered by the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage as his Government, through DPIPWE and now the EPA continue to make decisions in Macquarie Harbour that are resulting in breaches in the Minister's obligations.
- (4) Further understands, that in February 2017, Minister Groom stood to one side as Tassal's Franklin lease that's responsible for causing the damage to the TWWHA was not de-stocked by 28 February 2017 as ordered by the EPA, with the EPA and the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, indicating their intention not to prosecute Tassal for their failure to comply with the order.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage to inform the House what actions he has taken to comply with his legal obligations under State, Federal and International Law to protect TWWHA and the threatened maugan skate. (15 March 2017)

### 1547 Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Clarence City Council has approved a development for a Hotel and Hospitality Training School and apartments to be built in Kangaroo Bay.
- (2) Understands the building on Cambridge road would be 5 storeys, 20.2 metres high, and 83 metres long, and form a continuous solid structure with no breaks, obscuring views of the bay, city and mountain from the road and neighbouring suburb, and will be totally out of scale with other buildings on Cambridge Road.
- (3) Further understands the first that local residents heard of this building was when a Development Application was lodged with the Clarence City Council and advertised over the Christmas and New Year period, with a submissions open from 17 December 2016 to 12 January 2017.
- (4) Recognises the Clarence Council did not facilitate any public consultation about the increased scale of the development, that the timing of the application meant almost no community-wide discussion could occur, and that professional help from legal firms and planning specialists was not available for residents over the Christmas and New Year period.
- (5) Notes with concern that Clarence Council made an urgent amendment to change the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme on 9 January 2017 to enable the proposed application to proceed, only three days before the advertised period ended.
- (6) Acknowledges Kangaroo Bay residents have collected over 1,700 signatures, the majority being from locals who support a development in this place, but who want to have a say in such a major development proposal, and who want the size and impact of this proposal to be reduced.

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- (7) Understands planning processes are supposed to ensure developments only proceed if they are in the best interest of the community – yet the Bellerive community have experienced contempt for their views by their local Council and the state Liberal Government who have contributed to this development.
- (8) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman, MP in his capacity as the Bellerive community's local member, to step in and halt the development process until the concerns of local residents about the scale of the Kangaroo Bay development, and the process under which it was approved, can be addressed and a modified development submitted for approval. (15 March 2017)

**1548** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House notes:—

- (1) Notes that the Liberals have delivered another serious blow to a **core** public health service with the closure of the only palliative care support and education service in Tasmania, Palliative Care Tasmania.
- (2) Further notes that in the last four years Palliative Care Tasmania has helped thousands of Tasmanians through death literacy, including training 1,400 medical professionals, and informing 72 community groups about how to die at home.
- (3) Understands that in Tasmania 26% of people die at home, but more than 70% of people want to, surrounded by family and friends.
- (4) Recognises the home palliative care model can be delivered for around \$55 a day compared to more than \$1,200 a day in a hospital.
- (5) Further understands the loss of this service is a gross government failure that forces dying Tasmanians and their families to use hospital services, increasing the pressure on our hospital system.
- (6) Acknowledges the loss of Palliative Care Tasmania is on top of the expected loss of Hospice@home this June, which provides around the clock home-based palliative care for over 2,200 Tasmanians.
- (7) Calls on the Government to give Tasmanians who wish to end their days in the comfort of their own homes with their loved ones through committing to fund palliative care programs that have lost federal funding. (15 March 2017)

**1549** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that over the last three years the majority Hodgman Liberal Government has delivered on our comprehensive agrifood plan for growing the value of agriculture ten-fold to \$10 billion dollars by 2050.
- (2) Commends farmers, agribusinesses and industry groups who after a tough year are once again demonstrating there is a bright future for our food and agriculture sector.
- (3) Recognises that testament to their resilience, Rabobank's latest rural confidence survey found Tasmanian farmers to be the most positive in the country.
- (4) Notes that in 2014-15 the gross value of agriculture at the farm gate grew to \$1.44 billion – increasing by over 20% in two years.
- (5) Further notes that there were 14,300 jobs in agriculture, forestry and fisheries in August 2016 – increasing by 4000 since the 2011 census.
- (6) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government will always support farming families and rural communities in their time of need and back them to get on with business so that they are profitable and create jobs. (15 March 2017)

**1550** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that in just three years the majority Hodgman Liberal Government has improved the education system by undertaking the most significant transformation of our education system in half a century. This includes consecutive record investment in Education and Training including the most recent budget commitment of \$1.48 billion, and funding eclipsing \$6 billion over the forward estimates.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has committed \$110 million to improve Government school infrastructure – the most extensive in 20 years.
- (3) Further acknowledges the importance our improvements, including additional investments in literacy and numeracy, school nurses, education for students with a disability and the LIFT program in driving improvements in educational outcomes.
- (4) Confirms that our central policy – our successful high school extension initiative has been welcomed and embraced by Tasmanian communities including the 30 schools

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that have now extended to Years 11 and 12 and the further 8 schools preparing to do so in 2018.

- (5) Further notes that Labor opposes this initiative and would gladly roll it back, denying communities such as Ulverstone, New Norfolk, Devonport and Hobart's Eastern Shore this important opportunity.
- (6) Further notes that we have replaced a 20 year old Act with a new contemporary legislative framework for Education in Tasmania which recognises the rights of every child to receive 13 years of education until the completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. (15 March 2017)

**1551** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Applauds the decision on Monday, 3 April 2017 by the Launceston City Council to approve the redevelopment of Macquarie House.
- (2) Notes that when complete Macquarie House will be the new home for Enterprize Launceston, the State Government's startup and innovation hub, currently operating out of premises in Paterson Street.
- (3) Congratulates all those involved in the Macquarie House redevelopment project including the Federal Government, Regional Development Australia, the State Government, the Office of the Coordinator General, Launceston City Council and many dedicated individuals.
- (4) Recognises that the Macquarie House project was a grassroots community-led project conceived by James Riggall and the local startup community.
- (5) Looks forward to the opening of the redeveloped heritage building in 2018 as the home for startup businesses and entrepreneurs.
- (6) Notes that Macquarie House is an important element in the Government's plan to create high value businesses and new jobs in the digital economy. (4 April 2017)

**1552** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that in March 2017, ten UTAS medical students descended on Derby to take part in the Go Rural Derby event, an event to promote the North East of Tasmania as a great place to live and work.
- (2) Congratulates HR+ and Rural Health Workforce Australia, a not-for-profit organisation that attracts recruits and supports health professionals to work in rural and remote communities and for their efforts in supporting and funding this event.
- (3) Commends Amelia Holloway from HR+ for organising the event along with Ambulance Tasmania Paramedics, Matthew Buck, Jon Purtell and Daniel Kotynia and local GP Dr Ashraf Takla for supporting the students, who were faced with common incidents and medical scenarios often found in rural areas, such as farming and car accidents.
- (4) Further notes that part two of the scenario continued at the North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, where ongoing treatment of the patients took place.
- (5) Acknowledges that the North East has so much to offer in activities and community spirit and is a great place for medical graduates to live and work. (4 April 2017)

**1553** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the work of Flourish, the Mental Health Consumer Advocacy Organisation in developing the Active Consumer Engagement Implementation Tool (ACE IT) that was launched last week.
- (2) Notes that ACE IT is a result of many interviews with Tasmanian consumer consultants, peer workers and service providers across Tasmania, as well as a review of contemporary literature to inform this work.
- (3) Commends Flourish for giving voice to what Tasmanian consumers have said is important to effectively partner with them to plan, design, deliver and evaluate services to enable individuals to flourish in their recovery.
- (4) Further notes that this will enable organisations and their consumers to work together to identify areas for future development, drive actions to ensure the voice of mental health consumers is fully embedded into service delivery, and becomes integral to the way services work. (4 April 2017)

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- 1554** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that:—
    - (a) the 2017 ‘Australian Glass and Glazing Association – Tasmania’ Awards - open to glazing professionals, architects, builders and interior designers - was held on 24 March 2017; and
    - (b) all winning entries exemplify a combination of innovation, distinction, merit, quality and imagination; setting new benchmarks of excellence.
  - (2) Recognises the following winners:—
    - (a) St Helens Glass - Best Shower Screen Project;
    - (b) Kingborough Glazing - Best Splashback Project;
    - (c) GP Glass Spreyton - Safety Award;
    - (d) Hobart Glass and Aluminium - Best Energy Efficient Glazed Home;
    - (e) Commercial Windows and Doors Derwent Park - Best Energy Efficient Commercial Glazing Project;
    - (f) Kingborough Glazing - Most Striking Use of Glass Architecturally in a Home below \$20,000;
    - (g) Glass Supplies Launceston - Most Striking Use of Glass Architecturally in a Home above \$20,000;
    - (h) Hobart Glass and Aluminium - Most Striking Commercial Glazing Project below \$50,000; and
    - (i) GP Glass Spreyton - Most Striking Commercial Glazing Project above \$50,000.
  - (3) Further notes the prestigious accolades for exceptional accomplishments presented to:—
    - (i) Kingborough Glazing - AGGA Tasmania Workmanship Award.
    - (ii) Ms Dimity Schofield from GP Glass for the Women in Glass Award.
    - (iii) Mr Dylan Baker from Jones & Rumley Glass as the Apprentice of the Year, and
    - (iv) Mr Brian Imlach from GP Glass for the Service to the Industry Award.
  - (4) Congratulates all the 2017 AGGA Tasmania Awards winners for their ongoing commitment, professionalism and contribution to the quality of Tasmania’s built infrastructure. (4 April 2017)
- 1555** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Bushy Park Show was held on Saturday 18 February, 2017.
  - (2) Notes that the Show Committee continues to build upon the success of previous shows and that the 2017 family friendly and country style show again had exciting attractions for families to see and participate in.
  - (3) Further recognises the tremendous economic and social benefits of the Show to the Derwent Valley region in particular and Tasmania more generally.
  - (4) Further notes:—
    - (a) that this year’s Show included Cattle, Sheep, Junior Handling, Yard Dog Competition, Light Horse demonstration, wood chopping and Chainsaw racing events; and
    - (b) the traditional skills demonstrations in blacksmithing, spinners and weavers, basket making, butter making and cider making.
  - (5) Congratulates the Bushy Park show committee, organisers of this superb event, for their continued outstanding efforts. (4 April 2017)

- 1556** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—

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- (a) Autumn is the best time to undertake essential fuel reduction burns in our forests and on farms as this is when conditions are the safest;
  - (b) less smoke is generated from burning dry autumn fuels and with more efficient burning and with warmer air the smoke rises becoming less likely to settle over the landscape;
  - (c) Autumn is also an ideal time for germination of eucalypt seedlings given warm soil and air temperatures and the onset of regular rainfall;
  - (d) every Forestry Tasmania burn is carefully planned for safety, smoke dispersal, protection of assets, infrastructure, special values, and threatened and endangered species. These factors are documented in a burn plan that is reviewed, audited and approved along with a risk assessment;
  - (e) Forestry Tasmania only burn when weather conditions are suitable for managing and containing the fire to the boundaries and for favourable smoke dispersal as specified in each plan; and
  - (f) a coordinated fuel reduction program of 230 regeneration burns are planned 2017 and is coordinated with other agencies and forestry businesses to ensure smoke is controlled within the EPA standards for each airshed area.
- (2) Compliments Forestry Tasmania on their preparation and committed involvement to coordinate and execute its annual program of planned burns which commenced in mid-March 2017. (4 April 2017)

**1557** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) trucking is the lifeblood of the world and nowhere more important than in Australia; and
  - (b) globally connected and locally invested Tasmanian road freight trucks travelled more than three million tonne-kilometres in 2015-16 according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (2) Supports and applauds our hard working truck drivers who are critical to our economy and therefore critical to the wellbeing of every community in this state.
- (3) Records that our professional drivers are highly skilled and dedicated to the highest levels of road safety and consideration of other road users.
- (4) Further notes log trucks form only part of all trucks on Tasmanian roads.
- (5) Respects our truckies ongoing commitment to safe driving practices and recognises it takes heart and courage to move our freight.
- (6) Records the impassioned letters and messages I have received from truck drivers traumatised by accidents in which their truck was directly targeted by another road user and who have been again traumatised by comments made by Ms O'Connor.
- (7) Condemns Greens leader Ms O'Connor for her recent malicious attack on log truck driver's.
- (8) Further condemns Ms O'Connor who used outdated specious information in a desperate attempt to justify her trauma-causing attack and calls on her to unreservedly apologise to Tasmanian log truck drivers. (4 April 2017)

**1558** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the contribution of the Honourable Bryan Green over a Parliamentary career spanning 19 years.
- (2) Notes that Mr Green worked his way up from the factory floor at the Burnie pulp mill to provide a voice for working Tasmanians.
- (3) Further notes that Mr Green's positive legacy in government included the rollout of irrigation infrastructure, the development of new wind farms and the expansion of the aquaculture industry.

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- (4) Thanks Mr Green for the pivotal role he played in bringing the Labor Party together in Opposition, holding the Liberal Government to account and outlining positive policies for the future.
- (5) Wishes Mr Green and his family every happiness in his retirement from public life. (4 April 2017)

**1560** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that on 23 February 2017 the Fair Work Commission made a decision to reduce Sunday penalty rates.
- (2) Further notes that this decision, which was endorsed by the Liberal Party means workers in retail, food and accommodation industries could lose up to \$77 per week or \$4004 per year.
- (3) Recognises that many Tasmanians workers have no choice about the days they have to work and they rely on penalty rates.
- (4) Further recognises that cutting penalty rates will also affect employers trying to attract and retain staff, which will negatively affect the Tasmanian economy.
- (5) Understands that on 30 March 2017 the Australian Senate passed the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take Home Pay) Bill 2017 to prevent the changes to penalty rates.
- (6) Congratulates the Australian Senate on standing up for workers.
- (7) Listens to the concerns of the community and calls on the Commonwealth Government to support penalty rates. (4 April 2017)

**1561** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Australia Day on 26 January is a distressing commemoration for many Aboriginal Tasmanians, who also describe it as 'Invasion Day', the day they lost their country.
- (2) Notes that many non-Aboriginal Australians also feel conflicted celebrating Australia Day on 26 January because it is a date that divides, rather than unites us.
- (3) Understands Flinders Island Council has not celebrated Australia Day on 26 January for several years.
- (4) Commends Kingborough Council for reconsidering its Australia Day celebrations and moving the formerly-Australia Day awards, now Kingborough Awards, to 6 January.
- (5) Congratulates Hobart City Council on the decision to support *Greens'* Alderman, Helen Burnet's motion to review council Australia Day celebrations and consult with Aboriginal Australians about a more appropriate date, and write to the Federal Government about changing the date of Australia Day.
- (6) Calls on the Premier and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Will Hodgman MP to help unite Tasmanians by following the lead set by a growing number of Councils. (4 April 2017)

**1562** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Parliament is the heart of our democracy and belongs to the people of Tasmania.
- (2) Understands a key feature of a healthy democracy is the peoples' access to their elected representatives and understanding of public debate on important issues in the Parliament.
- (3) Acknowledges the importance of the independent media in a functioning democracy.
- (4) Supports the long standing and common practice for media representatives to respectfully film events and conduct interviews on the green carpet without seeking permission from the Speaker of the day each time.
- (5) Agrees the long standing, democratic functioning of the Tasmanian Parliament in relation to media access should be maintained. (4 April 2017)

**1563** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) and the University of Tasmania for achieving rankings in the top ten internationally in three subjects.

