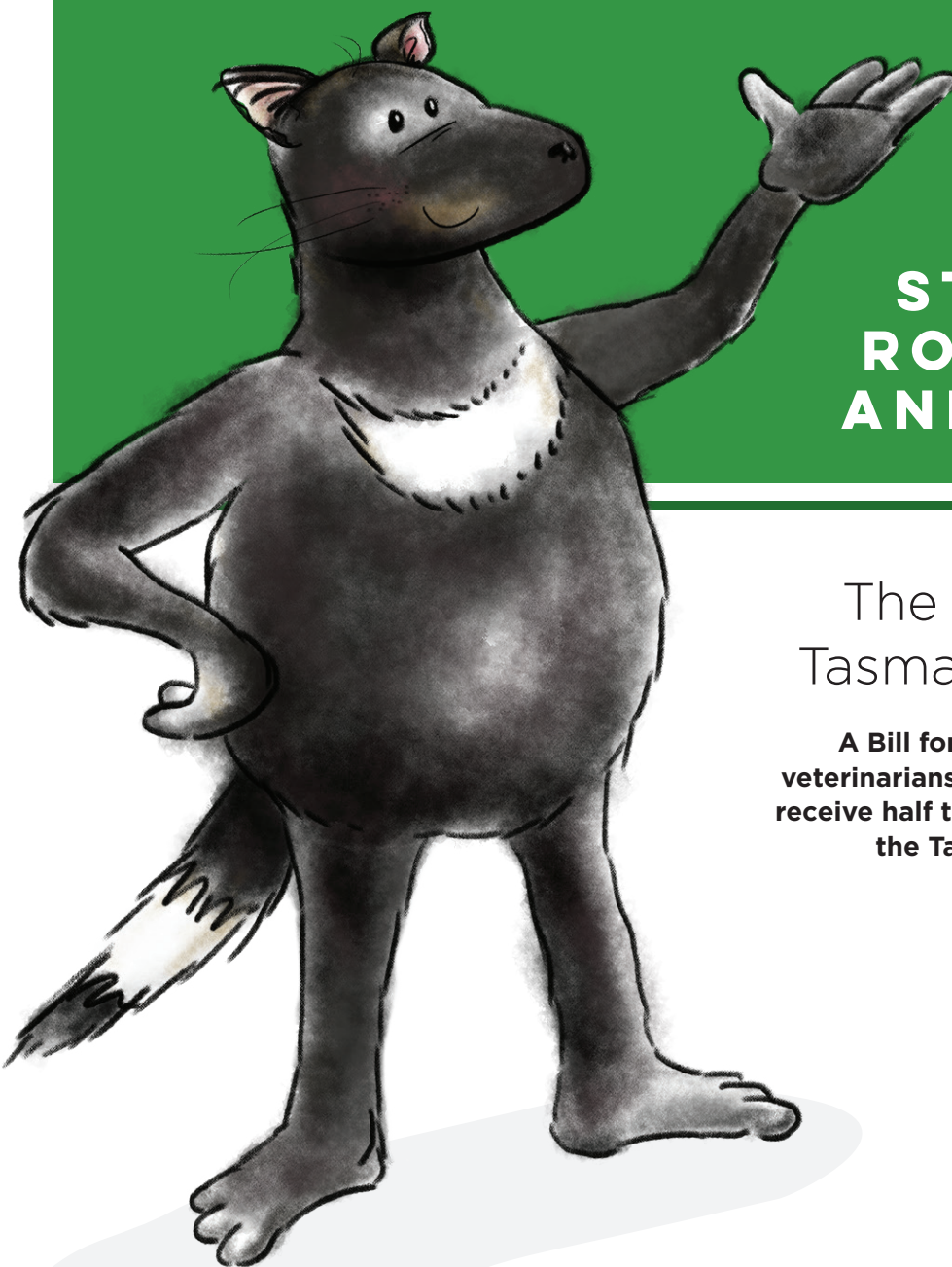


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Devil's Diorama Education Kit



