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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 6

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022

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2 Ms *Butler* to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon Consumer and Building Sector Protections of the Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry, including:—
 - (a) the provision of free, independent advocacy and advice services for Tasmanian consumers building their homes;
 - (b) material costs, trade and supply challenges;
 - (c) the adequacy of Consumer Business Occupational Services (CBOS) as Tasmania's building and consumer regulator;
 - (d) personal experiences that could inform consideration of any of the above; and
 - (e) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (a) two from the Government, nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) Dr Broad;
 - (c) Ms Johnston; and
 - (d) the Mover.
- (3) The Committee report by 24 March 2023 next. (3 May 2022)

4 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that:—
 - (a) the current Burnie Court site is not fit for purpose;
 - (b) at the 2018 State Election the Liberal and Labor parties committed \$15 million to redevelop the Burnie Court on the current site;
 - (c) in 2020 the Liberal Government announced it was relocating the court to the old University of Tasmania campus in a residential and educational precinct in West Burnie; and
 - (d) the Labor party at the 2021 State Election committed to redeveloping the current site or to rebuild the Burnie Court on another site in the Burnie CBD.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) there has been no consultation with local residents about the relocation of the Court to their neighbourhood;
 - (b) the ongoing concerns raised by business, the community and Council;
 - (c) the ongoing concerns raised by the Law Society;
 - (d) the Government's commencement of a public expression of interest on availability of land and premises in the Burnie CBD;
 - (e) the project has now blown out to \$40 million;
 - (f) 50,000 people visit the court complex each year;
 - (g) the devastating impact this will have on the Burnie CBD; and
 - (h) alternate sites and proposals have been provided by the Burnie business community and Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockcliff MP to rule out in its entirety the relocation of the Burnie Court Complex to Mooreville Rd. (3 May 2022)

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5 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) public hearings for the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings have commenced;
 - (b) the support of the Parliament for the Commission of Inquiry and its important responsibility to uncover government failures to keep children safe and to put in place changes to protect children in the future; and
 - (c) these hearings will cause further distress and trauma for victim survivors and others who support them due to the nature of material that will be disclosed.
- (2) Understands that it is critical for the Government to provide clear communication about the support available to people at this time who maybe directly or indirectly impacted by the Commission of Inquiry and to proactively offer support to those who may need it.
- (3) Raises concern that some victim survivors and witnesses to child sexual abuse in institutional settings who don't feel safe to provide evidence for fear of reprisal or for fear of the impact on their own emotional and mental wellbeing.
- (4) Calls on the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to make clear and unequivocal public statements, and issue clear statements to all state service employees, that participation in the Commission of Inquiry is encouraged and will be supported. (3 May 2022)

6 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes public hearings for the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings have commenced.
- (2) Further notes the rising cost of living is putting further pressure on Tasmanian households and in the past year:—
 - (a) the cost of food went up 4.4 per cent;
 - (b) the cost of vegetables went up 9.2 per cent;
 - (c) the cost of beef went up 13.1 per cent;
 - (d) housing costs went up 8.1 per cent;
 - (e) gas went up 18.7 per cent;
 - (f) transport went up 19.5 per cent; and
 - (g) insurance went up 9.6 per cent
 - (h) CPI data released by the ABS shows annual inflation is up 5.8 per cent, the highest level in 20 years.
- (3) Highlights that wages only rose 3 per cent, which means that workers are going backwards at a record rate.
- (4) Points out that to make matters worse, the Rockliff-Ferguson Government is adding to the struggle with an unfair new bin tax and water bill increases of \$400.
- (5) Knows that the Rockliff-Ferguson Government has lost control of the basics of economic management and rather than looking to impose new burdens, it needs to start delivering real help for Tasmanian households. (3 May 2022)

8 Mr *Ellis* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the sacrifice of generations of Australian service men and women in defence of our nation, our freedoms and our values, including Frank MacDonald MM whose legacy has been the cornerstone of the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize (FMMP).
- (2) Recognises the importance of passing on the ANZAC tradition to future generations, particularly through education and fostering closer connections between young Tasmanians and our veterans.
- (3) Congratulates the outstanding young people who represented Tasmania in Darwin as part of the (FMMP) delegation who in 2022 commemorated 80 years since the Japanese bombing of Northern Australia.
- (4) Notes the moving tributes paid to individual Tasmanian veterans by the delegation and the diligent research undertaken to understand their lives and historical contexts.
- (5) Further recognises in particular those Tasmanians who gave their lives in the defence of Australia across all conflicts our nation has been involved in.

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- (6) Further acknowledges the important work of RSL Tasmania in being part of this delegation and continuing the proud tradition of service and ongoing concern for veterans' welfare for which that the organisation is widely known.
- (7) Further recognises the generosity of current Australia service personnel who gave their time to welcome the FMMP and give them a deeper understanding of the roles undertaken in the current defence of Australia.
- (8) Further notes the ongoing commitment of the Tasmanian Parliament to support the important mission of the FMMP in our community. (3 May 2022)

