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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 33

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Notices of Motion

- 60** Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House orders the Government to table, before the end of the next sitting day, the total capital costs for the Tasmanian Player Carded Gaming Platform. (17 March 2026)
- 61** Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Government's stated intention to abolish the Tasmanian Industrial Commission (TIC) and transfer its functions to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TasCAT).
 - (2) Recognises the TIC has long served as the independent arbiter of workplace disputes in Tasmania, particularly for public sector employees.
 - (3) Acknowledges the specialised industrial expertise held by TIC Commissioners, the Registrar and staff in resolving workplace disputes, making and varying industrial instruments, interpreting awards and agreements, and protecting the rights of Tasmanian workers.
 - (4) Expresses concern that the proposed abolition of the TIC risks the loss of this specialised and highly valued industrial expertise and institutional knowledge.
 - (5) Further notes that:—
 - (a) TasCAT is already facing significant resourcing pressures and increasing caseloads;
 - (b) at the federal level, industrial relations matters remain the responsibility of the Fair Work Commission rather than being absorbed into administrative tribunals; and
 - (c) other state jurisdictions also maintain their separate tribunals and commissions for these functions.
 - (6) Expresses further concern that public sector employees, unions, workers and other key stakeholders were not consulted prior to the Government's plans being revealed during the budget session.
 - (7) Calls on:—
 - (a) the Attorney-General to explain why he has failed to consult on this significant decision with workers, unions and other affected stakeholders;
 - (b) the Government to release their costings and planning on this proposed change; and
 - (c) the Government to reverse this decision and retain the TIC in full. (17 March 2026)
- 63** Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Premier's announcement that the Department of State Growth will be dismantled and replaced by a new entity branded 'Building Tasmania'; and
 - (b) that the Government has confirmed that 250 jobs will be cut from the Department as part of this restructure.
 - (2) Expresses concern that public servants and department heads were given little notice or detail about the proposed changes prior to the announcement.

- (3) Further notes that the Government has failed to provide clarity about which roles will be cut and how the restructure will affect the delivery of infrastructure, housing and economic development projects.
- (4) Expresses further concern that cutting 250 jobs risks undermining the state's capacity to plan and deliver major projects on time and on budget.
- (5) Calls on the Government to explain which roles will be cut, what modelling has been undertaken on the impact of the job losses, and how the restructure will improve outcomes for Tasmanians. (17 March 2026)

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

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) teachers in Tasmanian public schools have imposed a total and indefinite ban on administering the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests as part of escalating industrial action; and
 - (b) significant Commonwealth school funding arrangements increasingly rely on literacy and numeracy targets that are partly measured through NAPLAN results.
- (2) Expresses concern that the ban on administering NAPLAN tests risks disruption to statewide testing and may affect the data used to assess educational outcomes in Tasmanian schools.
- (3) Acknowledges that teachers, educators and support staff have raised serious concerns about workload, workplace conditions and unresolved enterprise bargaining negotiations.
- (4) Calls on the Minister for Education to listen to her workforce, resolve the dispute, and ensure Tasmanian schools and students are not disadvantaged. (18 March 2026)

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

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) in 2025, the Liberal Government cut 12 TasTAFE courses, and 18 staff; and
 - (b) another \$45 million in cuts will be made over the next four years.
- (2) Recognises the critical role TasTAFE plays in training the workers that Tasmania's economy relies on, including in trades, agriculture, health, technology and the creative industries.
- (3) Acknowledges that Tasmania is currently facing skills shortages across a number of key industries and that strong vocational education and training pathways are essential to addressing those shortages.
- (4) Expresses concern that further cuts to courses or staff at TasTAFE risks reducing opportunities for Tasmanians to gain the skills and qualifications needed to build their future in this state.
- (5) Further notes that TasTAFE staff and students are facing significant uncertainty about the future of courses, jobs and training opportunities.
- (6) Calls on:—
 - (a) the Minister for Skills and Jobs to outline exactly where the \$45 million in savings will come from, including which courses will be cut and how many staff will lose their jobs; and
 - (b) the Government to ensure Tasmania's vocational education and training system is strengthened rather than weakened at a time when the state needs more skilled workers, not fewer. (18 March 2026)

