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## NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 41

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2023

### Notices of Motion

**111** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Agrees Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and his colleagues have betrayed Tasmanians desperate for an affordable home, and those who are being tragically let down by our failing health system.
- (2) Condemns the Rockliff Liberal Government for signing us up to a billion-dollar stadium the State doesn't want or need and saddling future generations with the debt.
- (3) Calls on the Premier to release the contract he signed with the Australian Football League (AFL), and all supporting documents, so Tasmanians can fully understand what he agreed to with their money and future. (9 May 2023)

**113** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Liberal Party promised a \$580 million investment into the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) at the 2021 election, including:—
  - (a) a new purpose-built mental health precinct;
  - (b) a new seven-storey tower block providing space for up to seven new hospital wards as well as expansion and refurbishment of existing wards, to provide more single rooms;
  - (c) a redesigned ambulance and patient drop-off zone and a new and bigger Emergency Department (ED) waiting room, including separate areas for children, adults and people in acute psychological distress;
  - (d) the new Ward 3D to be designed and fitted out as a dedicated Older Persons unit, to enable best practice care for our most vulnerable patients;
  - (e) a full refurbishment of the adjacent 39 Frankland Street as a dedicated administration and learning hub; and
  - (f) a new 10-bed, five-recliner coronary care unit, as part of an expansion of medical imaging.
- (2) Further notes that despite that promise, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP has not secured the funding for the upgrade and it appears unlikely any of the promised upgrades will be delivered before the next election in 2025.
- (3) Calls on Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to prioritise the rebuild of the LGH, rather than building an unnecessary stadium in Hobart. (9 May 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the number of applications on the social housing register has reached a record high, with 4,603 vulnerable Tasmanians and families in desperate need of housing;
  - (b) the average wait time for priority social housing applicants has risen and is now in excess of 20 months;
  - (c) more than one fifth of public housing properties have less than four working facilities or more than two major structural problems; and
  - (d) homelessness is increasing faster in Tasmania than in any other state or territory.

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- (2) Acknowledges that there were 569 Tasmanian children under the age of 18 who were homeless on Census night, which includes 325 children who were under the age of 12.
- (3) Recognises that the Government has chosen to do nothing to limit or curb the growth in the short stay accommodation market, which is negatively impacting Tasmanian renters.
- (4) Further acknowledges the breathtaking hypocrisy of Housing Minister, Hon. Guy Barnett MP for calling on the Federal Labor Government to 'get on with the job' of building homes when this Government has consistently failed to build its own modest housing targets.
- (5) Condemns the Liberal Government for its nine years' of unsuccessful housing policy that has completely failed to address the worsening housing crisis and the needs of vulnerable Tasmanians. (9 May 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) Metro has cancelled over two thousand bus services since the beginning of 2023;
  - (b) ongoing disruptions to public transport are negatively impacting Tasmanians including those who rely heavily on these services; and
  - (c) Metro bus drivers were raising concerns about their own safety and the safety of their passengers for over a year, but these concerns were repeatedly ignored.
- (2) Further notes the various public transport commitments that this Liberal Government has announced but has so far failed to deliver, including but not limited to:—
  - (a) the underground bus mall announced in 2018;
  - (b) the new common ticketing system announced in 2018;
  - (c) the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor first announced in 2018; and
  - (d) the Hobart Bus Transit Centre announced in 2019.
- (3) Calls on the Liberal Government to make transit officers on public transport permanent, rather than offering a limited, temporary trial.
- (4) Condemns the Liberal Government for its management of public transport in Tasmania. (9 May 2023)

**117** Mr *White* to move—That the House refers Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to the Committee of Privileges and Conduct given his breach of the Standing Orders. (9 May 2023)

**119** Mrs *Alexander* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the partnership between the Federal and Tasmanian Governments to improve access to General Practitioners (GPs) through initiatives including Urgent Care Centres and the Single Employer Model.
- (2) Notes in addition to this partnership, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has established our own \$8 million GP 'After Hours Support Initiative', offering financial assistance to GPs allowing them to provide after-hours and urgent care type services.
- (3) Recognises:—
  - (a) that despite the best efforts of hard-working GPs, Tasmanians face increasing difficulty in accessing GP appointments, especially in rural and remote parts of Tasmania; and
  - (b) the difficulty accessing affordable, bulk-billing GP healthcare significantly impacts our Emergency Departments and our hospitals.
- (4) Calls on the Federal Government, who has responsibility for primary healthcare funding, to do more to improve access to timely and affordable GP care. (9 May 2023)