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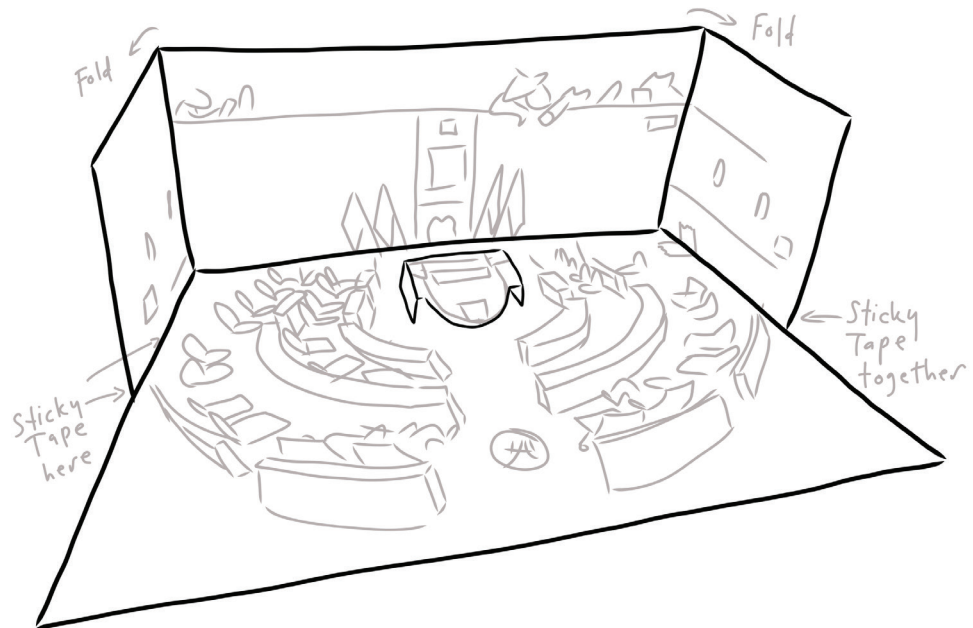
The Treatment of Tasmanian Devils Bill

**A Bill for an Act for all Tasmanian
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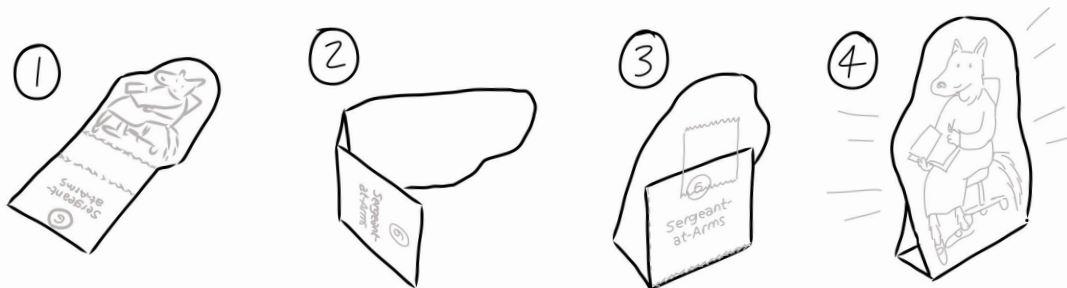


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Cut out the supplied Chamber Floor Diorama on the dotted lines, and fold it inwards on the diamond fold lines to make a standing open box.



Cut out the Devils and Desks page and assemble into standing and sitting devils, by folding on the diamond lines and using a small piece of sticky tape to secure.



YOU WILL NEED

- Scissors
- Sticky tape



“ **Speaker:**

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge elders, past, present and emerging.

The House of Assembly Standing Orders are the rules that, as Members of Parliament, we have agreed to follow. I know that Members have read the Standing Orders but the Clerk will remind us of some of the rules for debating or discussing Bills.

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“ **Clerk:**

1. You may only speak when the Speaker asks you to do so.
2. Begin your speech with ‘Madam Speaker’ or ‘Mr Speaker’ and always follow the Speaker’s instructions.
3. When you speak, you are speaking on behalf of the thousands of Tasmanians you represent.
4. You must act in a respectful manner at all times.