66 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the conflict in the Middle East is causing concern for Tasmanians regarding availability and cost of fuel;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government is engaging on a daily basis with the Federal Government on this issue;
 - (c) the Federal Government's responsibilities regarding Australia's fuel supply, fuel prices surveillance, international obligations for liquid fuel reserves, and decisions on the rate of excise and goods and services tax on retail fuel sales;
 - (d) Tasmania's Director of Energy Planning is advising Tasmanian fuel supply levels are robust and shipments continue to arrive as expected;

- (e) the following actions taken by the Tasmanian Government:
 - (i) the Premier and Deputy Premier hosting industry briefings;
 - (ii) the Deputy Premier has written to the ACCC calling for monitoring for fuel price gouging and anticompetitive behaviour;
 - (iii) working directly with the Federal Government to approve an expedited process for strengthening ACCC powers and penalties; and
 - (iv) the Deputy Premier has written to the Federal Energy Minister in relation to Australia's fuel supply.
 - (f) the Premier has written to Tasmania's Director of Energy Planning to provide ongoing visibility of fuel stock levels across the state, including trends, constraints, and emerging risks, to support forward planning and ensure the state is positioned to respond to potential supply disruptions; and
 - (g) the Tasmanian Government funds the Fuel Check app to enable Tasmanians to monitor fuel prices and find the cheapest fuel in their area.
- (2) Supports ongoing engagement with the Federal Government to ensure continuing fuel security for Australia. (19 March 2026)

70 Ms *Rosol* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that inflation, lack of affordable housing and other cost of living pressures have resulted in many Tasmanians struggling to afford essentials and needing support from community service organisations.
- (2) Agrees that community service organisations provide essential services to Tasmanians, including emergency relief, mental health, youth wellbeing, child safety and family support, and housing and homelessness services.
- (3) Recognises with deep concern that chronic underfunding, growing demand, rising costs and workforce burnout are impairing community service organisations' ability to support Tasmanians in need.
- (4) Acknowledges that global events are leading to increased fuel prices and worsening cost-of-living pressures, resulting in Tasmanian families experiencing growing financial stress and needing more assistance from community service organisations.
- (5) Calls on the Rockliff Government to increase funding to community service organisations to match the level of need experienced by Tasmanians, including an immediate emergency uplift in funding to allow community service organisations to respond to current increased demands. (24 March 2026)

72 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the West Coast Wilderness Railway is a cornerstone of the west coast and the Tasmanian tourism economy, driving visitation to the west coast and supporting local families, jobs and businesses.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) it is clear there are significant and ongoing issues with the Railway's infrastructure, which has been underfunded and neglected by the Liberal Government over many years;
 - (b) the decision announced on Christmas Eve 2025 to cut peak-season journeys highlights just how serious the problems are; and
 - (c) that following a recent roundtable, the Liberal Government issued a press release that provided no clarity whatsoever on the future of the Railway.
- (3) Calls on the Minister for Tourism, Hon. Jane Howlett MP, to rule out permanently closing the West Coast Wilderness Railway line to Strahan. (26 March 2026)

73 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Braddon electorate has the highest number of women and children experiencing family violence in the state.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) that the region has the least emergency and crisis accommodation in the state and our vulnerable women and children are being turned away and sent back to the place they are most in danger because there are not enough beds at the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter;

- (b) in 2025 during an election campaign the Premier committed to funding a feasibility study into the development of a core and cluster shelter for women and children in the north west and that this study is now completed; and
 - (c) this proposal for a \$30 million, 26-unit proposal from the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter is unfunded, desperately needed and is sitting with Homes Tasmania – which the Liberals are about to disband.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to do the right thing and commit to funding the 26-unit proposal from the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter in the upcoming budget. (26 March 2026)

74 Ms Burnet to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes with concern the reports in the Mercury newspaper on 15 March 2026 that the Secretary of the Department of State Growth (DSG), Craig Limkin, is to receive a payout in excess of \$1 million if he loses his job as the Head of that Agency, after the Premier announced that DSG would be abolished in his State of the State address.
- (2) Calls on the Government to table the following information in the House by no later than 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 April 2026:—
 - (a) the standard form Head of Agency employment contract;
 - (b) confirm if, how, and why Mr Limkin's employment contract deviated from the standard contract, particularly in relation to what entitlements Mr Limkin is entitled to upon termination;
 - (c) confirm if any other Heads of Agency are employed under contracts that vary from the standard form contract, and who they are;
 - (d) confirm the annual salary of Mr Limkin;
 - (e) confirm if Mr Limkin will remain in the State Service and if not, when his final date of employment will be; and
 - (f) confirm if Mr Limkin is subject to a non-disclosure agreement arising from his employment as the Secretary of DSG. (26 March 2026)