10 Ms White to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon the Tasmania Government's dealings with Tasmania Basketball Pty Ltd and any other associated entities from 27 August 2020 onwards, including but not limited to:—
 - (a) whether former Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Jane Howlett MLC's relationship with Tasmania Basketball Pty Ltd's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Simon Brookhouse, constituted a conflict of interest under the Ministerial Code of Conduct;
 - (b) former Premier Peter Gutwein and his office's involvement in managing Ms Howlett's alleged conflict of interest and her departure from the Ministry;
 - (c) Ms Howlett's involvement in decisions relating to Tasmanian Government support for Tasmania Basketball Pty Ltd; and
 - (d) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) Members to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (a) three from the Government, nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) two from the Opposition, nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business;
 - (c) one from the Greens, nominated by Ms O'Connor.
- (3) The Committee report by 29 July 2022. (24 May 2022)

11 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) Tasmania has the worst ambulance response times in the country;
 - (b) these response times have blown out by 30% under the Liberal Government.
 - (c) sadly Tasmanians are dying whilst waiting for an ambulance; and
 - (d) a Hobart man in his late 70s died after waiting four hours and 15 minutes for an ambulance and an elderly man in the State's North died after waiting seven hours for an ambulance.
- (2) Acknowledges that:—
 - (a) a resilience scan of Ambulance Tasmania staff showed an extraordinary number of staff are suffering mental health conditions and self-medicating;
 - (b) Paramedics in this country have one of the highest rates of suicide of any profession;
 - (c) three years ago a Senate Inquiry into the mental health of first responders released 15 recommendations, to date one has been implemented by the Tasmanian Government and none by the Federal Government; and
 - (d) Paramedics and volunteer ambulance officers in Tasmania are under unprecedented pressure – with regularly unfilled shifts, fatigue alerts and a lack of resources.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to provide increased funding in the 2022 Budget to ensure our Paramedics and volunteers are given better resources and mental health support and to fix ambulance ramping across the State. (24 May 2022)

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

- (1) Notes the Meander Valley Council celebrated its Australia Day Award recipients at the end of March 2022 with recognising community contribution, leadership and voluntary service. Although the celebration was held later in 2022 due to COVID-19, the celebration of these outstanding citizens was in no way diminished.
- (2) Congratulates the following participants:—
 - (a) Laura Richardson of Deloraine, awarded Citizen of the Year. This award is particularly poignant for me as Laura was my adviser for a number of years

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in the primary industries space and I know firsthand of her wonderful contribution to her local community in various capacities, including rural youth groups, Meander Valley Financial Services, Deloraine Amateur Basketball and Netball Clubs and many more. Congratulation to Laura;

- (b) Luke Cole, awarded the Young Citizen of the Year Award. Luke is a member of Pearn's Steam World, undertaking restoration of key pieces of Pearn's collection. Luke also volunteers at Deloraine House in various capacities. Congratulation Luke;
 - (c) Renee Walker awarded the Sports Award. Renee volunteers with Deloraine Football Club, is a Junior Development Officer, coaching two junior girls teams and her advocacy for equal opportunity and inclusiveness has been paramount. Congratulations Renee.
- (3) Further Notes that Chudleigh's Australia Day Breakfast won Community Event of the Year.
 - (4) Thanks the many volunteers included. (25 May 2022)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the National Canoe Slalom Championships took place at Bradys Lake in the Central Highlands, 22-24 April 2022; and
 - (b) that the Bradys Slalom Course is managed by the Derwent Canoe Club in conjunction with Hydro Tasmania. It runs between two bodies of water, Bronte Lagoon and Bradys Lake, which are part of the chain of lakes created to supply Tungatinah Power Station.
- (2) Recognises that Hydro Tasmania worked closely with the event organisers to coordinate water releases over the duration of the event and that Hydro Tasmania released 18 cumecs of water, or 18 tonnes per second, through the course for the duration of the competition.
- (3) Further notes that Bradys Lake is Australia's top natural channel slalom course and one of the few in the world where a water authority works closely with a community canoeing club to hold competitions.
- (4) Congratulates all athletes that competed at the championships, with more than 100 paddlers from around the country entering the event.
- (5) Congratulates Tasmania's own and Tokyo Olympian Daniel Watkins, for successfully defending his MC1 title and claiming bronze in the MK1 event. Daniel has been paddling with the Derwent Valley Canoe Club since 2007.
- (6) Congratulates event organisers, volunteers, officials and Hydro Tasmania for a successful event. (25 May 2022)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that Neighbourhood House Week was held on 9–15 May 2022; and
 - (b) that Deloraine House held a number of community events to celebrate the wonderful work that they do in the community including Open House day on 10 May 2022 with a soup and sausage sizzle lunch, Open garden day on 11 May 2022 with a wood fired pizza lunch and Photo Challenge "Meander Valley through your eyes" which concluded on 17 May 2022 with an open evening exhibition.
- (2) Celebrated that events such as these demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well in Meander Valley and acknowledges that Neighbourhood Houses are an integral part of rural and regional communities.
- (3) Congratulates Deloraine House co-ordinator, Debbie Smith and the team of dedicated local volunteers for their ongoing support to the local community. (25 May 2022)

15 Ms Johnston to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records, to inquire into and report upon the current situation of the private rental market in Tasmania, including:—
 - (a) supply and demand challenges;

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- (b) mechanisms to support Tasmanians experiencing housing stress in or attempting to enter the private rental market;
 - (c) any necessary reform of, or amendments to, the Residential Tenancy Act;
 - (d) personal experiences that could inform consideration of any of the above; and
 - (e) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (a) two from the Government, nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) one from the Opposition, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
 - (c) one from the Tasmanian Greens, nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens; and
 - (d) the Mover.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 April 2023. (26 May 2022)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*