



Tuesday, 15 October 2019

11.00 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Prayers

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Notice of Question

Notice of Motion

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Tabling of Papers

Messages from Government House

Special Interest Matters

Order of the Day No. 2

- 2** Report of Government Administration Committee “B” Final Report on Tasmania’s North East Railway Corridor — Consideration and noting. (Ms *Armitage*)

Notice of Motion No. 3

- 3** Ms *Webb* to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmanians enjoy the strongest and most comprehensive anti-discrimination protections in Australia and that the *Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998* sets a standard for protection that has fostered a fairer and more inclusive society that is applauded by other Australian States and Territories and around the world.
- (2) Supports Section 17 of the Tasmanian Act which prohibits *any* conduct which offends, humiliates, intimidates, insults or ridicules a person based on certain attributes including age, race, gender, disability, marital status, pregnancy, family responsibilities, gender identity and sexual orientation.
- (3) Notes that twice in recent years, attempts have been made in this Parliament to weaken the protections available under section 17 of the Anti-Discrimination Act to Tasmanians who are vulnerable to hateful, humiliating and intimidating language and that both times this chamber said No, not least because the biggest proportion of complaints under section 17 come from people with disability.

- (4) Is concerned that the federal government wants to weaken the right of this Parliament to make human rights laws for Tasmanians by proposing a Religious Discrimination Bill that will weaken section 17 in the same way this chamber has refused to countenance.
- (5) Notes that the proposed Federal Governments Religious Discrimination Bill will make Section 17 of the Tasmanian Act unworkable so that it would no longer offer the protections we currently enjoy.
- (6) Is concerned about other provisions of the Religious Discrimination Bill that appear to allow bullying and abusive statements in the workplace, and in the classroom, and discrimination in the provision of health care and in the provision of other services.
- (7) Believes people of faith should be protected from discrimination, as they are under the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act, but does not believe statements that purport to be religious should have a special legal status over and above other forms of communication.
- (8) Condemns the Federal Government for its attempt to weaken protections for Tasmanian women, LGBTIQI people, Aboriginal people, ethnic and religious minorities and people with disabilities.
- (9) Calls on the State Government to consult with affected communities so that Tasmanian people who may be negatively impacted by the proposed Bill can have their views heard and considered before forming its response.
- (10) Calls on the State Government to defend Tasmanians who are vulnerable to discrimination, hatred and abuse, by rejecting the proposed Federal Bill.

Order of the Day and Notice of Motion continued

Adjournment

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Clerk of the Council