78 Ms Burnet to move—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns:—
 - (a) the ongoing war in Iran, the deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure, and the humanitarian harm arising from the conflict; and
 - (b) the public threat made by the President of the United States directed at the people of Iran that “A whole civilisation will die tonight, never to be brought back again”.
- (2) Acknowledges the direct and indirect global consequences of the war, including huge economic uncertainty, global instability, disruptions to supply chains, and food insecurity.
- (3) Recognises that this war has again highlighted Australia's vulnerability to international supply chains.
- (4) Notes with concern the impact of the conflict for Tasmanians, including significantly increased fuel and grocery prices and rising cost-of-living pressures.
- (5) Further recognises:—
 - (a) these impacts will be felt disproportionately by Tasmanians already experiencing financial and social disadvantage, as well as those in the agriculture and tourism sectors; and
 - (b) this war is deeply unpopular in Australia and is causing great anxiety.
- (6) Calls on the Federal Government and Federal Opposition to:—
 - (a) stridently and unequivocally condemn the war and call for its immediate end through both public and diplomatic channels; and
 - (b) urge restraint and respect for international humanitarian law. (14 April 2026)

81 Mr Willie to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that after 13 years of the Liberal Government, Tasmania continues to record the worst retention rates in the country, with year 12 retention rates more than 20 percentage points behind the rest of Australia.
- (2) Acknowledges that extending Years 11 and 12 into every high school was a flagship policy of the Liberal Government when it came to office.
- (3) Agrees that the Liberal Government has failed to meet its own targets to lift educational outcomes.

- (4) Recognises that while access to senior secondary education in regional areas is important and there has been some success, a one-size-fits-all approach is failing to deliver good outcomes for all students.
- (5) Further notes concerns that this policy has led to duplication of resources, increased costs, and funding being spread too thinly across the education system.
- (6) Further acknowledges that every dollar spent on ineffective programs is a dollar not invested in the parts of the system that are known to improve student outcomes.
- (7) Calls on the Liberal Government to urgently review the effectiveness of its flagship Year 11 and 12 extension policy. (14 April 2026)

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

- (1) Recognises that Hon. Jane Howlett MP has accrued \$303,800 in legal fees paid for by taxpayers since July 2023.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) these fees were only disclosed after sustained questioning in Parliament, and that the Minister has failed to provide clear detail on what these legal costs relate to; and
 - (b) the Government has refused to explain the nature of these expenses, citing vague claims they were incurred in the “execution of official duties”.
- (3) Acknowledges that Tasmanians have a right to transparency and accountability when public money is spent by Ministers.
- (4) Calls on the Minister for Racing to:—
 - (a) immediately come clean with Tasmanians and publicly disclose what the \$303,800 in legal fees were for; and
 - (b) repay taxpayers for any legal costs not directly and clearly related to her official ministerial duties. (14 April 2026)

83 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that business events are a driver of visitation, jobs and economic activity across Tasmania.
- (2) Welcomes the commitment to deliver the new Launceston Convention Centre.
- (3) Notes:—
 - (a) the project is intended to help double business events in Northern Tasmania and has been forecast to generate nearly \$30 million in economic activity;
 - (b) the project is being progressed in partnership with JMC Group and the City of Launceston, with the City of Launceston contributing \$5 million toward critical riverbank remediation works at Kings Wharf;
 - (c) the proposed Convention Centre includes a 4,000 square metre convention centre, approximately 300 car parks, and a 120-room hotel to support major conferences and events; and
 - (d) plans also include a 400 metre public boardwalk and landscaped green spaces to improve public access and renew the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary riverbank precinct.
- (4) Agrees that this job-creating, economy-boosting project will strengthen Northern Tasmania’s visitor economy and deliver flow on benefits for hotels, hospitality, retail and tourism operators across the region. (15 April 2026)

84 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the former Leader of the Opposition, and Shadow Treasurer, Mr Dean Winter MP, has admitted that tax increases are “inevitable”; and
 - (b) the Shadow Treasurer’s assertion that “there is going to be tax increases”, and that Tasmania will “need to have revenue increases, and that includes taxes”.
- (2) Recognises that, at the 2025 State Election, the Tasmanian Labor Party promised Tasmanians it would not raise taxes.
- (3) Further notes that the Tasmanian Labor Party has supported a motion in the House of Assembly calling for new taxes.