**121** Ms *White* to move—That the House censures the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP for:—

- (1) His weak negotiation with the Australian Football League (AFL), during which he committed Tasmania to build a new stadium in Hobart and to assume full responsibility for highly likely and significant cost overruns.
- (2) Failing to secure an exemption for the Federal Government funding from calculations of Tasmania's GST entitlements.
- (3) Therefore committing to build a new stadium at a likely cost to Tasmanian taxpayers of more than \$1 billion, when:—

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- (a) the stadium's business case shows a loss of \$306 million over 20 years;
- (b) Tasmania is in record debt and all the funds will need to be borrowed; and
- (c) the likely annual interest repayment on \$1 billion of new debt will be approximately \$50 million per year. (9 May 2023)

**122** The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 2022 Seek Talent Acquisition Recognition (STAR) Awards which recognises excellence in talent acquisition in Australia and celebrates the integral role that individuals and talent teams play in the success of their organisations were held in April 2023.
- (2) Congratulates the TasNetworks Talent Acquisition and People Experience teams who have been recognised as the National Winners under the category of Best Candidate Experience Initiative.
- (3) Further notes:—
  - (a) that TasNetworks was selected from a high level of candidates Australia wide and the award recognises the incredible work, innovation and support offered to candidates when they apply to work at TasNetworks; and
  - (b) that TasNetworks' initiatives to improve the candidate experience included providing candidates with coaching to improve their CV and interview skills as well as complete psychometric testing leading to a considerable uplift in the candidate experience.
- (5) Congratulates all other recipients of STAR awards across Australia. (10 May 2023)

**123** Mr *Wood* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania has the highest business confidence in the country, and ranks as Australia's economic leader and best performing economy.
- (2) Recognises that a strong Tasmanian economy allows Government to invest into the things Tasmanians care about like health, housing and easing cost of living pressures.
- (3) Agrees that our small business sector has the greatest potential to contribute to economic growth in Tasmania, particularly in regional and remote areas. (10 May 2023)

**124** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) that this Government has adopted Right to Information Act 2009 processes known as a "Quality Assurance Process" and "Ministerial noting";
  - (b) that these processes occur subsequent to final decisions being made by delegated officers; and
  - (c) that this is an unlawful infringement on the authority of delegated officers.
- (2) Acknowledges that section 15(1) of the Right to Information Act 2009 requires that all reasonable steps be taken to enable an applicant to be notified of a decision on an application for an assessed disclosure of information as soon as practicable.
- (3) Agrees that subjecting a final decision to a lengthy "Quality Assurance Process" or "Ministerial noting" is not releasing information as soon as practicable.
- (4) Recognises that the "Quality Assurance Process" and "Ministerial noting" are unlawful, political obfuscation.
- (5) Condemns this Government for embedding wilful, unlawful practices in their Departments to avoid releasing documents to the public that they are lawfully entitled to.
- (6) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to issue an apology to the House and the people of Tasmania for his Government's decade-long unlawful obfuscation of the Right to Information Act 2009. (11 May 2023)

**127** Ms *O'Connor* to move— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 128 from being debated forthwith. (23 May 2023)

**128** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

Calls on the Government to amend the 'State Policies and Projects Act 1993' to require an order under section 26(6) to be of no effect until it has been approved by resolution of each House of

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Parliament, and to refrain from having the Macquarie Point stadium declared a project of State significance until such an amendment has been dealt with by the Parliament. (23 May 2023)

