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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 14

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- 46** Ms *Johnston* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the findings of the ‘Independent Review of Tasmania’s Right to Information Framework – Getting Back on Track’, particularly:—
 - (i) Recommendation 15, calling for proactive publication of Cabinet submissions, agendas and decision papers within 30 business days of final decisions, subject to reasonable exceptions; and
 - (ii) Recommendation 42, proposing an independent Tasmanian Information Commissioner to oversee transparency, data management and privacy.
 - (b) that Queensland has had this policy in place for 18 months.
 - (2) Recognises that while Cabinet deliberations are confidential, this does not extend to factual or background material that should be available to Parliament and the public, and affirms that transparency of Cabinet-related information is essential to public confidence in government decision-making.
 - (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) adopt this publication policy;
 - (b) amend the Archives Act 1983 and Right to Information Act 2009 to remove prohibitions on publication;
 - (c) establish a public register of withheld information, grounds for exemption and review dates;
 - (d) empower the proposed Information Commissioner—or, in the interim, the Ombudsman—to review claims of Cabinet or public interest immunity in line with *Egan v Chadwick*; and
 - (e) table an annual report detailing documents published, exemptions claimed and review findings.
 - (4) Agrees the policy take effect immediately, with the week of this motion counted as Day 1 for publication timeframes, or applied retrospectively once operational. (3 March 2026)
- 47** Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania remains the only state or territory that has refused to sign up to the Federal Government’s Help to Buy Scheme.
 - (2) Recognises that the Help to Buy Scheme provides eligible first home buyers with an additional pathway into home ownership and can operate alongside existing state programs without conflict.
 - (3) Further notes that participation in the scheme comes at no cost to the Tasmanian Government.
 - (4) Acknowledges that Tasmania is experiencing a housing crisis, with record social housing waitlists, declining rates of home construction, and first home buyers increasingly priced out of the market.

- (5) Expresses concern that by failing to sign up to the Scheme, the Government is denying Tasmanians the same support and options available to first home buyers in every other jurisdiction in the country.
- (6) Further notes that the Government has repeatedly failed to meet its own housing targets and has faced criticism over how it accounts for housing delivery.
- (7) Condemns the Rockliff Government for blocking access to a scheme that would expand housing choice for Tasmanians at no cost to the state.
- (8) Calls on the Minister for Housing and Planning, Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, to explain to the House why the Government has refused to sign up to the Help to Buy Scheme, and when Tasmanians can expect to be given access to the same opportunities available to first home buyers across the rest of Australia. (3 March 2026)

48 Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) serious concerns surrounding the Government’s proposed dealings regarding public land at Wilkinsons Point; and
 - (b) advice provided to the Premier by multiple government departments recommending that negotiations with LK Group cease and that the land instead be taken to an open market process.
- (2) Expresses concern that this advice was not followed and that the Government has instead pursued a private negotiation with a single proponent.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) warnings that proceeding without a competitive process risks exposing Tasmanian taxpayers to costs of up to \$100 million without any guarantee of development at the site; and
 - (b) that the Valuer-General’s confidential valuation was shared with LK Group despite advice that it should not be disclosed, giving them an unfair advantage in negotiations.
- (4) Agrees that decisions relating to the sale of public land should be conducted openly, competitively and in the best interests of Tasmanians.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to explain why departmental advice was ignored, why the market was not tested through an open process, and why confidential valuation material was shared with a private proponent. (3 March 2026)

49 Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the critical importance of Tasmania’s major industrials to the State’s economy, energy system, regional employment and sovereign manufacturing capability.
- (2) Recognises that Liberty Bell Bay is Australia’s only manganese alloy smelter and a strategic industrial asset, supported by a highly skilled local workforce.
- (3) Acknowledges that the smelter has been paused indefinitely despite the Tasmanian Government providing a \$20 million loan, which has since been subject to default.
- (4) Further notes reports that suppliers to Liberty Bell Bay are owed significant sums, placing local businesses and jobs at risk.
- (5) Affirms the House’s confidence in the workers at Liberty Bell Bay and the importance of providing them and their families with certainty and security.
- (6) Further recognises that Tasmania owns its energy assets and therefore has both the capacity and responsibility to act in the state’s long term economic interest when negotiating with major industrial users.
- (7) Calls on the Government to urgently finalise and execute a long-term energy contract for Bell Bay Aluminium, and to provide certainty for workers, suppliers and the Bell Bay community.
- (8) Further notes the ongoing uncertainty at Nyrstar in Hobart, and the need for a long-term solution to ensure the ongoing viability of the site and its workforce in the face of international market pressure, power price increases and aging infrastructure. (3 March 2026)

50 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
 - (a) costs for berthing and port charges for the new Spirit of Tasmania IV in Melbourne has now blown out from \$600,000 a month to \$900,000 a month; and

- (b) cost blowout comes on top of the Devonport berth cost blowout from \$90 million to \$493 million.
- (2) Recognises the Liberal Government's mismanagement of the project has seen the delivery date for the new ships fall years behind schedule.
- (3) Expresses disappointment that the Government's failure has resulted in the travelling public, including Tasmanian residents, paying the price with slower crossings and increased costs.
- (4) Further notes the ridiculous situation that should the new ships be berthed in Tasmania, TasPorts, a state owned company, would charge another state owned company, TT-Line, to berth state owned ships in a state owned port.
- (5) Calls on:—
 - (a) Shareholder Ministers, Hon. Eric Abetz MP, and Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, to issue a Ministerial Direction to TasPorts to waive berthing fees and other port charges for the new ships at Tasmanian ports until they come into service; and
 - (b) the Ministers to immediately bring the new ships home to a Tasmanian port. (3 March 2026)

51 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
 - (a) ongoing industrial action across key parts of the Tasmanian public sector, including health, education, justice and child safety, following the Government's failure to reach fair industrial agreements; and
 - (b) Treasurer's comments that "police have a more difficult role than public servants" and acknowledges the offence caused to correctional officers, paramedics and other health workers, child safety officers, fire fighters, educators and countless other hard-working Tasmanian public sector workers by those remarks.
- (2) Condemns the Government for negotiating in bad faith, including cancelling meetings, issuing ultimatums through the media, derailing progress in discussions, failing to bring decision makers to meetings, failing to address claims until after some agreements had expired and frustrating constructive engagement.
- (3) Recognises that Tasmania operates in a national labour market and continued disrespect and uncertainty for public sector workers risks driving Tasmanians interstate, reducing the likelihood of people moving to Tasmania to take up work opportunities in our public sector and having a devastating impact on all Tasmanians who rely on the public services.
- (4) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) show respect to all of their public sector workforce and retract recent out of touch public statements made by the Treasurer, Hon. Eric Abetz MP, pitting groups of workers against each other; and
 - (b) prioritise reaching fair and sustainable employment agreements that value these vital workers and provide certainty for Tasmanian families who depend on them. (3 March 2026)