- (4) Acknowledges that the State Government is focused on responsible financial management and efficiencies.
- (5) Further recognises that Tasmanians have a right to know exactly which taxes Labor plans to increase.
- (6) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Josh Willie MP, to immediately come clean, rule out new or higher taxes and bring Mr Dean Winter MP into line, or provide detail of Labor's higher tax agenda. (16 April 2026)

85 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Government's commitment to delivering strong educational outcomes by supporting years 11 and 12 extension schools across the state.
- (2) Acknowledges that extension schools play a vital role in ensuring young Tasmanians, particularly in rural and regional communities, can complete their senior secondary education close to home.
- (3) Recognises that improving equity of access to education reduces the need for students to travel long distances or relocate, supporting improved participation, wellbeing and overall educational outcomes.
- (4) Further acknowledges that these initiatives provide important cost-of-living relief for regional families and support more Tasmanians to become the first in their families to complete year 12.
- (5) Affirms the principle that a student's location should never limit their educational opportunities.
- (6) Supports the Tasmanian Government's ongoing commitment to continue to back our schools and students, enhance regional pathways, and deliver an education system that works for all Tasmanians.
- (7) Further notes that any proposal to undermine extension schools would disproportionately disadvantage regional communities and risk reversing progress in educational equity. (16 April 2026)

86 Mr *Vermeij* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Tasmanian Government's establishment of Building Tasmania as a significant reform designed to strengthen the delivery of key infrastructure and services across the state.
- (2) Acknowledges that Building Tasmania represents an ambitious and forward-looking approach to coordinating the delivery of housing, roads, schools and hospitals for Tasmanians.
- (3) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Government will bring together tourism, events and the creative industries to drive greater cooperation, efficiency and economic opportunity;
 - (b) organisations including Brand Tasmania, Screen Tasmania and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery will be integrated within this new framework to support a more integrated and strategic approach;
 - (c) these reforms are designed to streamline government operations, reduce duplication and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery;
 - (d) Tasmania's strong economic conditions and business confidence provide a solid foundation to implement these reforms and support future growth; and
 - (e) the establishment of Building Tasmania represents the beginning of a broader reform process, and that further measures to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and delivery of government services should be actively considered and supported. (16 April 2026)

88 Mr *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) that the Government's decision to offer free public transport during the fuel crisis has led to a significant increase in passenger numbers; and
 - (b) anecdotal evidence suggests that a large proportion of people taking up public transport reside in the outer suburbs of greater Hobart.

- (2) Acknowledges that while buses continue to be the main means of public transport in Hobart, the Government has committed to expanding the Derwent ferry network.
- (3) Notes that:—
 - (a) ferries will create the greatest benefit to people living in the city’s outer suburbs in close proximity to the river by allowing them to avoid traffic on the bridges and highways;
 - (b) three new ferry terminals proposed for Sandy Bay, Lindisfarne and Wilkinsons Point have been backed with \$20 million, announced in 2022, from the Federal Government;
 - (c) the timeline for the construction of the Sandy Bay terminal has blown out by two years due to environmental concerns and local community opposition and there is now uncertainty over this terminal’s future; and
 - (d) the Sandy Bay site is complex and costly, and has only a minimal impact on traffic congestion.
- (4) Calls on the Government to pause work on the Sandy Bay site and identify other sites such as Howrah or Bridgewater, to provide the greatest benefit to people living in the city’s outer suburbs and to assist in the overall reduction of traffic congestion. (5 May 2026)