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- (2) Notes that:—
- (a) IMAS was ranked by the Centre for World University Rankings as fourth in the world for Marine and Freshwater Biology, and seventh for both Fisheries and Oceanography;
  - (b) that these rankings follow the QS World University Rankings released last month which rated IMAS in the top 50 universities internationally for Earth and Marine Sciences;
  - (c) this is a fantastic achievement for the staff and students at IMAS who are fast developing a reputation for providing world class research and quality education into marine and Antarctic studies; and
  - (d) the Tasmanian Government is pleased to support IMAS through the University of Tasmania with annual grant funding of \$2.605 million under the Sustainable Marine Research Collaboration Agreement to assist with aquaculture and fisheries research.
- (3) Congratulates the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) which was recently ranked by the QS World University Rankings in the 51-100 bracket in the subjects of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (4) Further notes that these rankings are a reflection of TIA's quality staff, their innovative programs and quality teaching that attracts students from around the world. (4 April 2017)

**1564** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tasmanian Dairy Conference was held in Launceston on the 28 and 29 March 2017.
- (2) Acknowledges that dairy is Tasmania's primary agricultural commodity with a value of some \$442 million in 2014/15.
- (3) Also acknowledges the Government remains committed to working in partnership with the Tasmanian dairy industry to take advantage of new markets and opportunities which will enable the sector to reach its full potential.
- (4) Congratulates the 2017 'Dairy Business of the Year' award winners, Gerard and Ria Mulder of Forest.
- (5) Further notes Mr and Mrs Mulder, with son Ronnie, have worked with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) through their benchmarking program.
- (6) Recognises the Tasmanian Dairy Business of the Year is awarded to the business that records the best overall results in the TIA benchmarking program, which measures financial and physical information such as costs (per cow, per hectare and per kilogram of milk solids), milk and feed production, labour efficiency and pasture utilisation.
- (7) Congratulates other Tasmanian Dairy Award winners:—
  - (a) Share Dairy Farmer of the Year – Cody and Danieka Korpershoek
  - (b) Dairy Safety Award – Ashgrove Cheese
  - (c) Dairy Environment Award – (Joint winners) Nigel and Rachael Brock and Nick Midson.
  - (d) Young Farmer Encouragement Award – (Joint Winners) Jeffrey Gijsbers and Marcus Haywood. (4 April 2017)

**1565** Ms *Giddings* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) Tasmania's first female Supreme Court Judge, Ms Shan Tennent, has announced her intention to retire in November 2017;
- (b) from beginnings which saw her rejected for an article clerk position in a law firm because of her gender, Ms Tennent has gone on to have a long and distinguished career within the legal profession in Tasmania, helping to break down barriers for women within the law;

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- (c) Ms Tennent served as a partner with Page Seager for fifteen years before being appointed a Magistrate and Coroner in 1998 and Tasmania's first female Supreme Court Judge in 2005; and
- (d) that while there is still some time before Ms Tennent steps down from the bench, thanks her for her service and wishes her well in retirement. (4 April 2017)

**1567** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) that the Australian Maritime College (AMC) in Launceston is the national centre of naval expertise;
  - (b) the AMC has been the leader in maritime engineering, research and business skills since 1980, it is widely respected internationally;
  - (c) that the AMC has contributed greatly to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of Northern Tasmania for over 30 years;
  - (d) that it is a highly successful organisation. Its graduates have a high employment rate, and they are in demand worldwide. Alumni are spread across 56 countries;
  - (e) the Federal Government decision to establish a maritime technical college in South Australia is a clear political decision, a decision which could be detrimental to the continuing success of the AMC; and
  - (f) any investment in this field should be made in Tasmania. It should be used to enhance and extend the existing centre of excellence at the AMC Newnham rather than start a new venture that may end up in competition.
- (2) Calls on the Government to stand up to their Federal colleagues and advocate strongly for any funding for this sector to be made in the Australian Maritime College and protect Tasmanian jobs and Tasmanian Industry. (4 April 2017)

**1568** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that the Government has agreed to donate Crown Land on the Bellerive foreshore, valued at \$2.5 million, to a foreign development company called Shandong Chambroad.
- (2) Acknowledges that this public land has been handed over as part of a highly controversial redevelopment of the Kangaroo Bay foreshore that was rushed through Clarence Council without time for community scrutiny or consultation.
- (3) Recognises the Government has proceeded with this handover of public land without consultation with Tasmanians about land they own, and without revealing the terms and conditions of the so-called “contribution”.
- (4) Acknowledges some 1,700 signatures have been collected from local residents against the Kangaroo Bay redevelopment, the majority from people who want to say in this major development decision, who want the size and impact of the proposal to be reduced, and who want to be consulted about the giveaway of their land.
- (5) Calls on the Premier Hon. Will Hodgman MP to stop the secretive land deals that are being done by the Office of the Coordinator-General, and to reverse his decision to handover Crown Land at Kangaroo Bay as it was not made with the interests of Tasmanians first. (4 April 2017)

**1569** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that National Youth Week for 2017 runs from 31 March through to 9 April 2017. The theme for this year is ‘Imagine. Initiate. Inspire’.
- (2) Notes that National Youth Week celebrates and recognises the positive contributions of young Australians, and indeed young Tasmanians, in their community.
- (3) Congratulates the wide variety of community groups across Tasmania who are hosting events for National Youth Week.
- (4) Acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) and their project management team for co-ordinating National Youth Week in Tasmania. (4 April 2017)

**1570** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Congratulates all of the communities across Tasmania who participated in Harmony Week, which ran from 20 March– 26 March 2017.
- (2) Recognises that Harmony Week provides an important opportunity to promote the message that ‘everyone belongs’.
- (3) Notes that every day Tasmania benefits from the skills, knowledge, experiences, innovation, job creation and personal contributions of our culturally and linguistically diverse community.
- (4) Appreciates the hard work and dedication of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT) and their project management team for co-ordinating Harmony Week activities across Tasmania. (4 April 2017)

**1571** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that on 8 – 9 April 2017, Tasmania will host the Enduro World Series at Derby.
- (2) Recognises that this event will showcase the best of Tasmania and gives the North-East of the state the opportunity to shine, with around 50 journalists, 500 competitors and thousands of spectators travelling to the North East.
- (3) Applauds the Dorset Council and North-East community for their hard work and tenacity in bringing this world-class event to Northern Tasmania.
- (4) Further recognises that the Enduro World Series is the perfect chance to see constructive collaboration between forestry, the tourism industry and the local community. (4 April 2017)

**1572** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Treasurer’s statement that “Local councils have sacrificed investment in our water and sewerage infrastructure for a long time, in order to pay themselves dividends”
- (2) Expresses serious concern about the state of Tasmania’s water and sewerage infrastructure, noting that:—
  - (a) TasWater’s sewerage treatment plant compliance with regulatory discharge to water limits has steadily declined since 2009;
  - (b) more than two-thirds of Level 2 sewage plants are less than 90% compliant with discharge to water limits;
  - (c) TasWater’s rate of sewer overflows to the environment is seven times the national average; and
  - (d) in each of the last four years, more than 20 towns have been on Boil Water or Do Not Consume alerts.
- (3) Condemns the Labor Opposition for having sat on their hands while in Government, and now, only offering a thought-bubble alternative that will see the privatisation of TasWater and result in all Tasmanian households paying more for their water bills.
- (4) Congratulates the Treasurer for putting the need of Tasmanians first by committing to fixing TasWater’s infrastructure which will mean better services for all Tasmanians delivered at a cheaper price than any of the alternatives on the table. (4 April 2017)

**1573** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes ABS figures showing that February 2017 was the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of growth in retail turnover in Tasmania, and the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of retail turnover above \$500 million.
- (2) Notes that the retail trade grew by 3.1% over the last 12 months to \$510.6 million, 11.1% higher than it was at the last election
- (3) Thanks and congratulates Tasmanian consumers for supporting local businesses, and Tasmanian businesses for their continuing positive outlook and investment in providing products, services and jobs for Tasmanians; and

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- (4) Urges all parties to support the Hodgman Liberal Government's policies that are building Tasmania's future by supporting business growth and confidence, jobs and investment in Tasmania. (4 April 2017)

**1574** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the failure by the Labor Green Opposition to develop any policy or plan for Tasmanians to consider;
- (b) that the Labor Green Opposition continue to be more interested in themselves and changing leaders than being interested in the needs of Tasmanians;
- (c) that the new current Leader of the Opposition, Rebecca White is no different to her predecessor and mentor, Bryan Green, where they were a policy and vision free zone;
- (d) that the new leader of the opposition is still the same as the previous one in regards to Braddon where the new leader is unable to bring herself to spend time on the North West Coast; and
- (e) that with no policies, no work ethic, and no care, the Rebecca White led Green Labor Opposition will resort to personal gutter attacks as a diversion to the fact that they continue to be divided, dysfunctional and lazy. (4 April 2017)

**1575** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Minister for Health Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, the Hodgman Liberal Government and the Federal Coalition Government for making the Mersey Community Hospital an integral part of Tasmania's One Health System.
- (2) Welcomes the announcement made on 5 April 2017, which takes the Mersey's future out of the federal election cycle, delivering real certainty for the staff and patients for the first time since the State Labor Government sold it for \$1.00 in 2007.
- (3) Notes that:—
- (a) the \$730 million up-front payment, exempt from GST calculations, is the biggest single cash transfer ever between the Federal and Tasmanian Governments, and more than twice that provided for the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment; and
- (b) these funds will be quarantined by the Government for use at the Mersey hospital and protected from cash raids by future governments for use on other priorities, or in other parts of the State.
- (4) Celebrates the return of the Mersey to Tasmanian ownership and operation, with long-term dedicated funding, as part of a joined-up statewide health system, after a decade hanging by a thread as the only federally-owned and funded hospital in Australia.
- (5) Demands that the State Labor Opposition, including 3 former health ministers, declares its policy on the future of the Mersey Hospital and Tasmania's One Health System, as an urgent priority in this election year. (5 April 2017)

**1576** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes kunanyi/Mt Wellington should be protected for its outstanding natural and cultural values, not exploited by private developers.
- (2) Understands that Minister for State Growth, Hon. Matthew Groom MP, has a close personal relationship with cable car proponent, Adrian Bold.
- (3) Acknowledges that Mr Bold worked on Mr Groom's 2010 and 2014 election campaign.
- (4) Condemns the Liberals' plan to use their Parliamentary majority to acquire land from Council on the summit of kunanyi/Mt Wellington, to enable private development on this wild mountain and priceless public asset.
- (5) Recognises the suspicion within the Tasmanian community about the Groom/Bold deal that looks and smells like cronyism.
- (6) Understands Mr Bold's cable car proposal is just one of potentially dozens of deals being done with developers behind closed doors, facilitated through the Office of the Coordinator General.
- (7) Agrees the Liberals know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

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- (8) Calls on the Liberals to walk away from the State's public land and protected areas, and abandon their plan to exploit or gift exclusive access to those areas to private developers at public expense. (5 April 2017)

**1577** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the 56% increase in cruise ship visits to Tasmania in 2016-17.
- (2) Acknowledges the important contribution of cruise ship visitors to Tasmania's economy, particularly in the State's south.
- (3) Further acknowledges the East Coast economy would benefit from cruise ship stopovers beyond Wineglass Bay, where the benefits do not flow to the wider East Coast.
- (4) Agrees the deepwater port of Triabunna would make an excellent stopover for cruise ships in Tasmanian waters.
- (5) Commits to furthering work on facilitating the Triabunna harbour as a cruise ship destination in order to bring broad economic and social benefits to the region. (5 April 2017)

**1578** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, for negotiating an outstanding deal securing the Mersey Community Hospital for the communities of Devonport, Latrobe and Port Sorell.
- (2) Welcomes the announcement on 5 April 2017 that sees the Mersey returned to state ownership and for this hospital to take its place permanently in the One State One Health System eliminating the years of uncertainty.
- (3) Recognises that while the Opposition and the Federal Government see the Mersey as a liability, the Hodgman Liberal Government sees it as a hospital with enormous potential and a permanent and unfulfilled need in short-stay surgery that this hospital and its dedicated staff are able to fulfil.
- (4) Hails this deal as outstanding and a credit to the tenacity and skill of the Minister for Health, the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman MP and Treasurer, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP to achieve such a potent outcome for the whole of Tasmania.
- (5) Demands the Opposition get with the program and acknowledge that their failed Ministers caused enormous and ongoing uncertainty for the staff and community over their 16 years and that this is now over.
- (6) Further congratulates those who played an important part in this successful outcome, including Mayor Peter Freshney and the North West mayors, Senator Jonathon Duniam and the Tasmanian Liberal Senate team for fighting tooth and nail with Minister Ferguson to help us deliver big time for the people of Tasmania. (5 April 2017)

**1579** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that it has been nearly 10 months since the Hodgman Liberal Government disappointingly opposed the Labor Party's push to secure a better rate for abalone divers.
- (2) Understands that a review of dive rates by Dr Ian Knuckey has been completed and delivered to the Government.
- (3) Calls on the Minister for Primary Industries and Water Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to immediately release the review in full. (5 April 2017)

**1580** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that in May 2017 students at St Patrick's College in Launceston will use their annual 'Girls Night In' event to raise funds and awareness for 'Share for Dignity', an initiative that provides disadvantaged women at risk of homelessness with sanitary products and other self-care items in a handbag.
- (2) Acknowledges that this initiative aligns with the values of the school where each person is encouraged and supported to realise their full potential and develop partnerships between parents, students, staff, parishes and the community.
- (3) Commends the students for their endeavours to help women in their community and raising awareness about this important issue. (5 April 2017)

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- 1581** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Wonders if Labor will actually produce any kind of alternative budget this year in 2017, noting that they have already racked up over a \$1bn of unfunded promises over the past 3 years.
  - (2) Calls upon the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP to immediately commit to preparing a fully costed, fully funded alternative budget.
  - (3) Reflects that a fully costed, fully funded alternative budget may be challenging for the Labor oppositions considering they are yet to provide the people of Tasmania any idea of what their policy platform may be in the future, apart from doing a deal with the Greens.
  - (4) Remembers that the last time Labor was in Government they slammed the economy into recession, cost thousands of Tasmanians their jobs, did a deal with the Greens to shut down the forestry industry that tore the heart out of regional communities and sat by as Tasmanians simply gave up and left the State.
  - (5) Highlights that Tasmanians have a clear choice at the next election. They can back the Hodgman Government's long-term plan or they can go back to the bad old days of economic chaos under Labor and the Greens.
- 1582** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes with disappointment that after only two weeks it's already clear that while Labor has a new leader, it's the same old Labor - no policies, no plans for the future, just negativity and complaining.
  - (2) Condemns the Labor leader for, after having held the role of Shadow Health spokesperson for three years, having yet to articulate a policy position on anything related to Health and whose only solution is to have an inquiry.
  - (3) Raises concern that since taking leadership of her party the only two policies Ms White has articulated is increasing the numbers of politicians and leaving the door wide open to do another deal with the Greens.
  - (4) Highlights that the Hodgman Liberal Government is focused on jobs, health and education and only a Hodgman Liberal Government can deliver the strong, stable majority Government Tasmania needs. (5 April 2017)
- 1583** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the RSPCA has consistently stated that it is struggling to conduct the large number of farm inspections it is called on to undertake.
  - (2) Understands that this workload has led to a high attrition of staff.
  - (3) Further notes that the RSPCA currently has 170 ongoing investigations with only 4 staff to conduct those investigations.
  - (4) Understands that DPIPWE is much better positioned to take over all farm inspections, with a larger staff allocation.
  - (5) Further notes DPIPWE already inspects farms with over 100 sheep or over 20 cattle.
  - (6) Considers that the core business of the RSPCA is to educate people to curb animal cruelty.
  - (7) Calls on the Minister for Primary Industries and Water Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to give a fair hearing to the RSPCA and to take over all animal inspectorate duties on farms. (5 April 2017)
- 1584** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the importance of the Tasmanian fruit industry to our economy, and to our world famous clean and green brand.
  - (2) Acknowledges that the industry provides employment for many local Tasmanians, but seasonally needs additional labour from other areas.
  - (3) Notes with concern that there is a current serious picker shortage in Tasmania, which has a number of causes, including a longer season in Victoria.
  - (4) Notes there is a very small window of opportunity to do something about this problem before producers begin to lose their crop.
  - (5) Agrees we need creative solutions that can be implemented quickly, potentially including:—
    - (a) incentives for pickers to come to Tasmania now, such as fare subsidies, or ferry tickets; and