- 129** The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises:—
    - (a) that the HIA – CSR Australian Housing Awards 2023 were held on 20 May 2023, at Hamilton Island which included a three day conference featuring world class speaker presentations with business learning outcomes, interactive workshops and networking opportunities; and
    - (b) the Lane Group Construction nominated for several awards in the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards including the construction of a cliff-hugging Tinderbox Residence.
  - (2) Notes Lane Group Construction for the winning nomination of the cliff-hugging Tinderbox Residence which include:—
    - (a) 2023 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year;
    - (b) 2023 HIA Australian Custom Built Home; and
    - (c) 2023 HIA Australian Outdoor Project.
  - (3) Further notes and congratulates Mr Stuart Wilson, who was awarded the Housing Industry’s highest accolade, the Sir Phillip Lynch award for excellence in the industry. This award recognises exceptional individuals who have provided innovative and valuable contributions to the housing industry.
  - (4) Congratulates Michael Lane and Stuart Wilson for their important contribution to the building and construction industry in Tasmania. (24 May 2023)
- 130** The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises:—
    - (a) that 2023 is the 108<sup>th</sup> Returned Service League (RSL) Tasmania State Conference; and
    - (b) Mr Barry Quinn RSL TAS President and his committee for their enduring hard work that contributes to its ongoing success.
  - (2) Acknowledges the importance of the RSL TAS State Conference as an important opportunity for delegates to come together and discuss issues relevant to Veterans in Tasmania.
  - (3) Notes that the 2023 event was well-attended in the Tamar Valley with many members representing RSL Tasmania Sub Branches from around the state.
  - (4) Congratulates RSL Tasmania on putting together another significant event which highlights the needs of the over 17,500 Veterans health and wellbeing in Tasmania. (24 May 2023)
- 131** Ms *O’Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Does not support the expenditure of public funds on a new stadium at Macquarie Point.
  - (2) Calls on the Government to invest in a rapid increase in social and affordable housing.
  - (3) Further calls on the Government to renegotiate the deal with the Australian Football League (AFL) to retain the team without a stadium. (24 May 2023)
- 132** Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House orders the Government to table:—
- (1) The funding agreement for Marinus Link between the Tasmanian, Victorian, and the Australian Governments announced in October 2022, including the total dollar figure for Tasmania’s share of the equity in the project and the concessional interest rate agreed for the loan between the Commonwealth and Tasmania.
  - (2) Any other agreements in relation to Marinus Link where the Tasmanian Government or a Tasmanian Government Business Enterprise is a signatory.
  - (3) The most recent projected costings for each of Battery of the Nation, Marinus Link and the NW transmission extension.
  - (4) The timetable for investment decisions and contracts on the tenders for the cables and convertor stations associated with Marinus Link. (24 May 2023)
- 133** Ms *O’Connor* to move— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 131 from being debated forthwith. (25 May 2023)