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“ **Speaker:**

Thank you Clerk. We now begin our work for the day. Does any Member have a Bill to introduce to the House of Assembly?

Action: Government Minister stands, waiting silently until the Speaker calls them.

Speaker:

I call the Honourable the Minister for the Environment and Parks. Thank you.

Action: Minister moves to the Government lectern.

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“ **Minister:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,
I present the Treatment of Tasmanian Devils Bill.

Action: Minister returns to their seat.

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“ **Speaker:**

Order! We will now have our first vote on the Bill.
The question is should the Bill be now read a first time?

Those who agree say ‘Aye’ (*Pause while most Members call out ‘aye’ rhyming with ‘eye’*). Those who disagree say ‘No’ (*Pause for any other Member to call out ‘no’*).

I think the ‘Ayes’ have the most votes, so the ‘Ayes’ have it.

Clerk, please read the title of the Bill for the first time.

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“ **Clerk:**

A Bill for an Act for all Tasmanian vets treating Tasmanian devils to receive half the cost of the treatment from the Tasmanian Government.

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“ **Speaker:**

I call the Honourable the Minister for Environment and Parks to begin the Second Reading on this Bill.

Action: Minister returns to the Government lectern.

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“ **Minister:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

I am very pleased to introduce this exciting new Bill to the House of Assembly.

Tasmania is home to the world’s largest surviving carnivorous marsupial, the Tasmanian devil. Sadly, hundreds of these animals have the deadly Devil Facial Tumour Disease. While scientists work on a cure for this terrible disease, many other Tasmanians are working to rescue other devils. Our Government wants to support these people. We are willing to pay for half the cost of caring for a sick or injured Tasmanian devil. With this Bill, we can save devils that are suffering from other illnesses, road accidents or are orphans. Working together we can help save this species that we all love.

All Tasmanians want to save the Tasmanian devil, so I ask all Members of the House of Assembly to vote for this Bill.

Action: Minister returns to their seat. Shadow Minister stands up.

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“ **Speaker:**

I call the Shadow Minister for Environment and Parks. Thank you.

Action: The Shadow Minister moves to the Opposition lectern.

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“ **Shadow Minister:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

The Opposition also wants to save the Tasmanian devil. It worries us that devil numbers are so low, the devil is listed as endangered under the Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act.

We believe that half the cost of treatment is not enough. We want the Government to pay all the vet fees. That way, a vet can care for a devil with the best treatment possible, returning the devil to good health. Sick, injured and orphaned devils will have the best chance of survival.

We agree with the goal of this Bill but want to see some improvements to the Bill.

Action: Shadow Minister returns to their seat. A crossbench Member stands up.

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“ **Speaker:**

I call the Member for Braddon.

Action: Crossbench Member stands and moves to the crossbench lectern.

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“ **Member for Braddon:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

Our party wants to save the Tasmanian devil too. We are pleased that the Government is taking this step to support vets in the care of these amazing animals.

However, we agree with the Opposition. The Government should pay all the costs of vet care. In addition, we would like to see the Bill expanded to include the treatment of all animals listed as endangered under the Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act. While the inclusion of the extra animals will increase the cost of this new law, it could help to save dozens of species of animals. This would be a great use of public money. What price can you put on the survival of a species?

We will support the Bill but want some changes to expand the reach of the Bill.

Action: Crossbench Member returns to their seat. Premier stands.

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“ **Speaker:**

I call the Honourable the Premier.

Action: Premier moves to the Government lectern.

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“ Premier:

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

It is pleasing to know that all Members of the House of Assembly want to save the Tasmanian devil.

Did you know that devil numbers have been under threat before? In 1830, the Van Diemen's Land Company put a bounty on them. This meant for over 100 years, people were paid to trap and poison devils. Today, we are making a new law to do the exact opposite. We must learn from the mistakes of the past. Sadly we have lost the Tasmanian tiger, we must not repeat this loss with the devil.