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- (b) working with interstate bodies to send pickers to Tasmania.
- (6) Agrees that all political parties want Tasmania's primary producers to succeed, and that this should be a non-partisan issue.
- (7) Acknowledges we need everyone around the table to establish the quickest and most efficient way to fix this problem.
- (8) Calls on the Government to immediately convene a working group to encourage and facilitate workers coming to the island as fast as possible. (5 April 2017)

**1585** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the stark difference between the majority Hodgman Liberal Government and the failed previous Labor Green Government;
- (b) that the majority Hodgman Liberal Government has invested more than ever in Health care and employed more nurses, doctors and ambulance officers than the Labor Green disaster;
- (c) that the Hodgman Majority Government has secured 10 years of funding for the Mersey Community Hospital and the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP is delivering on our promise to make health a priority for all Tasmanians;
- (d) that the record of the Labor Green dysfunction included sacking nurses and doctors, closing beds and wards and blowouts to record highs on elective surgery waiting lists;
- (e) that the failed Labor Green Government was so bad and the failed Minister, Hon. Michelle O'Byrne was so incompetent the people were forced to march in the street in protest;
- (f) that under the new current Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP, Labor continues to be oblivious to the fact the Hodgman Liberal Government is getting on with fixing our health system, whilst the Hon. Ms White continues to focus on doing deals with the Greens after the next election if she could and cementing her position as leader; and
- (g) that the Mersey Community Hospital is a crucial to the Majority Liberal Governments plan for our health system and the Opposition, tried to close it before and would do it again if given the opportunity. (5 April 2017)

**1586** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Special Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts: Unauthorised Disclosure of Committee Deliberations.
- (2) Notes that, in this report, the Committee has acknowledged a serious offence has occurred in relation to the leaking of highly confidential material.
- (3) Acknowledges that it is ultimately the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that its affairs are managed in an appropriate and responsible manner; and therefore requests the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts to use all of its powers of enquiry to ensure the issues raised in the report are fully resolved to the satisfaction of the House as a matter of priority; in particular, the inability of the Committee to handle internal deliberations by an individual Member or Members with due integrity.
- (4) Further notes that until such time a cloud will continue to hang over the inquiry and any findings it might make. (6 April 2017)

**1587** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the 'Special Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts': Failure to Comply with Summons.
- (2) Recognises the importance of upholding the principles of Cabinet Confidentiality.
- (3) Further notes that the Tamar Valley Power Station was never sold. (6 April 2017)

**1588** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Ringarooma dairy farmer Marcus Haywood who has been awarded joint 'Young Farmer of the Year' at Dairy Tasmania's 10<sup>th</sup> annual dairy conference and awards night, which was shared with Deloraine farmer, Jeffrey Glisjbers.
- (2) Notes that Mr Haywood has been a member of the Young Dairy Network since 2010 and in 2015 successfully applied for a share farming position at Ringarooma.

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- (3) Recognises that Mr Haywood is an active member of the 'Young Dairy Network', the 'Pasture Coaching Group', and the 'North-East Discussion Group'.
  - (4) Commends Mr Haywood for using his personal experience in farming to actively encourage other young farmers to grow and develop as individuals and dairy farmers. (6 April 2017)
- 1589** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends Tasmanian Fire Service, State Emergency Service, and Parks and Wildlife personnel who returned from Brisbane to Launceston yesterday after assisting with the Cyclone Debbie recovery in Queensland.
  - (2) Notes that the five-person team gave strategic advice on planning and assessing damage across the state.
  - (3) Acknowledges the work of our TFS, SES and Parks personnel and thanks them for their positive contribution to the significant clean-up effort in Queensland. (6 April 2017)
- 1590** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends the Malkin family for raising \$44,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation to undertake research into blood cancer, through their independent fund raiser 'Phil's Dive for a Cure'.
  - (2) Notes that this initiative was in memory of Phil Malkin, husband of Tach and father to Charlea and Beau who passed away from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in 2015 and was a well-respected member of the Tasmanian diving community.
  - (3) Recognise the hard work and commitment of the Malkin family who have endeavoured through their loss to help other individuals and families through close collaboration with the Leukaemia Foundation. (6 April 2017)
- 1591** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends Jack De Bruyn of Riverside, who at the age of 80 has completed his 500<sup>th</sup> gym session at EFM Windsor.
  - (2) Notes that this a great achievement for Mr De Bruyn, who since undergoing a back operation four years ago, has become one of the gym's most dedicated gym goers, regularly attending three sessions a week.
  - (3) Recognises that the gym is not only a great place for physical exercise but also for socialising and meeting new people.
  - (4) Applauds the example that Mr De Bruyn is setting to everyone in the community that you are never too old to take action to improve your health. (6 April 2017)
- 1593** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the rise in so-called Revenge Porn has become so real and so ubiquitous that the Internet is ablaze with first-person accounts of betrayal, shame, degradation and humiliation.
  - (2) Further notes that at a local level, my office has been contacted by victims of this, and other malicious online behaviour, including harassment, stalking and unauthorised disclosure of private images, who just do not know where to turn.
  - (3) Further notes that there is no simple and immediate legal recourse for unwitting Australians whose intimate images can easily end up posted on line. Parents are beside themselves and worried about the impacts on this generation of Tasmanian kids.
  - (4) Further notes that current remedies involve lengthy complaints processes through internet providers and social media platforms, and that while some malicious online behaviour may be captured by provisions of Tasmanian criminal law and Federal Telecommunications Laws, there is no accessible, timely and local solution to simply having images immediately removed.
  - (5) Recognises that to date only one Australian jurisdiction has addressed this issue by creating an offence around the posting or sending of nude pictures without consent.
  - (6) In Tasmania there is no similar protection.
  - (7) Condemns the Liberal Government for doing nothing to tackle this issue and for having no plans to take legislative action at a local level in the immediate future.

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- (8) Calls upon Members to accept that the unacceptable needs to be addressed with law reform, and calls on the House to support the policy developed by Tasmanian Labor; policy which clearly and carefully addresses the legal reforms required to empower victims. (6 April 2017)

**1594** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Symmons Plains International Raceway comes alive this weekend for the V8 Supercars Tyrepower Tasmania SuperSprint.
- (2) Further recognises the tremendous economic and social benefits that the V8 Supercars bring to the Midlands region in my electorate of Lyons in particular, and Tasmania more generally.
- (3) Further recognises the V8 Supercars is Tasmania's largest sporting event attracting over 50,000 spectators to watch this world class racing event.
- (4) Notes that events like this add great value to our visitor economy, and support Tasmania's vision to be the boutique events capital of Australia and that's why the State Government, through Events Tasmania, is once again proud to support this iconic race. (In 2014, Cabinet approved funding of \$4 125 000 to secure the V8 Supercars in Tasmania for five years, from 2015 to 2019).
- (5) Further recognises the Tasmanian Government is also contributing up to \$2 million towards infrastructure improvements at Symmons Plains that includes:—
  - (a) the infrastructure improvements are mandatory requirements over the next three years in order for the V8 series events to proceed;
  - (b) these requirements were established by the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), the national government body for motorsport in Australia; and
  - (c) works included in the plan include:—
    - (i) concrete hardstand – used for support categories and useable as a driver training area;
    - (ii) increasing the size of the gravel traps;
    - (iii) installing new concrete barriers;
    - (iv) a spectator safety fencing; and
    - (v) improvements to amenity and presentation of the course.
- (6) Congratulates the organisers of this event, for their continued outstanding efforts giving Tasmanian's the opportunity to experience this fast paced and exciting motor sport. (6 April 2017)

**1595** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the REIA 2017 National Awards for Excellence were presented at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra on Thursday 23 March 2017.
- (2) Further notes that the awards highlight the achievements of individuals and organisations who have excelled in the real estate industry nationally and are designed to recognise and promote excellence and best practice in the profession.
- (3) Congratulates Tasmanian Natalie Downton of Downton Property on winning the prestigious Residential Salesperson of the Year Award, beating a field of competitors from across the country.
- (4) Notes that this award comes on top of 2016's success where Natalie became the first woman and one of the youngest people to win the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania Sales Person of the Year Award. Natalie has also achieved success in other areas of life including representing Tasmania on a number of occasions in netball and playing golf at a high level
- (5) Congratulates all other Tasmanian entrants to the REIA 2017 National Awards for Excellence for their ongoing commitment, professionalism and contribution to the real estate industry locally. (6 April 2017)

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1596 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) yet again, the Greens and the Bob Brown Foundation have made alarmist and false claims regarding the Tasmanian Forest industry; and
  - (b) claims that a controlled burn by Forestry Tasmania had escaped into higher conservation forests and was threatening the Arthur River shacks and homes was a hysterical over-reaction from a photo of smoke blowing across the plains.
- (2) Records the fact that the fire was a planned fuel reduction burn which remained entirely within the Permanent Timber Production Zone, not in protected, reserved forests as was claimed and more importantly, it is under control.
- (3) Further records, that of the 12 planned burns on Tuesday the fire in coupe TE004P, burnt an area of just 20 to 30 metres wide and 300 metres long outside the south west burn plan boundary but entirely within PTPZ land.
- (4) Further records that Forestry Tasmania staff have been on site and have stated the fire is not expected to spread with further comfort coming from rain forecast for Saturday and Sunday at the Arthur River.
- (5) Further notes as the out-of-control summer fires just over a year ago in this area showed, there is a pressing need for fuel reduction at some sites.
- (6) Congratulates Forestry Tasmania for the skills, expertise and diligent management of our forests and the entire ecosystem under their care including managing the much needed fuel reduction burns, regeneration burns and the continuous reforestation of our wonderful Production Forests. (6 April 2017)

1597 Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has taken action to improve health services for residents of North West Tasmania including, so far:—
  - (a) radiology cancer treatment delivered for first time at the NW Regional Hospital – meaning 7500 fewer trips to Launceston for NW patients;
  - (b) refurbished emergency department at the NW Regional Hospital;
  - (c) the State’s first dedicated elective surgery centre at the Mersey Community Hospital, performing a record number of surgeries;
  - (d) a new Integrated NW Maternity Service, including expanded antenatal and postnatal services, at the Mersey and NW Regional Hospitals;
  - (e) fewer nursing double shifts at the NW Regional and Mersey Hospitals;
  - (f) a new, future-proof helipad built at the NW Regional Hospital and planning for improved helicopter facilities at the Mersey Hospital;
  - (g) 12 new drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds at Ulverstone;
  - (h) Tasmania’s first subsidised Hospital Link bus service operating between the Mersey and NW Regional Hospitals;
  - (i) a pilot program to improve oral health for expectant mothers in the NW;
  - (j) a new purpose built Mobile BreastScreen Bus for women across the NW;
  - (k) new Telehealth clinics to reduce patient travel and improve access to treatment;
  - (l) a \$112 000 upgrade for King Island Hospital and Health centre; and
  - (m) announcement of a \$1 billion dollar deal to return the Mersey Community Hospital to State ownership and long-term operation as part of Tasmania’s integrated statewide hospital system from 1 July 2017.
- (2) Notes that Labor:—
  - (a) hasn’t proposed any new health services or facilities for NW Tasmania;
  - (b) sacked nurses and closed beds across the State when it was last in power;
  - (c) still doesn’t recognise the Mersey as part of Tasmania’s hospital system; and

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- (d) is more interested in scoring political points than taking action to improve the health of Tasmanians. (6 April 2017)

**1598** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the downgrade of accreditation of adult internal medicine has been reconsidered by the college of physicians and will remain in place at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH).
- (2) Acknowledges that the downgrade will continue to affect the ability of the hospital to attract registrars, as they will only be able to train for two of the three years required to complete the module and will have to find another hospital to contract them in order to finish that part of their training.
- (3) Agrees that the Tasmanian Health System already relies too heavily on locums, who are costly and do not provide the stability and consistency required for the best patient outcomes or for training opportunities for junior doctors.
- (4) Further notes with concern that the LGH continues to struggle to recruit Endocrinologists, and that the Royal College of Physicians has no choice but to maintain the downgrade.
- (5) Further acknowledges that if this pattern continues and the College of Surgeons too downgraded the teaching status of the LGH, there will be a real risk to ongoing patient care.
- (6) Further notes that previous reviews have raised a number of threats to the LGH's accreditation which required attention in order for the LGH to remain a teaching hospital.
- (7) Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP to ensure that all criteria are met to maintain teaching accreditation at the LGH as a matter of priority to support staff, patients and give assurance to the entire community that services will continue to be available. (6 April 2017)

**1599** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes March 2017's Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program Report is proof of the alarming level of ice use in Tasmania, and provides clear evidence that the Liberals are failing to address the problem.
- (2) Understands the use of the methamphetamine Ice is destroying Tasmanians' lives, robbing children of childhoods, leading to family and community violence, and making the work of support services, the police and ambulance workers far more dangerous.
- (3) Acknowledges the drug diversion to health services program is being under-utilised, that last year it dropped from 216 to 178, and people who take drugs for personal use are pushed towards prison, instead of recovery.
- (4) Further understands the current Government policy of punishing users is failing to reduce the demand for Ice use, and is causing the problem to balloon.
- (5) Recognises that recent funding cuts for social and youth workers who intervene early and help users break their addiction, and their families, now make the prospect for recovery from Ice use in regional Tasmania even more difficult.
- (6) Calls on the Liberals to listen to community organisations, former Premiers, police commissioners and prosecutors, who are calling for drug abuse to be treated as a health issue.
- (7) Calls on the Government to commit substantial funds in this year's State Budget towards early intervention, treatment services, and drug diversion programs, particularly in regional areas, to focus on helping people change their lives away from addiction instead of punishing them. (6 April 2017)

**1600** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that the Energy Users Association Conference in Hobart on 23 March 2017 noted the inevitability of the shift to renewable energy generation in Australia on the grounds of cost and carbon emission reduction, and the fact this was now recognised as such across the energy users' sector nationally.