91 Ms *Rosol* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that youth homelessness is a significant problem in Tasmania, with:—
 - (a) 39 per cent of homeless people aged under 25;
 - (b) more than 1,400 unaccompanied young people presenting to specialist homelessness services in 2025; and
 - (c) 1,100 primary applicants for social housing in February 2026 being unaccompanied young people.
- (2) Further notes the true incidence of youth homelessness is hidden, since many young people couch surf with friends and family, and do not identify as homeless.
- (3) Recognises that family breakdown, family violence, neglect, abuse, abandonment, mental health issues and homophobia or transphobia are contributing factors to youth homelessness.
- (4) Understands young people face distinct difficulties, including low paid jobs, and limited capacity to work due to study, placing them at high risk of poverty and homelessness.
- (5) Acknowledges Tasmania does not have enough social housing, and specialist homelessness services are insufficient, particularly for young people, with more than half those being turned away under 25 years old.
- (6) Calls on the Government to develop a dedicated Child and Youth Homelessness Action Plan, in consultation with specialist youth and housing service providers. This should include:—
 - (a) a youth homelessness prevention strategy;
 - (b) early intervention supports, including family support and adolescent mental health care;
 - (c) youth social housing;
 - (d) wrap-around services and tenancy support; and
 - (e) coordination of services, and funding that matches the need. (5 May 2026)

92 Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of affordable and accessible primary healthcare for Tasmanian communities, particularly in regional and rural areas.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Tasmanian Government is delivering on its commitment to deliver more bulk-billed healthcare services for Tasmanians through the first TassieDoc clinic;
 - (b) the redeveloped facilities at the Deloraine and Westbury Medical Centres will support workforce growth and enable the delivery of up to 20,000 additional bulk-billed appointments per year across the two sites, boosting access to bulk-billing appointments for communities in Deloraine, Westbury and surrounding areas; and
 - (c) the redevelopment will provide two additional patient consultation rooms in Deloraine and one additional consultation room in Westbury.

- (3) Further recognises that while primary healthcare is a Commonwealth responsibility, the Tasmanian Government has stepped in to deliver more timely and affordable care for Tasmanians in their local communities.
- (4) Further notes that improving access to local primary healthcare will help relieve pressure on Tasmania's emergency departments.
- (5) Commends the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing for delivering practical investments in regional health services that improve access to affordable healthcare for northern Tasmanians. (5 May 2026)

93 Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that agriculture is a pillar of Tasmania's economy and regional communities, underpinning employment, food security and land stewardship across the state;
 - (b) Tasmania's natural advantages including its climate, soils, reliable water resources and strong biosecurity, which together support the production of high-quality, premium agricultural products;
 - (c) the ongoing support of the Tasmanian Government for the agriculture sector through investment in skills, infrastructure, research and development, biosecurity and market access; and
 - (d) the critical role investment in irrigation development plays in supporting farm productivity, resilience to seasonal variability, land-use change and long-term value growth within Tasmania's agriculture sector.
- (2) Recognises:—
 - (a) that the continued growth of the sector has kept Tasmania on track to achieve the AgriVision target of growing the annual farm gate value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050; and
 - (b) the resilience, innovation and commitment of Tasmanian farmers, producers and agribusinesses in driving productivity and value growth across the sector.
- (3) Notes that the agriculture sector continues to face ongoing challenges, including variable and difficult seasonal conditions, rising input and operating costs, and pressures associated with the availability and security of key inputs such as fuel, fertiliser, labour and freight.
- (4) Supports the development of a new long-term agriculture strategy to provide a clear, future-focused framework that supports continued growth, productivity and competitiveness across the sector. (5 May 2026)

94 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) in the 12 years they have been in opposition, the Labor Party have failed to deliver a single alternative budget;
 - (b) in 2024, this House agreed to a motion calling on the Labor Opposition to deliver an alternative budget; and
 - (c) the Labor Opposition did not follow that call.
- (2) Recognises that during the 2025 election campaign, the Labor Opposition announced that their costings included \$1 billion in budget cuts.
- (3) Calls on the Labor Opposition to provide the House with further details of these expenditure reductions and from where these cuts will come, in the form of an alternative budget by the end of the 2026 parliamentary budget session. (5 May 2026)

95 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 has passed the House of Assembly; and
 - (b) on 25 March 2026, the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition tabled its report on the Bill, and that the Government intends to further strengthen the legislation in line with the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) Expresses respect for the role of the Legislative Council as a House of Review and acknowledges its responsibility to scrutinise legislation passed by the House of Assembly.
- (3) Recognises that:—

