



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2019

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 4

TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2019

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

2 PAPER.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the Land Acquisition Act 1993: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising all that land situated in Margate in Tasmania as comprised in volume 143030 Folio 10.

3 PETITION.— Mr *Valentine* brought up an Petition from 91 citizens of Tasmania who request that the Legislative Council will ensure that transgender, gender diverse and intersex Tasmanians can live without legal discrimination, and have the same opportunities and freedom as other Tasmanians by: removing the requirements for divorce and surgery; restricting non-consenting surgical procedures on intersex people; and removing all unnecessary gender markers from official forms and data collection.

Ordered, That the Petition be received. (Mr *Valentine*)

4 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT – WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS.— The President said —

“Honourable Members, before proceeding to the business of the day it is with pleasure that I formally and very warmly welcome recent additions to the staff of the Legislative Council, Robyn Everist, Mandy Lowrie and Genevieve Cooley.

Mandy and Robyn will share the role of Administration Officer in the Council and Genevieve takes on the role of Electorate Officer to the Honourable Member for Launceston.

Mrs Lowrie has been engaged on a casual basis in the Administration Officer position since February 2018. In this time she has displayed a high level of professionalism and has made a positive contribution to the Legislative Council with her high level administrative and reception skills.

Mandy has a strong background in reception and office administration with professional firms Lowrie Kent Conveyancing and Moore Robsons Chartered Accountants. She also has an interest and talent in dance and musical theatre, in which she choreographs performances and teaches dance.

Robyn has been self-employed for the past eight years working in a successful Hobart tourism business, Hobart Walking Tours, which she founded in 2010 and sold in 2018. During this period she has also provided research services to Cascades Female Factory, the Lady Nelson and the Female Convicts Research Centre where she is currently a board Member and seminar organiser.

Genevieve will be working with the Member for Launceston. She graduated from the University of Tasmania in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts and Law, with Honours in Law. Her Arts major was politics and policy. She has experience in the University sector working in academic

administration at both the University of Cambridge (in the United Kingdom) and the University of Tasmania.

Genevieve has also held positions at the Launceston Chamber of Commerce and worked as an Electorate Officer for a Senator of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Robyn and Genevieve will be observing proceedings in the Legislative Council today as part of their orientation to the Council. On behalf of all Members I extend to them a very warm welcome.”

5 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of five Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —

- (1) Mr *Finch* – Royal Flying Doctor Service;
- (2) Mr *Gaffney* – Climate Change;
- (3) Ms *Armitage* – Neil Pitt’s Menswear;
- (4) Ms *Forrest* – 10 Days on the Island; and
- (5) Mrs *Hiscutt* – Mount Roland Cableway development.

At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

6 ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2017-2018.— A Motion was made (Mr *Dean*) and the Question was proposed,

That the Annual Report of the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management 2017-2018 be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

7 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

8 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were six Questions asked.

Ordered, That Mrs *Hiscutt*, have leave to Table the answer to the Question about exit interviews for specialist medical staff who leave positions in public hospitals.

9 ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2017-2018.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question,

That the Annual Report of the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management 2017-2018 be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

10 BILL NO. 47 OF 2018.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Ms *Lovell*)

11 SITTING SUSPENDED.— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Sitting was suspended at 6.27 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 7.31 o'clock p.m.

12 BILL NO. 47 OF 2018.— The Council, according to Order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 8

NOES 6

Mr *Farrell*

Ms *Armitage*

Mr *Finch*

Mr *Armstrong*

Ms *Forrest*

Mr *Dean*

Mr *Gaffney*

Mrs *Hiscutt*

Ms *Lovell* (Teller)

Ms *Howlett*

Ms *Siejka*

Ms *Rattray* (Teller)

Mr *Valentine*

Mr *Willie*

It was resolved in the Affirmative,

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole Council tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

13 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was put, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 3 April 2019.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 10.07 o'clock p.m.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.