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- (2) Notes that CSIRO has provided comprehensive evidence that Australian businesses and customers want energy companies to decarbonise the energy sector, that they want an orderly transition to renewables, and they don't want high power prices.
- (3) Recognises the severe lack of leadership this Liberal Government is providing on energy security, and that policy made on the run is bad for investment in infrastructure that have 20-50 year time frames.
- (4) Further understand the answer to high prices and electricity instability is not to build more coal and gas power plants, which are now understood by the market to be uncompetitive over their lifetime.
- (5) Further notes that after numerous attempts to make the Hazelwood power station in Victoria more efficient, including state government bailouts, the plant's owners, acknowledged that, by every measure, it was no longer economically viable, and voluntarily closed the plant on 1 April 2017.
- (6) Recognises that the high prices of electricity nationally, instability in the National Electricity Market as large coal plants close and high domestic gas prices mean energy users don't know where to jump, with a critical need for leadership to guide the massive transformation that is happening.
- (7) Calls on the Minister for Energy Hon. Matthew Groom MP to urgently establish targets for renewable energy in Tasmania, and instruct Hydro to expand investment opportunities in wind and solar, and to instruct the Tasmanian Energy Regulator to properly cost the externalities of electricity production and use. (6 April 2017)

**1601** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) that Labor Green Governments can't be trusted in relation to financial management and protecting the taxpayers' money;
- (b) that despite the instability of changing leaders, the Labor Green Opposition hasn't changed and will continue to be a lazy, negative policy free zone;
- (c) the Labor Green Opposition have form for spending money on their own political gain instead of what it was meant to be used for;
- (d) the greatest fraud and example of this was the raiding of the public servants superannuation fund by the previous government;
- (e) further evidence of this was their opposition to the Majority Hodgman Liberal Governments safeguarding of the TT Line vessel Replacement fund, as they wanted to spend that as well;
- (f) that again the Majority Hodgman Liberal Government will quarantine the record federal cash transfer for the Mersey Community Hospital to make sure the Labor Green Opposition cant misuse that as well, given their opposition the Mersey, which includes their previous attempts to close it;
- (g) that the Hodgman Majority Government has secured 10 years of funding which gives the Mersey a long term future even if the Labor Green Opposition were to regain government one day;
- (g) that the current leader of the Labor Green Opposition, the Hon. Rebecca White MP will continue the Labor position of selling out to gain power, doing deals with the Greens to form government, mismanaging the State's finance and raiding the Mersey Hospital funds given half a chance; and
- (9) that the Mersey Community Hospital is a crucial part of the Majority Liberal Government's plan for our health system and the Opposition, tried to close it before and would do it again if given the opportunity. (6 April 2017)

**1602** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates dentist, Dr Jessica Manuela of Blackmans Bay who was awarded the St Lukes Health Healthier Communities Award at the Tasmanian Young Achiever Annual Gala Dinner on Saturday night for her outstanding work in oral health care and prevention.

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- (2) Notes that at the age of 28, Dr Manuela is a qualified oral health care professional who opened her own practice two years ago and already has 3000 registered patients. She is also chairperson for the Oral Health Promotion Committee of the Australian Dental Association Tasmanian Branch Inc. and in 2012 was awarded the New Zealand and Australia Society of Paediatrics award.
- (3) Recognises the volunteer work Dr Manuela undertakes, working 20-30 unpaid hours weekly, speaking with school students about oral hygiene and running community information evenings.
- (4) Commends Dr Manuela for her hard work in promoting better oral health and for her service to the community through her pro bono work and willingness to help others. (11 April 2017)

**1603** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Tasmanian Health system will receive a \$400,000 boost thanks to Ricky Ponting's 'Biggest Game of Cricket', which took place between North Melbourne and Hawthorn football players in January 2017 at the University of Tasmania Stadium.
- (2) Commends the 10,000 Tasmanians who donated to the Ponting Foundation that raised \$213,000.
- (3) Notes that the State Government matched the funds by contributing another \$213,000 to raise over \$400,000 for the health system.
- (4) Further notes that 'The Biggest Game of Cricket' is the Ponting Foundation's largest annual fundraiser and can be played by anyone across Australia to raise money for health. (11 April 2017)

**1604** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes with concern that from 1 July 2017 the State's TAFE and apprenticeship sector is set to lose \$11 million a year in Federal Government funding.
- (2) Understands that the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, which expires on 30 June 2017, strips \$500 million from the TAFE and apprenticeship sector nationally.
- (3) Reaffirms the important role TAFE Tasmania and apprenticeship schemes play in providing skilled workers to Tasmanian industry.
- (4) Further understands that there is nothing currently proposed by the Federal Government to replace this funding.
- (5) Appreciates that the loss of this funding will result in fewer TAFE courses, higher course fees and lower course quality.
- (6) Supports the calls from Australia's peak business organisations, which united last month to insist that the Federal Government recommits to funding a new National Partnership Agreement focussed on apprentices and TAFE. (11 April 2017)

**1605** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the decision by the Australian Ethical Investment super fund to sell all its \$10 million worth of shares in Tassal given their concerns about the sustainability of the salmon farming industry.
- (2) Recognises that Australian Ethical Investment's divestment from Tassal is a significant blow to the clean and green brand Tasmania's salmon farming industry needs to remain nationally competitive.
- (3) Understands the Liberal's mismanagement of salmon farming regulation, a position supported by Labor, has cost the industry the trust of investment firms and the Tasmanian public.
- (4) Acknowledges as long as the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP continues to perpetuate the myth that our farmed salmon industry regulations are "world's best practice", instead of setting strong and fair rules for

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industry competition and environmental values, he risks the industry's reputation and the jobs it provides.

- (5) Calls on the Minister to step in immediately to restore investor confidence by regulating the salmon industry for long-term environmental sustainability, transparency and accountability to the Tasmanian community. (11 April 2017)

**1606** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the May 2013 Auditor-General's report, titled 'Hospital bed management and primary preventative health', found high average lengths of stay, high rates of unplanned readmissions, and no key performance indicators regarding patient throughput.
- (2) Understands a follow-up audit by the Auditor-General found that, under the direction of the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, the Tasmanian Health Service has only implemented 58% of the recommendations contained from the 2013 report.
- (3) Recognises the Tasmanian Health Service has only managed to comply with 25 per cent of the recommendation that performance indicators should monitor the effectiveness of patient throughput.
- (4) Acknowledges that only 50 per cent of the following recommendations have been implemented, including investigations about:—
- (a) ways to avoid excessive bed occupancy at the Royal Hobart Hospital;
  - (b) why Tasmanian length-of-stay periods are worse than other jurisdictions;
  - (c) why some surgical procedures have rates of unplanned readmission above the national average; and
  - (d) why placement times for elderly patients on the North West Coast are longer than for the rest of the state, and to develop strategies to reduce these times.
- (5) Further recognises these results echo the recent failure by to implement the recommendations contained in an expert report from August 2016, which identified major organisational and governance issues within the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital.
- (6) Calls on the Premier Hon. Will Hodgman MP to instruct the Minister for Health to prioritise implementing these expert recommendations so that hospital clinicians can do their job and provide the care that sick Tasmanians need. (11 April 2017)

**1607** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) the Hodgman Government takes road safety very seriously, and wants all road users to take care on our roads, and return home safely this Easter;
  - (b) Easter is a time when more people are on the roads, including locals towing boats and caravans, as well as interstate and international tourists who may be less familiar with Tasmanian driving conditions. Roadworks in many parts of the state may also cause delays and drivers are encouraged to be patient, allow extra time for every journey, and obey all signs in construction areas;
  - (c) in the Easter 2016 period, there were zero fatalities, but 5 people sustained serious injuries on our roads which is 5 too many;
  - (d) from Thursday 13 April 2017 to Wednesday 19 April 2017 Tasmania Police will be conducting Operation Crossroads, targeting high risk driver behaviours that are the main cause of serious crashes: speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and not driving to the conditions;
  - (e) Police will be patrolling known hotspots for drink drivers and drug drivers, as well as alternative routes out of towns and cities, back streets, rural roads and entertainment districts; and
  - (f) SES volunteers will also be serving tea, coffee, chocolate milk and biscuits at Driver Reviver sites at Parramatta Creek, St Peter's Pass, Fossey River, Sideling Lookout and Franklin River Nature Trail, near Mount Arrowsmith.

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- (2) Thanks Tasmania Police and our SES crews for the extra efforts they are making to keep Tasmanians and our visitors' safe on the roads this Easter. (11 April 2017)

**1608** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the serious comments by Dr Frank Nicklason Chairman of the Medical Staff Association on ABC radio Monday 10 April 2017.
- (2) Understands that Dr Nicklason told the ABC that because there isn't access to enough beds in the Royal Hobart Hospital, people are remaining in the emergency department even after they have been admitted.
- (3) Further understands the distressing situation for new people who come into the emergency department who are not able to be seen in the privacy of a cubicle because of overcrowding and because patients already admitted have not been moved to the wards.
- (4) Hears the concerns of Dr Nicklason: "We simply don't have enough hospital beds, we're struggling, we have been struggling for months, we've been telling politicians and bureaucrats in every way that we can that we've got a problem, and to date there hasn't been an adequate response to that."
- (5) Notes that Tasmanian's deserve better than a Minister for Health who is ignorant to clinicians concerns.
- (6) Understands that the concerns of Dr Nicklason are further evidence of the crisis in our health system and why an inquiry into Tasmania's health system is urgently needed. (11 April 2017)

**1609** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Liberals came into Government with nothing more than a slogan on the future of Forestry in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that a slogan is not a policy, and it is no response to the complexities of contemporary forest practices or consumer expectations and changing global markets.
- (3) Understands the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows that under this Government not a single new job in forestry and wood processing has been created, and many full-time jobs have become part time.
- (4) Further understands the future of forestry in Tasmania is FSC certified, plantation-based products.
- (5) Further notes the Liberals have lost industry friend after friend in their three years in government, as a result of their backwards attitude towards forestry.
- (6) Recognises that Ta Ann, Artec and the Forest Industries Association of Tasmania have all been critical of the Liberals approach to forestry.
- (7) Further notes that the few industry friends the Liberals have standing next to them are minor players who never supported the Tasmanian Forest Agreement, including pro forestry extremists George Harriss and Kelly Wilton.
- (8) Condemns the Hodgman Government for their divisive plan to log 356,000 ha of high conservation forest that not only threatens environmental values and social cohesion, but the international market for Tasmanian forest products. (11 April 2017)

**1610** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Labor Opposition leader Hon. Rebecca White MP's, opposition to locking in Mersey Community Hospital funding to protect it from being raided by future Governments is frightening.
- (2) Records the Advocate newspaper yesterday, where Ms White described as "ridiculous" the Hodgman Liberal Government's plan to lock in the funding saying it isn't needed.
- (3) Further notes every North West Coast resident has reason to fear Labor would raid the \$730.4 million Mersey Community Hospital funding package and spend it on projects in the south because this is exactly what Labor dishonestly did in 2007.
- (4) Further notes there is no other logical explanation for Ms White opposing our plan to protect the Mersey dollars through legislation, than they want to dud the community and the nurses, patients, doctors and staff at the Mersey.

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- (5) Calls on Labor to immediately reverse the position of Ms White and support the Government's plan to put the Mersey money under "lock and key". (11 April 2017)

**1611** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) the importance of having robust processes in managing Parliament;
  - (b) the same good process which applies to Government also applies to the conduct of the Cabinet and just as Parliamentary Committees have rules on confidentiality to function so too does Cabinet;
  - (c) that no member of Parliament other than Cabinet Members has a right to Cabinet documents and advice;
  - (d) that upholding confidentiality of the process is a fundamental tenet of our democracy and a free society; and
  - (e) that the clear and accepted process supported by centuries of tradition around the Westminster style of Cabinets and Parliamentary Committees is there for a number of reasons however there is one central principle involved, the principle is that unless confidentiality is maintained the process breaks down, particularly regarding the provision of free and fearless advice and information to assist with good decision making.
- (2) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for standing firm to protect the proper processes which maintain confidentiality of Cabinet documents. (11 April 2017)

**1612** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) a world class water and sewerage system is essential for both Tasmanians and our tourists;
  - (b) our Tasmanian brand is at risk by having poor quality sewerage and water;
  - (c) Local Government has not been sufficiently accountable to its customers, the people of Tasmania;
  - (d) TasWater's assets are deteriorating faster than it is able to replace them and it continues to pay returns to councils;
  - (e) in its most recent State of the Industry Report, the Tasmanian Economic Regulator highlighted the extent of the problems that exist in the water and sewerage sector, including that:—
    - (i) only 1 of 79 sewerage treatment plants achieved full compliance with discharge to waters limits;
    - (ii) sewerage out flows to the environment are up to 8 times higher than the national average; and
    - (iii) twenty-five water systems were operating under temporary or permanent boiled water alerts while another five systems had a public health alert (do not consume) in place.
  - (f) the current governance model, with 29 separate owners, is not working, and that now is the time for change and greater accountability.
- (2) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on having a plan for fixing Tasmania's water and sewerage infrastructure.
- (3) Further notes the Government's plan will fix our water and sewerage problems in a shorter timeframe, at a lower cost to customers and without rates needing to rise. (11 April 2017)

**1613** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

Notes the Special Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts: Unauthorised Disclosure of Committee Deliberations. (11 April 2017)

**1614** Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

Notes the 'Special Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts': Failure to Comply with Summons. (11 April 2017)

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- 1615** The Premier to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends Destination Southern Tasmania for development of the Southern Stars Award held in Hobart on 5 April 2017.
  - (2) Congratulates the following Tourism Operators who have won a Star Award for 2017:—
    - (a) Waterfall Café at Mt. Field was awarded for excellence in branding;
    - (b) Fiona Weaver, awarded for her volunteering efforts within the tourism industry of the Derwent Valley;
    - (c) the Red Decker Company awarded for bringing innovation to the tourism industry;
    - (d) Redlands Distillery at Kempton awarded for being the best tourism newcomer for 2016 in the south; and
    - (e) Mette Vittrup of the Tasmanian Visitor Centre in Hobart is the rising star, in recognition of her contribution to the tourism industry thus far.
  - (3) Recognises all our tourism operators for the work they do in promoting our state and providing exemplary tourism experiences for our visitors. (11 April 2017)
- 1616** The Premier to move—That the House:—
- (1) Commends ParaQuad Tasmania for its involvement in developing the new sport Wheelchair Aussie Rules.
  - (2) Congratulates Tasmania's State team on their recent performance at the 2017 Wheelchair Aussie Rules national Championships, coming second over-all and making it to the Grand Final against South Australia.
  - (3) Notes that Government funding for ParaQuad Tasmania has allowed for the development of games like Wheelchair Aussie Rules to increase participation of all Tasmanians in an active healthy lifestyle. (11 April 2017)
- 1619** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House notes that:—
- (a) just a day after the Tasmanian Government secured the long term future of the Mersey Hospital, Denison MHR, Hon. Andrew Wilkie MP attacked the deal and called for the closure of this vital hospital;
  - (b) Mr Wilkie, who spends his life within a very short radius of Salamanca and in Canberra has no idea of how important health services are to the North West;
  - (c) Mr Wilkie's campaign for the closure of the Mersey Hospital is typical of Left Wing Hobart centric politicians, such as Hon. Rebecca White MP and Ms Lara Giddings MP who continue to attack those who live in regional Tasmania, especially the North West;
  - (d) Mr Wilkie turned down a billion-dollar deal from Hon. Tony Abbott MP to build a new Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH), instead taking \$340 million from the Hon. Julia Gillard. And unlike the Hodgman Liberal Government's Mersey funding, the Giddings / Wilkie RHH money was not exempt from GST calculations, meaning that it effectively netted out to zero with Tasmanian GST payments being adjusted to take it into account;
  - (e) with the suggestion by some that Mr Wilkie wants to run candidates at the next state election, it will be beyond him to put his money where his mouth is, and run candidates in Braddon so that NW Tasmanians can tell him what they think of his idea to close our hospitals; and
  - (f) only the Tasmanian Liberals can be trusted to secure the Mersey Hospital and Mr Wilkie, and the new Labor Opposition Leader Hon. Rebecca White MP will continue with their open contempt for the North West and the Mersey Community Hospital. (11 April 2017)
- 1620** Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that in February 2017 there were 239,400 people in work in Tasmania, up more than 4,400 since the last election.