- (a) greyhound racing is being phased out across many jurisdictions, and that a legislated and measured transition is preferable to an unmanaged decline; and
 - (b) recent Legislative Council election results indicate a clear level of community support for candidates advocating the phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania, and that there is an electoral mandate for reform.
- (4) Further notes the ongoing division within the Tasmanian Labor Party on this issue. (6 May 2026)

96 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) in March 2026, there were 94 older Tasmanians who were medically ready to be discharged but through no fault of their own, are stuck in hospital while waiting for a residential aged care bed; and
 - (b) on average, there are the equivalent of three hospital wards of Tasmanians medically ready to be discharged who are stranded in hospital.
- (2) Acknowledges that aged care is a federal responsibility and that every state and territory is united in calling on the Commonwealth to urgently address this issue.
- (3) Commends the Tasmanian Government’s work to actively implement solutions to reduce delayed discharge through initiatives that support timely and effective transitions from hospital, improve access to care, and strengthen hospital avoidance strategies.
- (4) Calls on the Federal Government to take decisive action, and urgently invest in aged care to address these issues. (6 May 2026)

97 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the significant importance of the Liberty Bell Bay Smelter to the northern Tasmanian economy, the George Town Community, and Tasmania’s advanced manufacturing sector.
- (2) Notes that Liberty Bell Bay supports skilled local jobs, families, contractors, suppliers, small businesses, and flow-on economic activity across northern Tasmania.
- (3) Acknowledges the uncertainty faced by workers and their families as a result of the smelter being placed into administration and the ongoing sale process.
- (4) Further notes:—
 - (a) that the Tasmanian Government had previously provided a \$20 million loan to aid in the resumption of operations; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government’s \$1.5 million loan to secure workers’ wages whilst the administrators progress a sale of the smelter.
- (5) Welcomes the Federal Government’s assistance in securing workers’ wages during the sale process.
- (6) Affirms that the State Government will continue to work in good faith to secure the long-term future of this important employer, support hardworking Tasmanians and local communities. (6 May 2026)

98 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the vital contribution of front line public servants across Tasmania, who deliver essential services to Tasmanians across our state.
- (2) Acknowledges the dedicated Tasmanian teachers, principals, school support staff and education professionals who work tirelessly to support students, families and community.
- (3) Notes that a new teachers’ wage agreement has been reached, giving hardworking Tasmanian teachers the financial certainty they need so they can focus on delivering high-quality education for Tasmanian students.
- (4) Further acknowledges the collaborative and good faith approach between unions and government to reach an agreement that achieves the best outcomes for teachers and students.
- (5) Further notes that this agreement builds on agreements reached with police, firefighters, doctors, education facility attendants, dentists, allied health professionals and radiation therapists. (6 May 2026)

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Mr *Vermeij* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Labor Party has held its first state conference in seven years.
- (2) Notes that Labor holding its first state conference in seven years is a welcome return to internal democratic processes and policy debate within the party.
- (3) Calls upon the Labor Party to release the full policy outcomes from its state conference, including any motions, commitments or resolutions related to:—
 - (a) the future of greyhound racing in Tasmania;
 - (b) the future of the Tasmanian forestry industry;
 - (c) new or increased taxes, levies, duties or charges; and
 - (d) proposed cuts, spending commitments or fiscal strategies.
- (4) Calls on the Labor Party to clarify whether policy outcomes adopted at state conferences are binding on the Parliamentary Labor Party. (6 May 2026)

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Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that during the election the Premier, The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, promised that ‘TasInsure’ would:—
 - (a) be established as a new government business;
 - (b) provide home and contents insurance, workers compensation insurance, small business insurance, community and event insurance, and regional insurance to farmers;
 - (c) save Tasmanians \$250 a year on their premiums;
 - (d) save Tasmanian businesses 20 per cent on their premiums;
 - (e) make groceries cheaper; and
 - (f) not cost Tasmanians a cent.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the Treasury costing submission during the election listed the cost to taxpayers as \$0; and
 - (b) the Premier repeatedly told the House that TasInsure would be established as a government business, including on 25 September 2025.
- (3) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the Premier has already spent \$100,000 on a consultant to tell him what insurance experts, the RACT and several economists already made clear: TasInsure would not work and exposes the state to significant financial risk; and
 - (b) the Government has committed at least \$4.2 million to a bureaucracy that:—
 - (i) won’t sell insurance;
 - (ii) won’t reduce premiums; and
 - (iii) will duplicate services already available for free through brokers and comparison websites.
- (4) Condemns the Premier for:—
 - (a) breaking his signature election promise;
 - (b) falsely claiming TasInsure was backed by modelling and a business case; and
 - (c) taking advantage of Tasmanians struggling with a real cost of living issue for electoral gain.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to apologise for misleading Tasmanians during the election. (19 May 2026)