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- 134** Mr *Tucker* to move—That the House:—  
Calls on the Government to amend Section 26(9) of the State Policies and Projects Act 1993 to provide that “an order under subsection (8) or (6) is to have no effect until approved by resolution of each House of Parliament,” and to refrain from having the Macquarie Point stadium declared a project of State significance until such an amendment has been dealt with by the Parliament. (30 May 2023)
- 135** The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the Boer War Commemorative Day was held in Launceston on 28 May 2023.
  - (2) Recognises the 121<sup>st</sup> year of the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging that ended the Boer War in 1902, acknowledging that the Boer War Commemorative Day is held on around 31 May.
  - (3) Further notes:—
    - (a) that the Boer War was the first conflict in which Australia fought as a nation and the first in which Australians fought alongside New Zealanders;
    - (b) that around 16,000 Australians were sent to South Africa including a group of Tasmanians referred to as a ‘Tasmanian’ contingent;
    - (c) in total 860 Tasmanians served across seven contingents with 41 Tasmanians losing their lives in the Boer War; and
    - (d) that six Australians who served in the Boer War were awarded the Victoria Cross, including two Tasmanians, Trooper John Hutton Bisdee from Melton Mowbray and Lieutenant Guy Wylly from Hobart.
  - (4) Congratulates and thanks the committee for their efforts over the years in drawing attention to the Boer War and Australia’s contribution to it and ensuring that these servicemen and women are remembered. (31 May 2023)
- 136** Ms *O’Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
    - (a) Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP failed to adhere to an order of the House to table all documents relating to the Australian Football League (AFL) agreement, and all advice, reports and assessments relating to the Macquarie Point Stadium by 1 June 2023;
    - (b) Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP, Minister for Education, Children and Youth and Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP, Minister for Racing all failed to adhere to a deadline set by the House to provide all responses to Budget Estimates ‘Questions On Notice’ prior to 5:00pm on 19 June 2023
  - (2) Holds Premier Rockliff, Minister Roger Jaensch, and Minister Madeleine Ogilvie in contempt of Parliament. (20 June 2023)
- 137** The Minister for Hospitality and Events to move—That pursuant to standing order 337 and in accordance with paragraph (3) of the resolution of the House on 24 May 2023:—
- (1) The House orders to be laid before it prior to the adjournment on 22 June 2023 the following Papers:— all minor redactions from the signed agreements and documents relating to the Australian Football League (AFL) agreement.
  - (2) That the Papers are to be lodged with the Clerk of the House by the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and upon which will be deemed to have been laid before the House.
  - (3) That, unless otherwise ordered by the House:—
    - (a) the inspection of the Papers be restricted to Members only and that no copies or extracts thereof be permitted;
    - (b) no Member shall refer to the contents of the Papers in the House or disclose the contents of the Papers to any other person;
    - (c) the Clerk of the House and the Deputy Clerk have the authority to access, manage and provide access to the Papers to Members; and
    - (d) the Speaker will arrange to return the Papers to the Premier on 30 June 2023. (20 June 2023)

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**138** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (a) that the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP was ordered to table:
  - (i) all signed agreements and documents relating to the Australian Football League (AFL) agreement by 1 June 2023; and
  - (ii) all departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice and reports relating to the Macquarie Point Stadium by 1 June 2023.
- (b) that the Premier, has not tabled any departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice or reports on the basis of a claim of cabinet confidentiality; and
- (c) that failure to comply with an order of the House may constitute a contempt.

(2) Does not accept that all such documents would reveal the deliberations of cabinet.

(3) Orders:—

- (a) that the Premier, table all departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice and reports relating to the Macquarie Point Stadium; and
- (b) that the following process be followed in respect of the tabling of such documents and the making of any claim of privilege or immunity from production in respect of the documents referred to in paragraph (3)(a):
  - (i) where a document or documents in paragraph (3)(a) is considered by the Premier, to be privileged on the basis of cabinet confidentiality or any other basis, a return is to be prepared showing the date of creation of the document, a description of the document, the author of the document and reasons for the claim of privilege;
  - (ii) either each of the documents in paragraph (3)(a), or a claim of privilege must be given to the Clerk within 14 calendar days of the date of the order by the House;
  - (iii) the document or documents presented under paragraph (b)(ii) are deemed to have been tabled in the House and authorised for publication with the Clerk circulating the document to all Members as soon as practicable. The Clerk must provide a copy of a claim of privilege made under paragraph (b)(ii) to all Members of the House;
  - (iv) any Member may, by communication in writing to the Clerk, dispute the validity of the claim of privilege in relation to a particular document or documents within seven calendar days of the receipt of the claim of privilege. On receipt of such communication, the Clerk will advise the Premier, who will provide to the Clerk, within seven calendar days of receipt of the dispute of validity claim, copies of the disputed document or documents. The Clerk is authorised to provide the disputed document or documents to an independent legal arbiter as soon as practicable, for evaluation and report within 10 calendar days as to the validity of the claim;
  - (v) the Clerk is also authorised to provide to the independent legal arbiter and to all Members, submissions from any Member in relation to the claim of privilege;
  - (vi) the independent legal arbiter is to be appointed by the Speaker and must be a King's Counsel, a Senior Counsel, or a retired Supreme Court, Federal Court or High Court Judge;
  - (vii) a report from the independent legal arbiter is to be lodged with the Clerk; and
    - (a) made available only to Members of the House; and
    - (b) not published or copied without an order of the House;
  - (viii) following the process set out above, the House may make any further order about the documents the subject of the report of the independent legal arbiter. (20 June 2023)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*