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- (2) Remembers that, under the Labor and Labor-Green Governments, the number of Tasmanians employed decreased by 10,000.
- (3) Celebrates the unemployment rate in Tasmania falling to 5.8% under the Hodgman Liberal Government, down 1.7 percentage points since the election and now equal to the national average.
- (4) Congratulates and thanks all of the Tasmanian employees and employers who have contributed to these figures and are getting on with the job of building Tasmania's future.
- (5) Welcomes the Hodgman Government's latest jobs growth initiative, the \$600,000 'Supporting Small Business with Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program', which will help more small businesses give more Tasmanians their first job. (12 April 2017)

**1621** Ms *O'Connor* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Celebrates the success of first AFLW season, and the four Tasmanian players who did the State proud.
- (2) Notes the reported massive increase in young girls signing up for local underage competitions in Tasmania and across the country.
- (3) Congratulates the Adelaide Crows for taking home the inaugural premiers cup.
- (4) Further notes the Crows' arrangement with Northern Territory Government to funnel players into their team.
- (5) Understands that young football players should be able to aspire to represent their State in a truly national competition.
- (6) Acknowledges the letter the Greens wrote to the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman MP and Opposition Leader, Hon Rebecca White MP in February 2016 calling for tripartisan support and commitment to a State women's football team.
- (7) Further notes the comments from Tasmania's AFL Chief Executive, Robert Auld, that Tasmania has an "excellent chance" to score a licence in the AFLW competition.
- (8) Urges the Premier to continue to work cooperatively and ensure Tasmania has its own women's AFL team. (12 April 2017)

**1622** Ms *Woodruff* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the local community of Orielton Rivulet who are celebrating the announcement by the proponent of a proposed 40,000 chicken farm that the development will not proceed on that property.
- (2) Understands the property was just 1.8km from the northern extent of the Pittwater-Orielton Lagoon, an internationally protected Ramsar wetland, with Orielton Rivulet running through the property and discharging into the lagoon.
- (3) Acknowledges the proposed development would have inevitably resulted in significant volumes of high nutrient run-off from the facility into Orielton Rivulet, and then into the PittWater-Orielton Lagoon Ramsar Site and the PittWater Nature Reserve, with significant ecological and environmental impacts expected.
- (4) Recognises PittWater-Orielton Lagoon continues to face significant environmental pressures from:—
  - (a) urbanisation, with more than 50 per cent of the area heavily affected by human development;
  - (b) extensive agricultural operations, as well as urban development, which have increased nutrient runoff entering the lagoon with significant impacts on the wetlands ecology;
  - (c) surrounding settlements that have restricted the capacity of the lagoon to adapt and move inland in response to sea level rise; and
  - (d) growing water demands from catchments that feed the lagoon which are being compounded by climate change, resulting in significantly reduced fresh water entering the lagoon.
- (5) Further understands Tasmania is home to ten Ramsar Wetlands that provide vital habitat for migratory shorebirds and regionally significant flora and fauna, much of which is critically endangered.
- (6) Further understands that this development did not proceed because of community and conservationist pressure, not because our federal and state environmental laws were good enough to protect Tasmania's wetlands.

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- (7) Calls on the Hodgman Government to act to strengthen planning and environmental laws to account for cumulative pressures, and to help conserve Tasmania's remnant extraordinary wetlands, and the species that depend on them, for future generations. (12 April 2017)

**1623** Ms *Woodruff* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Sunday 9 April 2017, 70 concerned residents of the Kangaroo Bay area attended Clarence Council's launch of the Kangaroo Bay Parklands, in the rain, to protest against the Kangaroo Bay development.
- (2) Recognises the Premier, Hon. Will Hodgman MP continues to avoid the community's concerns about the excessive size of the development in this position, the failure of Council to properly consult their community, and a development application and a planning scheme change that was pushed through across the Christmas New Year holiday period.
- (3) Understands that in March 2015, the Premier stated in a media release that his Government had contributed Crown Land valued at \$2.5 million to enable the Kangaroo Bay redevelopment to proceed.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to explain to Kangaroo Bay residents why his Government gifted Crown Land to council to facilitate this development, while divesting itself of responsibility for the impact and appropriateness of the development for the local community. (12 April 2017)

**1624** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Rebecca Lynd, co-owner and operator of Big River Highland Beef in the Derwent Valley, producing Scottish Highland beef who is the Tasmanian 2017 winner of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award.
- (2) Notes the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP presented the Tasmanian Awards that were held on 4 April 2017.
- (3) Acknowledges the Award which provides a bursary for a study tour of the United States which will enable Rebecca to research and resource initiatives that will benefit rural industries and communities.
- (4) Further notes that as Tasmanian winner, Rebecca will represent the State in national selections for the Australian Rural Women's Award.
- (5) Further congratulates the runner up Heather Cosgriff who won the 2017 Encouragement Award.
- (6) Further acknowledges the contribution of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture who support these awards and actively encourage the promotion of rural women.
- (7) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of Tasmania's agricultural enterprises and has strategies in place to grow the value of Tasmanian agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050 and create more jobs in regional Tasmania.
- (8) Further congratulates the organising committee, sponsors and all involved in this wonderful initiative recognising the vital contribution women make to Tasmania's rural industries, agribusiness and rural communities. (12 April 2017)

**1625** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the innovative 2017 Firelight Festival is to be held between 4 May and 6 May 2017 at Mt. Rowland, near Sheffield.
- (2) Further notes Firelight is a laser and light show projected onto the iconic face of Mt. Rowland over three nights.
- (3) Further notes after a successful trial in 2015, the concept has been enhanced with the 2017 show taking viewers through Tasmania's story set to an original soundtrack.
- (4) Further notes that the best viewing spots in the Sheffield region will become designated festival sites where attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy fine local foods and wine, while enjoying the show.
- (5) Recognises the economic and social benefits of the Festival on the local regional (region).

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- (6) Further notes the Tasmanian Government, through 'Events Tasmania' is a proud supporter of the Firelight Festival, contributing \$20,000 to the 2017 event, alongside an additional \$20,000 commitment from the Premier's Discretionary Fund.
- (7) Further notes that the Australian Government, through the support of the office of Senator Jonathan Duniam, provided the event with a grant of \$40,000 with the Kentish Council and commercial partners are also supporting the event.
- (8) Congratulates Des Brown, other members of the organising committee and all involved in bringing this visionary project to life and encourage Tasmanians to visit and watch one of our most iconic sights 'up in lights'. (12 April 2017)

**1626** Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates sisters Lucy Byrne and Penny Terry on becoming top ten finalists in the first ever Lightbulb Moments competition, with their podcast project "travel like a local".
- (2) Acknowledges that the competition aims to help getting the best projects off the ground, aware that it is often the lightbulb moments of local people in regional communities in regional Australia who have the best insight into regional opportunities.
- (3) Notes that Ms Byrne and Ms Terry were amongst the 150 entrants to the competition.
- (4) Recognises that the project will create the first ever travel podcast series about Tasmania, led by regional communities.
- (5) Further notes that the project acknowledges that we are experiencing high visitation and that those visitors crave authentic stories.
- (6) Calls on the Government not to squander the opportunities granted by the eyes of the world being on Tasmania, and to ensure that Tasmanian stories, including stories of our first people, are highlighted and supported whenever possible. (12 April 2017)

**1627** The Deputy Premier to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment was established to research and contribute to debate on educational attainment for the economic and social benefit of our State, including a workforce development strategy targeting skills and qualification needs.
- (2) Further notes that the work of the Centre is underway, including significant research and the promotion of education participation and aspiration through projects like 'Bigger Things' which is currently underway in the Huon Valley, and The Children's University, both of which are aimed at increasing the value placed by the community on educational attainment.
- (3) Further notes the important work of the Centre in contributing to the education debate in Tasmania, including through the upcoming 'Education Transforms' symposium from 11 July to 14 July 2017 which will bring together academics, education practitioners and policy makers to discuss our mission to raise aspirations for educational attainment.
- (4) Acknowledges that Professor Elaine Stratford announced on 10 April 2017 that she will leave her role as Director of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment to focus on related research projects.
- (5) Thanks Professor Stratford for her work as Director in establishing the presence, strategy and work plan of the centre including developing the partnership between the University of Tasmania, the Government and Government House. (12 April 2017)

**1628** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that on Saturday 15 April 2017 the Tailrace Centre in Riverside will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt to raise awareness for Huntington's Disease, a tragic heredity disease that affects the brain and causes uncontrolled movements, emotional problems, and loss of thinking ability.

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- (2) Recognises that Tailrace cook, Katrina Bowers and her family have been personally affected by this disease.
  - (3) Further that as the disease progresses movements become more pronounced causing individuals to have difficulty walking, speaking and swallowing.
  - (4) Commends Mrs Bowers and the Tailrace Centre for raising awareness and money for this disease, which will go to the Huntington's Disease Association of Tasmania, a foundation that provides support for Tasmanians affected by the disease who deserve our support. (12 April 2017)
- 1629** Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Notes that 13 April 2017, was Ian Waller's last day as Regional Tourism Manager with the Cradle Coast Authority, after 15 years in the role.
  - (2) Celebrates Mr Waller's achievements in the role, including his leadership of transformative regional tourism projects such as:—
    - (a) the Tarkine Drive and Tarkine Tourism Development Plan;
    - (b) The Cradle to Coast Tasting Trail;
    - (c) The Cradle Mountain Master Plan, and
    - (d) The annual Cradle Coast Regional Tourism Forum and Awards.
  - (3) Acknowledges Mr Waller's legacy in bringing the Cradle Coast region's tourism industry together, ensuring its strong representation in tourism policy, product and market development and industry awards processes at State and National scale. (13 April 2017)
- 1630** Ms *O'Connor* to move —That the House debates as a matter of critical importance the issue of biosecurity arrangements for Good Friday. (13 April 2017)
- 1631** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that on 25 April 2017, Australians commemorated ANZAC Day. 2017 marks the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the landings in Gallipoli by Australian and New Zealand troops in 1915.
  - (2) Remembers the 420,000 Australians enlisted in World War One, including 15,484 enlisted from Tasmania. In total WW1 took the lives of 61,514 Australians, including around 2900 Tasmanians.
  - (3) Commends RSL State Branch of Tasmania, together with its sub-branches, for the co-ordination of ANZAC Day services and marches across the State.
  - (4) Encourages all Tasmanians to take the time on ANZAC Day to pause and remember all those men and women who have given themselves to the service of this country. (13 April 2017)
- 1632** The Premier to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Jacob Prehn, 29 of Kingston for being awarded the Colony 47 Young Indigenous Achievement Award on Saturday night 8 April 2017 at the annual Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards, for his dedication to improving Tasmanian Aboriginal health outcomes.
  - (2) Notes that Jacob is the volunteer chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association and works part-time in Aboriginal Research and Leadership at the University of Tasmania.
  - (3) Recognises that Jacob is undertaking a PhD that focuses on men's mental health and improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal people, while also working with the CEO of Karadi to build the State's first Aboriginal men's shed.
  - (4) Commends Jacob once again for hard work and commitment to improving the lives of Aboriginal people in Tasmania. (13 April 2017)
- 1633** Ms *Woodruff* to move —That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates Tastex Knitwear and Uniforms, a disability enterprise, that is now feeding energy into the Tasmanian grid, as well as producing high quality knitwear.
  - (2) Notes that following a successful crowd funding campaign last year, Tastex became Tasmania's first community solar project, installing 30 KW of solar panels on the roof of their Glenorchy factory.

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- (3) Understands Tastex exceeded expectations, saving \$2,166 in the first three months of operation compared with the same period the previous year, and is on target to save over \$6,000 a year.
- (4) Recognises the savings from the community solar farm will enable Tastex to continue to provide meaningful employment for Tasmanians with disabilities.
- (5) Acknowledges Tasmania now has a proven collaborative model for community solar projects and hopefully Tastex will be the first of many community solar farms.
- (6) Calls on the Liberal Government to support community solar projects, including by establishing a fair solar feed in tariff and a date for Tasmania to become 100% renewable, 100% of the time. (13 April 2017)

**1634** The Premier to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes the 2017 Tasmanian Young Achiever of the Year Awards were held Saturday 8 April 2017 to celebrate our young leaders.
- (2) Congratulates Dr Jessica Manuela on being named the Premier's Young Achiever of the Year for 2017, an indigenous Tasmanian who has dedicated herself to raising awareness of oral health issues.
- (3) Further congratulates the other seven category winners who have all made outstanding contributions to the Tasmanian community.
- (4) Further notes these Awards highlight the accomplishments and recognise young leaders who encourage, motivate and inspire all Tasmanians. (13 April 2017)

**1635** The Minister for Information, Technology and Innovation to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that a new state-of-the-art simulator has been commissioned at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston that will be used to help prepare students for emergency situations that cannot be easily taught at sea.
- (2) Recognises that the \$1 million ship engine room simulator features virtual reality screens and gives students a realistic introduction into engine room operation and now includes 16 individual work stations where students get to know their way around tankers, container ships, gas carriers and passenger ships.
- (3) Further notes that simulation leader Gamini Lokuketago states “this is the best and the latest technology available in the world now, and we are very proud to have it at UTAS to train our students...I'm convinced that such a realistic experience means that AMC will be one of the best places in the world to prepare students for working with real engine rooms”.
- (4) Strongly supports the Australian Maritime College as the nation's leading maritime training and research institution. (13 April 2017)

**1636** The Minister for Health to move —That the House:—

- (1) Commends Scotch Oakburn Year 12 students and Round Square co-chairs Sophie Williams and David Hodson for organising the Brainwaves Forum during the week commencing 2 April 2017 where students from various Northern high schools discussed mental health issues and how we as a community can address stigma.
- (2) Notes that the Forum was hosted by Launceston City Mission and coincided with National Youth Week and featured presentations from two young Tasmanians of the Year, Zac Lockhart and SPEAK UP! Stay ChaTY founder Mitch McPherson.
- (3) Recognises that the Forum was the result of a challenge set for Round Square, an international organisation for schools, to benefit the community, where the students consulted with Launceston City Council in forming their plan to improve mental health through workshops and presentations.
- (4) Congratulates the students involved for their determination to help others in our community and for showing such leadership on this most important issue. (13 April 2017)

**1639** Ms *White* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that a Labor Government will establish eight (8) Industry Advisory Councils, comprising senior industry, academic, union and local government stakeholders to provide information and input into government programs.