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Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania’s Secure Foundations Report found families with dependent children seeking housing support were 3.4 times more likely to be escaping domestic and family violence than people without dependent children; and
 - (c) the Report found 4,237 Tasmanian children were part of families seeking housing support through Housing Connect in 2025.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) housing is safety for women and children escaping family violence, and the lack of housing is forcing too many to stay in, return to, or remain trapped by violence;
 - (b) the North West Tasmania Women’s Shelter reports it cannot assist four out of five people seeking support, with children making up two thirds of those affected; and

- (c) the Government paid for the study into the Shelter’s 26-unit core and cluster proposal, but women and children are still waiting for it to be funded.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
 - (a) fund family violence crisis accommodation based on evidence, data and demand;
 - (b) treat children as victim-survivors in their own right and fund services accordingly;
 - (c) deliver safe housing pathways so crisis shelters are not forced to become long-term housing; and
 - (d) stop leaving women and children fleeing violence with nowhere safe to sleep, nowhere safe to heal, and nowhere safe to rebuild. (19 May 2026)

103 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that after years of questioning, the Greens have exposed important public interest information about taxpayer money used to pay legal costs for Liberal MPs, including:—
 - (a) \$300,000 - Minister for Racing;
 - (b) \$120,000 - Minister for Environment; and
 - (c) \$15,000 - Member for Lyons, Mr Mark Shelton MP.
- (2) Accepts there are circumstances where the provision of taxpayer funds for legal costs is appropriate.
- (3) Understands the guidelines for legal assistance also set boundaries of when it is not appropriate – for example when a Minister is not acting in “good faith” or a backbencher is not “lawfully directed to act on behalf of a Minister”.
- (4) Recognises the Premier broke his promise to provide more information about Mr Shelton MP’s legal fees and in doing so also misrepresented his own commitment.
- (5) Acknowledges there has been no explanation for why any of these legal costs were paid.
- (6) Questions whether the Rockliff Government has followed its own rules in agreeing to pay for these legal costs, especially given they can’t explain why.
- (7) Agrees the Tasmanian public is owed transparency over the use of their money.
- (8) Calls on the Premier to appoint an independent legal expert to review legal assistance decisions for MPs to ensure they are within the rules.
- (9) Orders the Premier to table by 26 May 2026 a breakdown of all taxpayer money provided to Liberal MPs for legal costs since 1 January 2023, including a breakdown of expenditure per MP per quarter. (19 May 2026)

105 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Stanley and Tarkine Forage Festival was held in Stanley from 13 to 17 May 2026;
 - (b) the Festival is recognised as north west Tasmania’s flagship winter food festival, celebrating the produce, people and hospitality of the Stanley and Tarkine region;
 - (c) the region is home to world-class producers, including beef, crayfish, oysters, abalone, honey, cheese and a growing micro-distillery sector; and
 - (d) the Festival is an initiative of the Circular Head Tourism Association, a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community organisation dedicated to promoting north west Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the work of the Circular Head Tourism Association, including President Valentino Surjan, the organising committee, volunteers, sponsors, partners, participating producers and hospitality operators;
 - (b) that the Festival remains deeply community-focused and celebrates the growers, makers, fishers, farmers, distillers, workers and hospitality operators who help shape Tasmania’s visitor experience; and
 - (c) the important role regional events play in encouraging visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in regional communities.
- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) recognise the importance of regional events in driving visitation, local spending and regional dispersal;

- (b) support tourism operators and regional communities facing rising cost pressures; and
- (c) back events that encourage visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in Tasmania's regions. (19 May 2026)