The Tasmanian Government would like to expand this Bill to pay vets more and include other animals. However, we need to be careful with our budget. We still have to fund schools, hospitals and other essential services. Therefore, we will calculate the vet fees over the next three years, and if we can afford it, we will increase the payments and include other animals.

This Bill is a big step in the right direction.

I encourage all Members of the House of Assembly to agree to the Bill as it is and we can review it in the future.

Action: Premier returns to their seat. The Speaker now invites other Members to join the debate.

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“ Speaker:

Would any other Member of the House of Assembly like to speak about this Bill? Stand if you wish to speak.

Action: In the House of Assembly, any Member wishing to speak would now stand up. This may not be possible with your devils but wiggling them to get the Speaker's attention will achieve the idea. It doesn't matter if the devil is sitting down, just use your imagination.

Speaker:

I call the Member for _____ Bass/Braddon/Clark/Franklin/Lyons _____ (or say the description on the devil) _____

Action: One at a time, have the Speaker call Members to make an argument for or against the Bill. Remember all Members want to save the Tasmanian devil but have different ideas on the best way to do this. How would you protect the Tasmanian devil?

Speaker:

I call the Honourable the Minister for the Environment and Parks in reply.

Action: The Minister moves back to the Government lectern.

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“ **Minister:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteer animal carers across the state of Tasmania, who care for sick and orphaned Tasmanian devils every day. These wonderful people are true heroes in our community.

Saving endangered species is a complex problem but instead of arguing amongst ourselves, let us all agree to support the Bill today so we can take some action now to save the Tasmanian devil.

I move a motion to vote on the Bill.

Action: The Minister returns to their seat.

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“ **Speaker:**

Order! We will now have our second vote on the Bill.

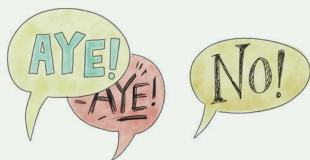
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Those who agree say ‘Aye’ (*Pause while Members call out ‘aye’*).

Those who disagree say ‘No’ (*Pause while other Members call out ‘no’*).

I think the ‘Ayes’ have the most votes but should we have a division vote?

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“ **Leader of the Opposition:**

Mr Speaker or Madam Speaker,

We do not require a division as we have decided to support the Bill. It is a good start in protecting the devil. We should take action now to rescue the devil. We will review this law in the future.

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“ **Speaker:**

Clerk, read the title of the Bill a second time.

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“ **Clerk:**

A Bill for an Act for all Tasmanian vets treating Tasmanian devils to receive half the cost of the treatment from the Tasmanian Government.

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“ **Speaker:**

As we are mostly in agreement, we will finish by voting on the Bill for the third time and final time.

Order! The question is should the Bill be now read a third time?

Those who agree say ‘Aye’ *(Pause while Members call out ‘aye’)*.

Those who disagree say ‘No’ *(Pause while other Members call out ‘no’)*.

I think the ‘Ayes’ have it.

Clerk, read the title of the Bill a third time.

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“ **Clerk:**

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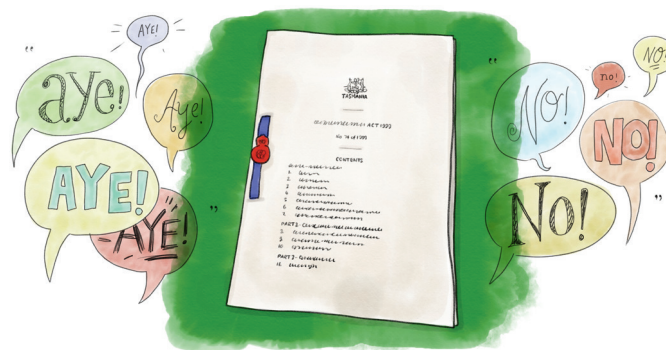


“ **Speaker:**

I will send a message to the Legislative Council, informing them the Bill has passed the House of Assembly, so they may debate it too.

Order! The House has finished work for the day. Thank you everyone.

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