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- (2) Understands that the University of Tasmania will be invited to play a pivotal role in each Industry Advisory Council, linking initiatives such as STEM, IMAS, Menzies Research and the Hedberg into the development and growth of the economy.
- (3) Further notes that each Advisory Council will complete an Industry Audit, designed to identify challenges and opportunities for growth in each area of the economy and assisting each industry to develop their own strategic plan and workforce development requirements.
- (4) Further understands that Industry Advisory Councils will have direct input to the Department of Education, to ensure resources for skills development through TasTAFE and Registered Training Organisations reflect industry requirements.
- (5) Further notes with concern that the Hodgman Government:—
  - (a) does not have any regular, formal consultation with representatives of industry, only informal interaction with peak industry bodies;
  - (b) does not specifically seek out and include the view of the University of Tasmania in any decision making process;
  - (c) has not conducted an audit of the status of each key industry in the State to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
  - (d) is missing investment attraction and export market growth opportunities, where government has traditionally played a role;
  - (e) shows an acute lack of support for small businesses in regional areas, particularly on the East Coast and North West Tasmania, and
  - (f) does not take the time to encourage and foster a culture of innovation and creative thinking to solve the challenges facing the economy and develop the jobs for the future.
- (6) Recognises that Labor's plan to introduce Industry Advisory Councils will improve communication between government and business, increase business confidence, private investment and jobs for all Tasmanians. (2 May 2017)

**1640** The Minister for Resources to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Tasmanian cyclist Richie Porte's stunning come-from-behind win at the 2017 Tour of Romandie in Switzerland on 30 April 2017.
- (2) Notes that the Tour of Romandie is a key lead-up race to the iconic Tour de France and was won by Briton Chris Froome on his way to winning the Tour de France in 2013 and Australian Cadel Evans prior to his victory in the Tour de France in 2011.
- (3) Further notes that Porte's victory, which also follows his win in the Santos Tour Down Under in Adelaide earlier in 2017, sets the scene for his charge at the Tour de France.
- (4) Further notes that cycling is one of the most popular forms of exercise and recreation with around 3.6 million people in Australia riding a bicycle for recreation and transport in a typical week, including 97 000 in Tasmania, with just over half the households in this State having access to a bicycle.
- (5) Thanks Richie Porte for his promotion of cycling and his home state to the world and his role in attracting Chris Froome, three time Tour de France winner, to Tasmania for the 2014 Stan Siejka Cycling Classic.
- (6) Wishes Richie all the best for his 2017 Tour de France campaign. (2 May 2017)

**1641** Ms O'Byrne to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes with concern that TasTAFE enrolments are in decline and that Registered Training Organisations are competing directly with TasTAFE on an uneven playing field.
- (2) Understands that under Labor's plan for skills and training, TasTAFE will be given more power to compete directly with private RTO's.
- (3) Further understands that the distinct roles of RTO accreditation and resource allocation of Skills Tasmania will be returned to the Department of Education's control, giving the Department more control and influence over skills development for school based apprentices.
- (4) Highlights that Labor will ensure that the content of TasTAFE courses are directly related to the needs of industry, through the establishment of Industry Advisory Councils.

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- (5) Further notes that Industry Advisory Councils will have direct input to the Department of Education, which will ensure resources are provided for skills development through TasTAFE and Registered Training Organisations.
- (6) Appreciates that Labor wants to ensure there is a real job for students at the end of their studies.
- (7) Acknowledges that Labor wants to increase apprenticeships and trainees:—
  - (a) Labor will offer a payment of \$1,500 to any employer who puts on an apprentice or trainee from 1 July 2018; and
  - (b) a further payment of \$1,500 will be made when the apprentice or trainee has completed their course. (2 May 2017)

**1642** Mrs *Rylah* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the Hodgman Liberal Government is investing an unprecedented \$6.4 billion over the 2016-17 Budget and Forward Estimates, \$600 million more than the former Labor-Green Government's last Budget -including opening beds, conducting more surgeries and employing more frontline clinical staff;
  - (b) importantly, that this is for operating expenses, like staffing, not the redevelopment which is reported as a capital project;
  - (c) unlike Labor the Hodgman Liberal Government genuinely considers health a priority, which is why we have a Plan on which we are delivering more medical practitioners and more nurses; and
  - (d) that as even the least financial literate understand, managing a Budget and the future of this state is not just about how much is spent but about how well each area is managed and how well it delivers, in particular in health .
- (2) Commends the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP and his team for doing an outstanding job in transforming the broken Labor/Green health system - opening warehoused beds, employing more nurses, more doctors, more paramedics and conducting more surgeries than ever before.
- (3) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on the successful implementation of the One State- One Health System Plan and prioritising the delivery of great health outcomes in this state which can only be done with a Budget back in balance. (2 May 2017)

**1643** Mrs *Rylah* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that eliminating family violence is a priority of the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (2) Acknowledges the nation leading 'Safe Homes, Safe Families: Tasmania's Family Violence Action Plan 2015-2020' which commits \$26 million in funding for new and direct actions to address family violence.
- (3) Highlights the Plan features the importance of supporting families affected by family violence and commits \$4 million to extend counselling services for children and young people as well as adult's right across the State.
- (4) Welcomes the new offices in Burnie for the Support, Help, Empowerment (SHE) organisation who has hit the ground running by providing the additional adult counselling services on the North West Coast so sadly lacking under the previous government.
- (5) Further welcomes the 2 additional Burnie based staff at Safe Choices, who will help families across the North West with practical support in particular to support women still in violent homes or who have already left to get the help they need.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for providing these much needed mentoring, therapeutic counselling, training and educational services in Braddon and filling yet another gaping hole in service delivery in regional Tasmania and notes that it took a Hodgman Liberal Government to deliver for Braddon. (2 May 2017)

**1644** Mr *Shelton* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the obligations of all Tasmanians to abide by the law;
  - (b) the special obligation on members of Parliament, as law-makers and community leaders, to respect the law; and

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- (c) the statements of the Member for Denison, Ms O'Connor that it is okay to break the law in some circumstances.
- (2) Agrees:—
  - (a) that if someone disagrees with a law, they should seek to have it changed through law-abiding measures, not break it; and
  - (b) Condemns the Member for Denison, Ms O'Connor, for her irresponsible comments. (2 May 2017)

**1645** Ms *Dawkins* to move —That the House notes:—

- (a) the academic success of Til Baalisampang, a former Bhutanese refugee, who is currently completing his PhD at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston;
- (b) that Til moved to Launceston in 2010 as part of the Federal Government's Humanitarian Program, after spending many years in a Refugee camp in Nepal;
- (c) Til has overcome significant adversity prior to his family's arrival in Launceston, having completed a Bachelor of marine and offshore engineering at the AMC, prior to beginning his PhD;
- (d) Til is a fantastic representative for the Bhutanese community in Launceston, who have been settling in the city for the past 9 years;
- (e) that the wider Bhutanese community has many members who have experienced similar success in education at all levels, in many different fields; and
- (f) that Til and the Bhutanese community as a whole are to be commended for the efforts and achievements they have made during their settlement in Launceston, and that the house wishes them all the best for their future success. (2 May 2017)

**1646** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Tasmania has always generously welcomed refugees looking for a new life as they escape atrocities in other countries.
- (2) Acknowledges the very real challenges of moving to a new country, which is why the Hodgman Liberal Government is ensuring “wrap-around” services are being put in place for all humanitarian arrivals.
- (3) Welcomes the additional \$1 million to support the increased number of refugees arriving in our State that has been committed by the Government in response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria and Iraq.
- (4) Further acknowledges the enhanced services and programs to further help these families, which includes:—
  - (a) \$400,000 for a new grants program to assist refugee children and young people with their learning;
  - (b) \$180,000 over 3 years to the Multicultural Council of Tasmania to work with Local Government to create a welcoming environment for new arrivals;
  - (c) \$120,000 over 4 years to the Migrant Resource Centre in Northern and Southern Tasmania to support family reunion;
  - (d) \$40,000 over 2 years to the Migrant Resources Centres to assist refugees to obtain a Tasmanian driver's licence to enhance their employment opportunities;
  - (e) \$40,000 over 2 years to the Australian Red Cross to coordinate a mentoring program; and
  - (f) \$20,000 to address emerging settlement needs including school and vocational related expenditure for temporary and permanent refugees.
- (5) Thanks the many volunteers around the State who dedicate their time to provide a welcoming community to all migrants.
- (6) Warmly welcomes all new arrivals in our State and wishes each and every one of them a happy, safe and fulfilling life in our community. (2 May 2017)

**1647** Ms *Courtney* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Collingwood Magpies for their 61-59 points win at the Silverdome on Sunday 30 April 2017 against the Queensland Firebirds.
- (2) Recognises that this Tasmanian-based game has been made possible by the Hodgman Liberal Government's partnership investing \$1.65 million over three years to increase

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grassroots participation while also developing pathways into top-level Australian netball competition.

- (3) Notes that this investment aims to further increase participation in netball, while developing pathways into Suncorp Super Netball, the elite end of Australian competition.
- (4) Further notes that netball is a high participation sport in Tasmania, with over 6,500 registered participants, and this agreement will further increase grassroots participation.
- (5) Further notes that this partnership will provide a number of opportunities, including:—
  - (a) one annual National Netball league pre-season camp held in Tasmania;
  - (b) opportunities for talented Tasmanian players and squads to train at Collingwood facilities with the Magpies and attend National Netball league matches;
  - (c) Magpies Netball coaches and players will participate in Tasmanian high performance programs and Australian Netball league squad activities; and
  - (d) development opportunities for Tasmanian coaches, umpires, bench officials, administrators and staff (including Netball Tasmania board members).
- (6) Acknowledges that Tasmanian Liberal Government has a strong track record of investing in events and top level sport because it helps to build a healthier community while also benefiting the local economy.
- (7) Further recognises outgoing Netball Tasmania CEO Julia Phillips for her work over the past 6 years to develop and execute a strategy to further strengthen the sport of netball in Tasmania.
- (8) Thanks President Liz Banks, the board of Netball Tasmania and the hundreds of volunteers that help make the netball vibrant and successful from grassroots to the national stage. (2 May 2107)

**1648** The Minister for Energy to move —That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges:—
  - (a) power bills are a big issue for Tasmanian households and small businesses; and
  - (b) under the Hodgman Liberal Government, power prices have fallen by 2.4% during its three years in Government, a stark contrast to the record of Labor and the Greens, who inflicted power price increases on Tasmanian households and businesses of more than 65% over seven years.
- (2) Recognises the Hodgman Government is acting to help Tasmanians take control of their power bills and keep a lid on the cost of living by capping power prices to avoid price shocks, another stark contrast to the Labor Party which cynically promised to cap price increases at 5% before an election, only to intentionally break that promise after the elections.
- (3) Notes:—
  - (a) the Hodgman Government has launched the \$10 million Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme, a practical measure to assist Tasmanians improve their energy efficiency and help make their energy bills more affordable;
  - (b) under this scheme, Tasmanian households and small businesses can now access interest-free loans of up to \$10,000 to buy energy efficient appliances like heat pumps, insulation, double-glazed windows, solar panels and solar hot water systems;
  - (c) the scheme is a partnership between Aurora Energy, Westpac and the Tasmanian Government and appreciates the vast amount of work these partners have undertaken to bring this scheme to fruition;
  - (d) the scheme includes prudent checks and balances to ensure responsible lending policy; and
  - (e) notes that Westpac is the official banker of the State Government of Tasmania and further notes that Westpac was the official banker of the former Green/Labor Government.
- (4) Repudiates the appalling gutter-politics played by the Greens Member for Denison, Ms O'Connor, talking down another positive, good-news initiative on energy efficiency and cost-of-living relief for Tasmanian households and businesses.

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- (5) Further acknowledges the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme is another example of this Government's focus on energy affordability, energy efficiency, energy security and support for investment in solar, all of which are key elements of the Government's 'Tasmanian Energy Strategy'.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for our responsible Budget management that is enabling us to support initiatives such as a cap on power prices and a \$10 million Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme, that are helping to improve energy efficiency and make energy more affordable for Tasmanian households and businesses. (2 May 20217)

**1649** Dr *Broad* to move —That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Minister for Infrastructure, Hon. Rene Hidding MP has had three (3) years to prepare for the replacement of the King Island shipping vessel 'Sea Road Mersey' but has failed to deliver a cost effective solution for residents and business owners on the island.
- (2) Further notes with concern that under the Minister's watch, the cost of transporting vehicles and freight has increased in some cases by more than 500%.
- (3) Further notes the vital role a reliable and affordable shipping service plays in underpinning island economies, such as King Island.
- (4) Recognises that the Minister has not given any assurances to farmers that raw inputs, such as stock feed and fertiliser, which are crucial to maintain production, will be delivered when they are required. (2 May 2017)

**1650** Mr *Brooks* to move —That the House notes:—

- (a) the Majority Hodgman Liberal Government strongly backs mining and the West Coast, and the mining industry has no better supporter than the Liberal Government;
- (b) that mining is a key part of the Tasmanian economy;
- (c) that since the announcement from Copper Mines of Tasmania that the Mt Lyell site will move to care and maintenance the Government has worked with CMT to provide support;
- (d) the importance of CMT on the West Coast and in particular Queenstown, and the work the Government has done to deliver support in the region which has included investment to help diversify the economy during this period;
- (e) the recent announcement by the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government that \$9.5 million from the Government will be invested to support four key projects at the Mt Lyell mine, each of which is essential to the restart of the mine;
- (f) that this will deliver up to 60 jobs on the site, and with the increased likelihood of CMT resuming operations at Mt Lyell with these upgrades, up to 300 jobs will be available on the site under full operation;
- (g) that alongside our other policies that support mining such as relocating MRT to Burnie, improved data mapping and ongoing support for CMT, places the future of the West Coast in the best possible place; and
- (h) the stark difference between the Majority Liberal Governments plan and action, compared to the lazy policy free opposition that have, and will continue to, put up the White flag to the Greens, and sell out any industry to keep the Greens happy. (2 May 2017)

**1651** Mr *Jaensch* to move —That the House notes:—

- (a) the Sensis Business Index is a respected quarterly survey of confidence and behaviour of Australian small and medium businesses;
- (b) the latest Sensis Business Index report was released on 28 April 2017;
- (c) the report shows that, in the quarter ending March 2017, overall business confidence in Tasmania continued to climb, and support for the Hodgman Liberal Government's policies remains the highest of all states and territories in Australia;
- (d) importantly, it also shows there has been a significant increase in confidence among businesses in regional Tasmania, with regional businesses now as confident or more confident than those in our major population centres; and
- (e) small business is the engine room of the Tasmanian economy, confidence is the key to its growth, small businesses in Tasmania's cities and regions are confident about

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Tasmania's future and the Hodgman Government's plan to build Tasmania's future - Labor and the Greens should be too. (2 May 2017)

**1652** The Deputy Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the decision by the Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation in Adelaide to endorse the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) recommendation to allow low-THC industrial hemp to be legally designated as a food.
- (2) Celebrates that Tasmanian farmers are now well placed to capitalise on new markets and have investment certainty.
- (3) Congratulates all the growers and industry leaders for their hard work and long-time advocacy, particularly Phil Reader and Tim Schmidt from the Industrial Hemp Association of Tasmania.
- (4) Notes that the Tasmanian Liberal Government had already made it easier for our farmers to grow industrial hemp by streamlining the licencing and regulatory processes, introducing special purpose legislation and extending licences from one to five years, and that this followed the Parliamentary Inquiry into Industrial Hemp that we instigated in 2013.
- (5) Further notes the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture is conducting leading research with the industry to produce higher yielding varieties of industrial hemp suited to Tasmanian conditions". (2 May 2017)

**1653** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 7-13 May 2017 is Motor Neurone Disease Week, a national week dedicated to raising awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and raise funds to help bring about a world free from MND.
- (2) Recognises that MND affects over 400,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, that is 384 new cases every day.
- (3) Further notes that over 2,100 Australians are living with MND, including some 45 Tasmanians. MND Australia reports that 752 Australians died from MND in 2015, more than 2 people per day.
- (4) Acknowledges that the Deloitte access Economics Report on the Economic Analysis of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in Australia released in 2016 revealed that the total cost of MND in Australia was a staggering \$2.37 billion in 2015, which equates to \$1.1 million per person.
- (5) Further recognises that MND not only affects the person with motor neurone disease but also directly or indirectly effects on average 14 other friends and relatives.
- (6) Further notes that during MND Week this year, MND Australia is running a new social media campaign, 'Life Measured in Moments' a series of videos telling the stories of everyday people living with MND and encourages Tasmanians to visit the MND Australia website, get involved in an MND Week event near them or donate to MND Tasmania on MND Button Day this Thursday 4 May, who will have volunteers on the streets fundraising and raising awareness of MND.
- (7) Congratulates and thanks both MND Australia and MND Tasmania, who for over twenty years, have proved effective advocates, promoted optimal care and support options for those living with MND and tirelessly raised funds for research into the cause and, ultimately, cure for MND.
- (8) Further notes that, 21 June 2016, is Motor Neurone Disease Global Day, a global day of recognition for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Motor Neurone Disease (MND)—a disease that affects every country on the globe. (3 May 2017)

**1654** Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Labor Green Government undertook 9,500 free energy efficiency upgrades for low income households, community groups and small businesses, significantly lowering household energy costs and making homes warmer in winter, cooler in summer and healthier year round.
- (2) Notes the Hodgman Government scrapped the free energy efficiency upgrade scheme and replaced it with a Harvey Norman style credit scheme with the Westpac Bank, inviting Tasmanians to go in to debt to make their homes more energy efficient.
- (3) Further notes that between 2013-15, Westpac Bank donated \$31, 900 to the Tasmanian Branch of the Liberal Party.