106 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania has identified the north west as a domestic and family violence hotspot, with its Unsafe and Unhoused Report finding people seek housing assistance because of family violence at a rate 3.75 times higher than in the south; and
 - (c) recent engagement in Smithton, Ulverstone and Burnie with frontline services, police, local government and community stakeholders highlighted the urgent need for more crisis accommodation, safe housing, transport support and regional service access.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the critical work of the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter across Braddon;
 - (b) concerns raised by the Burnie Mayor that housing developments are ready to proceed and apartments are sitting empty, while planning and regulatory barriers delay practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) women and children in regional communities face additional barriers to safety, including limited transport, limited service access, housing shortages and geographic isolation.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
 - (a) deliver equitable family and domestic violence funding based on data, demand, geography and regional need;
 - (b) remove the unnecessary barriers to practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) ensure women and children escaping violence in Braddon can access safe housing, crisis accommodation and frontline support. (19 May 2026)

107 Ms Haddad to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that more than half a million dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent on legal fees for Liberal Members of Parliament, including:—
 - (a) \$14,958 for Mr Mark Shelton MP;
 - (b) \$303,800 for Hon. Jane Howlett MP;
 - (c) \$120,494 for Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP; and
 - (d) more than \$300,000 for former Deputy Premier, Mr Michael Ferguson MP.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) unlike the legal fees paid for Mr Ferguson, the Government has failed to explain what the legal fees for Mr Shelton, Ms Howlett and Ms Ogilvie were for; and
 - (b) there are at least two long-running Integrity Commission investigations involving sitting Members of Parliament, including:—
 - (i) Investigation Loyetea, accepted in May 2022, relating to an allegation that a politician failed to declare and manage a conflict of interest and misused information; and
 - (ii) Investigation Olegas, listed in July 2022, relating to allegations of improper expenditure of public funds and failure to declare and manage conflicts of interest.
- (3) Agrees that taxpayers are entitled to transparency about the expenditure of public money.
- (4) Calls on Liberal MPs who have had taxpayer-funded legal bills paid on their behalf to explain, to the fullest extent possible, what those legal bills were for.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to:—
 - (a) explain when Members of Parliament can access taxpayer-funded legal assistance or indemnity; and
 - (b) disclose the legal fees accrued by each Government MP on a bi-annual basis. (19 May 2026)

- 110** Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania, like all jurisdictions, is facing increased economic uncertainty, persistent cost-of-living pressures and growing demand for essential government services.
 - (2) Recognises that responsible governments must make prudent decisions to strengthen the state’s finances while continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure Tasmanians rely upon.
 - (3) Acknowledges that a strong economy is essential to funding health, education, housing and community services.
 - (4) Supports responsible measures in the 2026-27 Budget to improve the sustainability of the state’s finances and return the Budget to balance over time.
 - (5) Respectfully requests Members of this House to support responsible budgeting that balances fiscal discipline with continued investment in a strong economy and caring community. (19 May 2026)
- 111** Mr *Vermeij* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the bipartisan position that greyhound racing will no longer receive public funding beyond 2029.
 - (2) Recognises that a clear legislative framework is necessary to ensure an orderly transition, certainty for participants, appropriate compensation arrangements and strong animal welfare outcomes.
 - (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that in the recent Legislative Council elections in the divisions of Huon and Rosevears, candidates supporting the phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania were clearly preferred by voters over those opposing it; and
 - (b) that, despite supporting the end of public funding for greyhound racing, the Tasmanian Labor Party has not proposed an alternative transition framework or implementation plan.
 - (4) Further recognises that ending public funding without transition legislation would create uncertainty for participants and risk poorer animal welfare outcomes.
 - (5) Further notes that the Government has introduced legislation providing transition arrangements, participant compensation and animal welfare protections.
 - (6) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition to clarify the Tasmanian Labor Party’s position in order to support the orderly phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania. (19 May 2026)
- 112** Mr *Vermeij* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the surplus Commonwealth defence land at Dowsing Point represents one of the most significant opportunities to increase housing supply in Greater Hobart.
 - (2) Recognises that the site has the potential to deliver a master-planned community with social, affordable and private housing, as well as open space and supporting infrastructure.
 - (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government’s call for the Commonwealth to transition the land into productive community use to help address Tasmania’s housing needs.
 - (4) Calls on:—
 - (a) the Australian Government to work cooperatively with the Tasmanian Government to transfer the Dowsing Point site on terms that maximise the public benefit for Tasmanians.
 - (b) all Members of this House to support efforts to unlock Dowsing Point as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver more homes and improve housing affordability. (21 May 2026)