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- (4) Recognises that the deal announced by the Minister for Energy, Hon. Matthew Groom MP, is potentially lucrative for Westpac and will deliver to the big bank thousands of new customers.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for Energy to explain in detail the arrangement with Westpac Bank, including detail on interest rates to be charged after the three year zero interest period ends for customers, and whether any safety net has been put in place to protect low to medium income Tasmanians from the risk of high interest credit card debt as a result of this deal. (3 May 2017)

**1655** Mr *Brooks* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that two-time Olympic cyclist Tracey Gaudry, has been appointed as the CEO of the Hawthorn Football Club.
- (2) Further notes that Mrs Gaudry is the first full-time female Chief Executive Officer of an AFL club.
- (3) Further notes that Mrs Gaudry has held significant senior professional roles in sport which include being a current vice-president of the International Cycling Union and the General Manager of Commercial and Growth at Athletics Australia.
- (4) Further notes that this is another major positive step for women in senior roles in AFL that follows Richmond President , Peggy O'Neal becoming the first female president of an AFL club in 2013, and the very successful launch of the first AFL Women's Competition in 2017.
- (5) Congratulates Tracey on her appointment to lead the Tassie Hawks, and wishes her every success in the future. (3 May 2017)

**1656** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that in addition to the waste feed and fish faeces polluting the marine environment, which remains largely out of sight, fish farms are creating significant quantities of marine debris.
- (2) Recognises that storms, accidents, human error and carelessness results in fish farming equipment being lost or abandoned, and these often linger for years in waterways and wash up on beaches.
- (3) Understands that a number of clean-ups in Macquarie Harbour and the Channel region have resulted in the recovery of large amounts of fish farm debris including ropes, feed bags, plastic buoys and large sections of poly pipe, often too heavy to remove.
- (4) Further notes that on 28 April 2017 the Greens received an email from a concerned yachtie of an enormous circular structure made of poly pipe towering approximately 3 meters above the water in Snake Bay.
- (5) Further understands fish farm debris is both polluting our waterways, and present a serious safety risk to waterway users.
- (6) Further notes the warning from the General Manager of Marine Safety Tasmania that a boat user will be killed if Tasmania's aquaculture companies do not remove floating debris in waterways, after a boat struck a 150m long poly pipe that had been dislodged from a salmon farm operated by Tassal near Dover in 2016.
- (7) Acknowledges that recreational fishers, sailors, and community groups are increasingly frustrated with the inability to hold the fish farms to account for their debris, with reports to MAST, the EPA and DPIPWE not resulting in any credible action.
- (8) Calls on the Government to protect boat users, our waterways and beaches from the scourge of fish farm marine debris through legislative changes to hold fish farming companies to account, backed by funding of bodies tasked with enforcing those rules. (3 May 2017)

**1657** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the environmental issue of food waste in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the recently held national Food Waste Roundtable which brought together Government, Industry and the Not-for-profit sector, to further the goal of halving food waste in Australia by 2030.
- (3) Further notes that Australian consumers waste around 20% of food that they buy, and more than 4 million tonnes of food ends up in landfill each year.

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- (4) Recognises that this reflects a worldwide problem, and understands it's estimated that one-third of food produced worldwide is wasted each year.
- (5) Further notes that food wastage costs the Australian economy about \$20 Billion a year, but the social impact is also immense. While we produce enough food to feed tens of millions of people a year – every month over 600,000 people seek help for food relief from charities.
- (6) Further recognises the economic, environmental and social benefits that would flow if we did not waste so much food.
- (7) Supports the encouragement of businesses in Tasmania that sell food to donate it to charities rather than throw it away.
- (8) Calls on the Government to support and contribute to any efforts to formulate a National Food Waste Strategy, and actively seek opportunities to improve the effectiveness of dealing with food waste in Tasmania. (3 May 2017)

**1658** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to lifting health and safety outcomes for all Tasmanians.
- (2) Further notes that WorkSafe Tasmania, in conjunction with the federal Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, have developed at the Government's request a new Asbestos Awareness and Education campaign, launched on Tuesday 4 May 2017.
- (3) Further notes that Australia was one of the highest users of asbestos per capita in the world until the mid-1980s, leaving a legacy of asbestos containing materials in our built environment despite the complete prohibition of its use in Australia in 2003.
- (4) Acknowledges that people who've never worked with asbestos — but were exposed to it through activities such as home renovations — can suffer from asbestos-related diseases.
- (5) Applauds a major focus of the new campaign of increasing awareness and understanding of asbestos among DIYers to ensure that everyone can readily access key information and facts.
- (6) Further notes that the six week multimedia campaign urges Tasmanians undertaking any renovation work to check the WorkSafe website — [www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/asbestos-safety](http://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/asbestos-safety) — before picking up their tools to learn more about:—
  - (a) common asbestos locations;
  - (b) asbestos facts and myths; and
  - (c) how to safely manage asbestos.
- (7) Further acknowledges that the Liberal Government is a strong supporter of our building industry — including the DIY sector — and is committed to ensuring everyone can safely go about their work. (4 May 2017)

**1659** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Agfest, Tasmania's premier agricultural and machinery field day event ran from May 4 – 6 May 2017.
- (2) Recognises that Agfest was first held at Symmons Plains in 1983 however had outgrown that site by 1986 where it was moved to its current location at Quercus Park, Carrick.
- (3) Acknowledges that Agfest is administered by Rural Youth Tasmania which is a non-profit organisation with members between the ages of 15 and 30.
- (4) Further notes that the Agfest Committee is a volunteer role comprised of approximately 60 Rural Youth members.
- (5) Agfest continues to grow each year, with Agfest 2016 attracting over 60,000 patrons and 700 exhibitors injecting millions of dollars into our local economy annually.
- (6) Congratulates Agfest Chair Kate Birch and thanks Rural Youth and its tireless band of volunteers for their hard work and dedication that has made Agfest the truly iconic, nationally recognised event it has become. (4 May 2017)

**1660** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) Hobart and Tasmania hosted the 2017 Lions National Convention at Wrest Point, as in 1993 and 2003;
- (b) this is a particular honour as 2017 is the Centenary Year of Lions International;

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- (c) the Centenary Convention's theme is 'Where There's a Need, There's a Lion', and the Hobart event will be officially opened by Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania;
- (d) around 1,600 delegates are arriving in Tasmania from all over Australia, including Lions from my former home state of WA, making this one of Tasmania's biggest business events for the year;
- (e) Lions are great guests. They link up with people and projects in our own communities, sharing knowledge and ideas from other places. They also tend to stay and explore, visiting family and friends they have made through Lions, and drinking all their wine. First time visitors tend to become firm friends and ambassadors for Tasmania when they go home. The economic benefit to Tasmania of all this hospitality over the next fortnight alone will be around \$3 million – the overall long-term benefit is much greater; and
- (f) they are here to discuss the future of their local and global organisations, their projects and priorities across fields including youth, medical research and community service, international outreach and humanitarian programs and the continuing contribution of Lions as a force for goodwill and positive action in the world. (4 May 2017)

**1661** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) Tasmania Police conducted Operation Crossroads over the Easter period 2017, conducting 18,777 random drug and alcohol tests, up from 14 319 in 2016;
  - (b) 54 motorists were charged with drink driving offences, up from 40 in 2016, which is partly due to an additional day of testing in 2017;
  - (c) 81 motorists returned positive oral fluid tests, indicating the presence of illicit drugs in their system, as a basis for further testing;
  - (d) the number of positive drug driver tests was almost double the number recorded last year, which reflects the increased number of tests conducted; and
  - (e) most importantly, there were no fatal crashes and only two serious crashes, which is an improvement on 2016's result of zero fatalities and four serious crashes over the same period in 2016.
- (2) Thanks and congratulates all Tasmania Police personnel who contributed to the Operation Crossroads initiative, and all Tasmanian and visiting road users for heeding their messages and keeping our roads fatality free this Easter 2017. (4 May 2017)

**1662** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Liberal and Labor Parties have both declared themselves to be content with the impacts, regulatory framework, monitoring and enforcement of fish farming in Tasmania, including the projected doubling of the industry.
- (2) Understands that residents, recreational fishers, other commercial fishers, tourism operators, and sailors feel shut out of the flawed Okehampton Bay approval, and of decisions for a massive salmon farm that would blanket Storm Bay.
- (3) Realises the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP has repeatedly refused to explain why his Department spent two years fighting the release of information about fish deaths not reported by Tassal for weeks, which represents just one example of the secrecy surrounding his management of this industry.
- (4) Calls on the Hodgman Government to drop its single-minded support of short-term corporate interests, and instead ensure the marine environment is protected, there is a strong social license for this industry, and act for the long-term interests of salmonid growers and the Tasmanians they employ. (4 May 2017)

**1663** Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that in March 2017 Forestry Tasmania proposed to light 230 regeneration burns in Autumn 2017, stating these burns would only occur when weather conditions were suitable and smoke could disperse.

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- (2) Notes that on 29 to 30 April 2017 in communities across the State, and specifically at New Norfolk, Judbury, Cygnet and Huonville, residents were subjected to thick choking smoke from Forestry Tasmania burns.
- (3) Further notes that air quality reporting data showed high spikes in smoke pollution in April 2017, particularly across the New Norfolk, Huonville and Cygnet areas.
- (4) Recognises massive regeneration burns are a serious health concern, as particulate pollution is a known risk to people with respiratory and cardiac conditions, elderly people and children.
- (5) Also recognises these burns damage our reputation as a clean, green tourism destination, and that there are other methods for Forestry Tasmania to achieve regeneration.
- (6) Further understands Forestry regeneration burns are again not being adequately controlled, that these fires escaped their bounds in Judbury, and the Tasmanian Fire Service had to be called in to control the situation while there were two other vegetation fires around the State.
- (7) Further understands Forestry regeneration burns compete with the TFS's opportunity to conduct fuel reduction burns.
- (8) Calls on the Government to realise extremely high levels of smoke pollution and fires escaping control are not in the interests of public health and safety, and to direct Forestry to put these first as their business priorities. (4 May 2017)

**1664** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the 700 people who ran through clouds of coloured powder at Windsor Park on Sunday to raise \$10,000 for Bravehearts as part of Megan McGinty's run across seven states in seven days.
- (2) Recognises the important work Braveheart does in our community in protecting children from sexual assault and abductions through education and empowerment.
- (3) Notes that in Australia one in five children are sexually assaulted and we as a community all have a responsibility to keep our children safe. (4 May 2017)

**1665** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Government in April 2017 announced that \$5 million per year would be allocated to the John L Grove Centre to fund the 20-bed slow-to-recover rehabilitation centre over the next four years, as well as committing to its ongoing funding.
- (2) Recognises that this funding will help stroke patients like Mr Wayne Ackerly of George Town, who suffered a massive stroke in November 2016, and spent nearly a month in the Launceston General Hospital before moving into the John L Grove rehabilitation centre in December 2016.
- (3) Commend the staff at the centre who have helped Mr Ackerly walk again after he was told he probably would not walk again and may not even return home, noting that he is walking now and will be able to return home soon which is great news.
- (4) Acknowledges that this important funding is a major demonstration of the Liberal Hodgman Government's commitment to allied health and nursing professionals working together in the state and the important contribution this teamwork makes to Tasmanians' quality of life.
- (5) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is able to invest more than \$600 million more than the previous Government as a result of the hard work in fixing the budget and focusing on the real and pressing health needs of Tasmanians. (4 May 2017)

**1666** The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 4 May 2017 was St Florian's Day, otherwise known as International Firefighters Day, which is an opportunity to honour the work and sacrifices that firefighters make in our community.
- (2) Acknowledges that 15 Tasmanian firefighters have passed away while on duty in this State.
- (3) Recognises the inherent dangers faced by the 350 men and women career firefighters in Tasmania who go to work each day with the community expectation that they will be the last line of defence to protect life and property. (4 May 2017)

**1667** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Recognises that National Volunteer Week for 2017 took place from 8 May – 14 May 2017, with the theme ‘Give Happy, Live Happy’.
- (2) Notes that National Volunteer Week celebrates the positive contributions of our wonderful volunteers in our communities.
- (3) Congratulates the wide variety of community groups across Tasmania who are hosting events and awards ceremonies for their volunteers.
- (4) Acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Volunteering Tasmania, who do an outstanding job of promoting and sustaining ‘volunteerism’.
- (5) Commends all finalists in the upcoming 2017 Southern Cross News Tasmanian Volunteering Awards for their efforts and wishes them every success.
- (6) Thanks the thousands of volunteers around our State who help to support our community. (4 May 2017)

**1668** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of the \$100 million a year abalone export industry in Tasmania, the world’s largest abalone resource, which supplies 25% of the total annual global production of wild caught product.
- (2) Notes that the industry employs a significant number of Tasmanian divers from within the dive services sector.
- (3) Further notes that while the industry is now experiencing an increase in prices for catches, and some industry players are very profitable, the industry has changed over recent years, with many actual divers now struggling to earn enough money to sustain their businesses.
- (4) Further notes that while some of these divers would like to leave the industry, they face high exit barriers, which contribute to an imbalance between the number of divers employed in the sector and the number the market can properly sustain.
- (5) Further notes the second Knuckey report concludes that the ‘dive services market is functioning, but structurally unattractive, with low profitability’.
- (6) Calls on the Government to show leadership and investigate the possibility of implementing exit support for divers, ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the abalone industry and its dive services component – which many Tasmanian families rely on. (4 May 2017)

**1669** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House notes that on 4 May 2017 the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP refused to provide any details of the response of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment to video evidence of horrific animal cruelty at another Tasmanian abattoir. (4 May 2017)

**1670** The Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates “The Kettering Incident”, on being nominated for an extraordinary four TV Week Logie Awards, and winning two Awards:—
  - (a) Most Outstanding Miniseries or Telemovie; and
  - (b) Henry Nixon for Most Outstanding Actor.
- (2) Notes that the series is a testament to the talent and creativity of the Tasmanian screen production industry, which has had an extraordinary year, with ABC’s Rosehaven – also nominated for a Logie and the Academy Award nominated film ‘Lion’.
- (3) Further notes that the Tasmanian Government, through Screen Tasmania, has invested \$1 million into the project which was filmed entirely in Tasmania and screened on Foxtel’s Showcase channel in 2016, and around the world in the last few months. The production spent nearly \$6 million on Tasmanian goods and services and employed over 100 local cast and crew, showcasing Tasmanian locations and talent. (23 May 2017)

**1671** The Premier to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the provision of an additional \$300,000 to secure the production of the second season of one of the ABC’s most popular and top rated shows of 2016, Rosehaven;
- (b) that the Tasmanian Government, through Screen Tasmania, has secured the 8-episode production with an investment of \$500,000, including an additional \$300 000 provided to Screen Tasmania to assist with the investment in the production;

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- (c) that the support provided by the Government will result in approximately \$2 million spent in the local economy and ensure the employment of almost entirely local cast and an anticipated 70% local crew during production;
- (d) that Rosehaven has charmed audiences around Australia and with season two Tasmania will also be projected into living rooms around the world with a new deal to broadcast the series on the Sundance Channel in the USA and on the Sundance Now streaming service in the UK, Ireland, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Shooting is expected to commence in the coming months of 2017; and
- (e) that Tasmania has a growing reputation as a cultural and creative industry leader, and the series is a testament to the talent and creativity of the Tasmanian screen production industry. (23 May 2017)

**1672** The Premier to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) on its success at the 2017 Museum and Galleries National Awards (MAGNAs), receiving four awards.
- (2) Notes that the MAGNAs celebrate outstanding achievements in the Australian museums and galleries sector in the categories of exhibition, audience engagement and learning, and Indigenous programs.
- (3) Further notes that TMAG's major exhibitions over the last year, *Tempest*, *kanalaritja* and *One Hell of an Inferno: the 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires* each won the MAGNA award for their category, and that TMAG was also announced as the 2017 overall National Winner for its *Tempest* exhibition.
- (4) Further notes that being recognised by the MAGNAs is a great honour, and confirms TMAG's standing as cultural and tourism drawcard for the state.
- (5) Further congratulates all the curators and staff at TMAG and encourages all Tasmanians to visit TMAG to explore one of Australia's best museum experiences. (23 May 2017)

**1673** Mr *Bacon* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that significant long-term investment in tourism in our State has us in a position to welcome 1.5 million visitors by 2020.
- (2) Recognises that growth in tourism numbers will place incredible pressure on our existing and ageing tourism infrastructure and as a state we need to ensure our key attractions can sustain high visitor numbers.
- (3) Further notes that a Labor Government would work in tandem with the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania to deliver a regional infrastructure program to protect and preserve the state's reputation as a premier international tourist destination.
- (4) Further notes that a future majority Labor Government would use its \$50 million Long Term Further regional Tourism Strategy to help progress the priority projects identified in the TICT's \$41 million Future Proofing Our Icons report.
- (5) Support investment in income-generating, job-creating projects like the Three Capes, the Cradle Mountain Master Plan redevelopment and Maria Island.
- (6) Further recognises the importance of the Freycinet National Park Visitor Hub, the Stanley Visitor infrastructure upgrade, the Tarkine Drive and other important grass roots projects.
- (7) Calls on the Government to match Labor's investment in tourism infrastructure in Tasmania to ensure that our beloved visitor experiences can thrive as tourism numbers increase. (23 May 2017)

**1674** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the updated coastal inundation mapping using new data from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) demonstrates the high vulnerability of Tasmania's coastal towns to sea level rise.
- (2) Further notes that the NOAA analysis suggests sea levels are higher and rising faster than previously projected, increasing the risk and worsening the impact of storm surge, high tides and wave actions on coastal areas.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Coastal Risk Australia mapping based on NOAA's projections highlights coastal inundation risk to communities including Ulverstone, Latrobe, East Devonport, Burnie, Somerset, Wynyard, Sisters Beach, Smithton, Port Sorell, Hobart

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airport, Hobart, Lauderdale, Cremorne, Kingston, Launceston, St Helens, Orford, Triabunna, and Scamander.

- (4) Recognises the important coastal inundation mapping work undertaken by the previous Labor Green Government, and the investment of three levels of government and communities in the coastal adaptation pathways project across four vulnerable Tasmanian municipalities.
- (5) Further notes the disturbing lack of action by the Hodgman Liberal Government to deliver a climate plan that would reduce emissions and build resilience to the coming climate shocks into Tasmanian communities.
- (6) Again calls on this Government to take seriously its responsibility to work across all levels of governments, prepare Tasmanian communities for current and future climate disruption and release a Climate Plan for Tasmania. (23 May 2017)

**1675** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the decision by Murray Goulburn to close the Edith Creek processing facility announced on 2 May 2017 is a serious blow for the Circular Head community;
  - (b) this announcement comes on the back of a difficult 18 months for the dairy sector, which included Murray Goulburn's decision to cut the milk price paid to farmers;
  - (c) the Hodgman Government is concerned for the employees, families and contractors affected by this decision, many of whom have worked at or for the facility for many years;
  - (d) that the Government has acted quickly to support the Circular Head community;
  - (e) the Government's Skills Response Unit continues to be in Circular Head to assist affected workers;
  - (f) the Government announced the establishment of a Working Group on 6 May 2017;
  - (g) the Working Group is focussed on supporting the Circular Head community, the terms of reference focus on supporting opportunities to fast track economic development and job creation across industry growth sectors, delivering local, sustainable employment through innovation, investment and jobs in the Circular Head region; and
  - (h) the recently released 'Sustainable Murchison 2040 Community Plan' is guiding the Working Group's deliberations.
- (2) Acknowledges the Hodgman Government has committed \$1.5 million to assist with those initiatives.
- (3) Further notes the Working Group first met on 8 May 2017 and met again on Thursday 18 May 2017 when it made a number of important decisions.
- (4) Congratulates the Hodgman Government on being pro-active and responding quickly to the concerns of the employees of the Edith Creek processing plant and broader community of Circular Head. (23 May 2017)

**1676** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) rising business confidence, record retail trading figures, a booming tourism and hospitality sector and a strong building and construction sector are all contributing to strong jobs growth in Tasmania;
  - (b) Tasmania added 500 full-time jobs in April plus 100 part-time jobs;
  - (c) Tasmania is bucking the national trend having grown its jobs total for 10 months straight and the growth is trending more to full-time jobs;
  - (d) the April 2017 figures showed Tasmania had 241,300 jobs just 500 short of the pre GFC level;
  - (e) further full-time work has increased for four months straight, adding 1500 jobs over the period;
  - (f) the unemployment rate is now the second lowest of any state in the country, equal with the national average, and the lowest it's been since October 2011; and

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- (g) the figures show the Government's long-term jobs plan is delivering for Tasmanians.
- (2) Congratulates the Hodgman Government on creating the right business conditions to give business the confidence to employ more Tasmanians and hence bring the unemployment rate down from over 8 per cent under Labor and the Greens to 5.8 per cent. (23 May 2017)

**1677** Ms *Dawkins* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the achievement of James Riggall, a Tasmanian who has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright scholarship for an educational exchange in the United States.
- (2) Notes James is a Tasmanian entrepreneur and teacher who established Bitlink, a technology consultancy and software development house based in Launceston. James is also a Director of Startup Tasmania.
- (3) Further notes that James is an important supporter of new technology and ideas development in Tasmania, participating in many projects that build local capacity in this sector. He is a key proponent of the Macquarie House Catalyst Project in Launceston and Enterprize, a co-working space and innovation hub.
- (4) Acknowledges the contribution that James makes to mentoring young Tasmanians in the technology space, and the effort he has made to provide leading edge educational programs within a framework of social responsibility.
- (5) Further notes the value that an exchange like this brings to Tasmania, where James will cultivate and develop connections and ideas that help young Tasmanians to thrive in an interconnected digital world.
- (6) Congratulates James on this remarkable achievement and wishes him success with his efforts to enhance the technological linkages between Tasmania and the world. (23 May 2017)

**1678** Mr *Jaensch* to move—That the House notes:—

- (a) the Hodgman Liberal Government believes the 36,000 small businesses that employ 100,000 Tasmanians are the backbone of our economy and the key to building Tasmania's future;
- (b) under the Hodgman Liberal Government 6400 jobs have already been created and the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.8%;
- (c) our 2017-18 Budget will push employment up and the unemployment rate lower still by offering a game changing job creation package of \$25m to help young people into new jobs, apprenticeships and traineeships right across Tasmania;
- (d) small businesses will be eligible for up to \$4000 when they employ a new apprentice or trainee, giving up to 500 young Tasmanians their first job;
- (e) larger businesses will benefit from a share of \$17.1m in payroll tax relief when they employ an apprentice, trainee or young person;
- (f) combined with current Commonwealth incentive payments, the total support for a business taking on an apprentice or trainee under these initiatives will be around \$8,000 per new position;
- (g) the Hodgman Government has also committed \$4.1m to partner with TasCOSS and the TCCI to remove local barriers to young people getting a job, including access to transport; and
- (h) the Hodgman Liberal Government has listened to businesses and responded, giving them the support they need to build Tasmania's future by giving more young Tasmanians the opportunity of their first job, and skills for the future. (23 May 2017)

**1679** Ms *Courtney* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the success of National Volunteer Week for 2017 which took place from 8 May through to 14 May 2017.
- (2) Applauds Volunteering Tasmania for their hard work in co-ordinating the 2017 Southern Cross News Tasmanian Volunteering Awards that provided a fantastic launching pad for the week's festivities in the state.
- (3) Congratulates all winners of these awards, who were recognised and celebrated, along with all 2017 finalists, at a reception at Government House on 8 May 2017. Winners are noted as follows:—
  - (a) Individual Volunteer Awards:—

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- (i) Christopher Hine - State Emergency Service;
  - (ii) Mr Hine was also awarded the Premier's Volunteer of the Year;
  - (iii) Dr Eric Woehler – BirdLife Tasmania;
  - (iv) Joy Searle – Mathers House Hobart;
  - (v) Chris Palmer – Australian Wooden Boat Festival;
  - (vi) Hina and Waqas Durrani – Multicultural council of Tasmania; and
  - (vii) Shaun Donohue – Deloraine Football Club.
- (b) Program Awards:—
- (i) Shelley Haas – Royal Hobart Hospital.
  - (ii) Hydro Tasmania. and
  - (iii) Launceston Community Legal Centre.
- (4) Commends all of our amazing volunteers from around Tasmania, without whose tireless help and unpaid hours of work, would not be the great place we love to live. (23 May 2017)

**1680** Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) that while the winter flu season is only just beginning, senior management has described the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) Emergency Department as having faced one of its most serious overcrowding events ever, and that they are operating in a centralised system that is in ‘management meltdown’;
  - (b) the Greens held a roundtable meeting about the state of Tasmania’s public hospitals, which was attended by all major health bodies;
  - (c) severe and ongoing bed-block at the RHH is unavoidable this winter due to a lack of physical space, and a crisis management plan is desperately needed to help staff manage the situation and save patients’ lives;
  - (d) the Greens wrote to the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, in April 2017 raising the concerns of peak health bodies and urging him to meet with them and RHH management to develop a crisis management plan;
  - (e) the Minister has not responded to that letter or confirmed whether he will be developing a crisis management plan for winter; and
  - (f) without a winter management plan, Minister Ferguson is expecting RHH emergency staff to work in permanent crisis without support from management or Government and he is risking the lives of sick Tasmanians.
- (2) Calls on the Minister to meet with peak health bodies and RHH management, to develop a crisis management plan immediately. (23 May 2017)

**1681** Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) new Coastal Risk Mapping research of sea level by 2100, conducted by researchers at the University of Tasmania (UTAS), forecasts levels will rise by 0.4 to 1.1 metres;
  - (b) this research projects extensive populated coastal areas across Tasmania, and key infrastructure sites such as the Hobart airport, the UTAS stadium and campus at Invermay, will be underwater;
  - (c) these sea levels are highly likely to be exceeded, possibly going up to 2 metres, unless dramatic and sudden reductions in greenhouse gas emissions occur;
  - (d) the Minister for Planning and Local Government, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP wrote to the Clarence City Council in 2016, telling them a development proposal to expand Lauderdale was a "state priority", despite State Government coastal hazards mapping that shows the site is already under inundation and at even greater risk from sea level rise in future; and
  - (e) the Hodgman Government fails to act on the threat to lifestyle, livelihood and property from climate change, and commit a Climate Plan for reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions.
- (2) Calls on the Government to establish a statewide Climate Change planning policy to direct where and how councils can approve developments in areas at risk of inundation and other climate change impacts. (23 May 2017)

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**1682** Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that significant long-term investment in tourism in our state has us in a position to welcome 1.5 million visitors by 2020.
- (2) Recognises that a Labor Government would work in tandem with the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania to deliver a regional infrastructure program to protect and preserve the state's reputation as a premier international tourist destination.
- (3) Recognises the growth potential of tourism attractions on the West Coast with future investment and a strong strategic approach.
- (4) Further notes that a future majority Labor Government would invest \$1 million to two major tourism infrastructure projects on the West Coast.
- (5) Further notes that the Strahan Visitor Centre is the third busiest visitor information centre in the state behind Hobart and Launceston and turns over \$750,000 in bookings each year, but that the facility is in dire need of an upgrade.
- (6) Recognises that the Sarah Island project will further enhance the iconic Gordon River cruise experience by upgrading signage, pathways and shelters.
- (7) Further recognises that the West Coast has so much to offer visitors to Tasmania and needs to be supported by a clear strategic approach, which is why Labor will commit to a West Coast tourism brand strategy as part of its funding package.
- (8) Calls on the Government to match Labor's investment in tourism infrastructure in Tasmania, particularly on the West Coast, to ensure that our beloved visitor experiences can thrive as tourism numbers increase. (23 May 2017)

**1683** Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Milton Vineyard at Swansea for being named Roberts Ltd. Tasmanian Large Vineyard of the year for 2017 and overall winner.
- (2) Notes that the vineyard is a family run operation by Michael and Henry Dunbabin.
- (3) Further notes that it was first farmed in 1826 for fine Tasmanian Wool.
- (4) Further notes that 4ha of grapes were planted in 1992 and now the vineyard has expanded to 20ha.
- (5) Further notes initially grapes were sold to Hardy's but in 2005 the vineyard developed its own Milton label.
- (6) Further notes that Bridestowe Vineyard was awarded the Small Vineyard of the Year.
- (7) Recognises the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania for the establishment of this award process. A process that has proven invaluable for those who enter and allows the whole industry a mechanism for continual improvement. (23 May 2017)

**1684** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 5 May 2017 was International Day of the Midwife and an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work that midwives do around the globe and particularly here in Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges that the theme for International Day of the Midwife 2017 was 'Midwives, Mothers and Families: Partners for Life'.
- (3) Further acknowledges that Midwives everywhere understand that by working in partnership with women and their families they can support them to make better decisions about how they can have a safe and fulfilling birth.
- (4) Commends the Midwives working in the Tasmanian Health Service and the Private sector who ensure that every Tasmanian woman, family and newborn has timely access to the best possible care before, during and after pregnancy and childbirth.
- (5) Recognises the support that midwives give to Tasmanian students in clinical placement as they endeavour to join this proud and respected profession. (23 May 2016)

**1685** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 12 May 2017 was International Nurses Day and an opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contribution nurses make to the health of our society here in Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges that the theme for International Nurses Day in 2017 was 'Nurses: A voice to Lead', and that nurses are involved in almost every aspect of health care.

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- (3) Further acknowledges that nurses everywhere play a pivotal role in leading reform in health services to make them more sustainable, person centred and responsive to change recognising that Health systems are complex and unpredictable environments.
- (4) Notes that a well-respected North East figure, Mrs Ida Atkins who spent much of her working life as a nurse, working for 22 years as a sub matron at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) where she undertook her nursing training, turned 100 years old in May 2017.
- (5) Congratulates Mrs Atkins on this remarkable achievement and wish her all the best for her health and happiness in the future.
- (6) Commends Mrs Atkins for her dedication to the nursing profession as well as commend the nurses working in the Tasmanian Health Service, private practice and the primary sector who ensure that every Tasmanian when being treated receive first class nursing care and treatment. (23 May 2017)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*