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No. 53

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139 Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) One Nation's submission on the draft Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026 opposed key reforms and demanded permanent grandfathering for reclassified firearms;

(b) the Liberal Government subsequently weakened its bill by adopting One Nation's grandfathering position; and

(c) the Police Commissioner and the Labor Party support a cap on the number of firearms an individual can own, but the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, the Liberal Party and One Nation all support unlimited guns in the community.

(2) Recognises that:—

(a) One Nation has dictated the Liberal Party's weak position on firearms reform; and

(b) a reasonable cap, with appropriate exemptions, would not prevent legitimate recreational hunting, sporting shooting or primary producers from managing their land.

(3) Agrees the Liberal Party and One Nation are indistinguishable on gun policy, with both putting the interests of the gun lobby ahead of community safety.

(4) Condemns the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, for abandoning his National Cabinet commitments and weakening Tasmania's firearms laws because he is worried about losing votes to One Nation.

(5) Calls on the Government to stop allowing One Nation to write its firearms policy, introduce a reasonable cap on firearm ownership and put community safety first. (1 September 2026)

140 Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) the Government has approved more than $100,000 in taxpayer-funded legal assistance for the former Tasmanian Heritage Council Chair in relation to Supreme Court proceedings;

(b) the former Minister, Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP, has also received approximately $120,000 in taxpayer-funded legal assistance relating to Supreme Court proceedings; and

(c) the Government has refused to disclose the nature of the proceedings or the parties involved, citing confidentiality obligations.

(2) Recognises that Tasmanians funding these legal proceedings are entitled to appropriate transparency about the expenditure of public money.

(3) Calls on the Member for Clark, Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP, to inform the House whether:—

(a) she is a party to the same Supreme Court proceedings for which taxpayer-funded legal assistance has been provided to the former Tasmanian Heritage Council Chair; and

(b) any taxpayer-funded legal assistance provided to her relates to the same underlying matter, investigation or proceedings involving the former Chair. (1 September 2026)

141 Mr *Garland* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes the significant changes occurring in Tasmania's energy sector and the important decisions being made about how electricity is generated, transmitted and used.

(2) Recognises that Tasmania's energy future affects communities, industry, electricity consumers, the environment, Aboriginal heritage and the state's economic future, and that Tasmanians hold a diverse range of views about the opportunities and impacts involved.

(3) Acknowledges the value of bringing communities, the Government, industry, energy users, experts and advocates together to listen to each other, exchange information and explore areas of agreement and disagreement.

(4) Calls on the Government to support and facilitate a free, multi-day Tasmanian Energy Forum in northern Tasmania by 11 December 2026 that:—

(a) is open and accessible to the public;

(b) brings together community representatives, the Government, energy businesses, major energy users, environmental and Aboriginal organisations, researchers and other interested Tasmanians;

(c) provides for moderated discussion, public questions and presentations on Tasmania's energy opportunities, challenges and choices;

(d) provides opportunities for the Minister for Energy and Renewables and relevant Government businesses and agencies to hear directly from participants and respond to questions from the public; and

(e) is publicly livestreamed and recorded. (1 September 2026)

142 Mr *Garland* to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges:—

(a) the 52nd Parliament has a government operating in minority;

(b) diversity of political views and representation is a strength of the Parliament;

(c) the 'Foundations of Stability' provides an important framework for the Government and Parliament to work effectively and collaboratively in the interests of Tasmanians; and

(d) the 'Foundations of Stability' provides for continuous improvement and revision through collaboration where necessary.

(2) Calls on the Government to:—

(a) work collaboratively with the crossbench to review and, where appropriate, update the 'Foundations of Stability', with consideration given to:—

(i) strengthening integrity, transparency and accountability;

(ii) identifying and addressing barriers to effective collaboration and progress on matters of significant public interest;

(iii) improving the capacity of the Parliament to constructively manage disagreement and political division; and

(iv) any other relevant matters.

(b) table in the House, by 27 October 2026, an updated 'Foundations of Stability', together with a renewed commitment from the Government to it in both letter and intent. (1 September 2026)

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

(1) Affirms the value of older Tasmanians and their right to age well and be treated with respect, kindness and dignity.

(2) Notes with deep concern that many older Tasmanians are extremely isolated and do not have access to support and care, particularly in rural areas.

(3) Regrets that service provision failures are resulting in too many older Tasmanians living and dying in terrible circumstances with poor physical and mental health.

(4) Acknowledges the significant level of community concern about isolated older Tasmanians.

(5) Recognises there are many complex reasons for isolation of older Tasmanians, including:—

(a) stigma;
(b) poverty;
(c) poor housing;
(d) lack of transport;
(e) illiteracy;
(f) lack of digital access;
(g) trauma, anxiety, grief and loss;
(h) complex and siloed service systems;
(i) workforce shortages;
(j) insufficient funding; and
(k) short-term thinking.

(6) Accepts that more needs to be done to meet the needs of isolated older Tasmanians and commits to working together to fix the problem.

(7) Agrees that no one level of government can fix the problem of isolated older Tasmanians alone, rather, long-term change will require local, state and federal governments to work together more effectively and break down silos between services.

(8) Calls on the State Government to:—

(a) stop blaming the Federal Government for the problem of isolated older Tasmanians;
(b) lead both the conversation and actions to fix the problem; and
(c) properly fund the Older Tasmanians Action Plan 2025-2029. (1 September 2026)

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

(1) Notes that access to finance during the factory construction phase has been a significant barrier to the uptake of modular housing in Tasmania.

(2) Welcomes the Tasmanian Government's release of legislation to establish the Modular Housing Finance Guarantee Scheme.

(3) Recognises that the Scheme will partner with lenders to guarantee a portion of construction finance for eligible modular homes while they are being manufactured offsite.

(4) Acknowledges that the Scheme will support greater housing supply by making modular housing more accessible to Tasmanians.

(5) Further notes that modular housing can deliver homes more quickly and efficiently than traditional construction methods.

(6) Further recognises the opportunities the Scheme presents for Tasmanian manufacturers, builders and regional communities.

(7) Supports the Government's ongoing commitment to increasing housing supply as part of the 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future. (1 September 2026)

150 Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) staff were told last week that a directive had been given to cut 30 per cent of their permanent workforce by the end of the 2026-2027 financial year;
(b) the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) has warned the cuts will have a profound impact on staff, services, and the preservation of Tasmania’s cultural and scientific heritage;
(c) TMAG has already experienced temporary gallery closures because of staffing shortages;
(d) the Minister for Arts, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP, has conceded jobs will be cut at TMAG but has refused to say how many;

(e) the former Minister for Arts, Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP, failed to stop the Liberal Government cutting support for creative arts and screen courses at TasTAFE; and

(f) Minister Jaensch is now standing by while similar cuts are imposed on TMAG.

(2) Recognises that:—

(a) TMAG is one of Tasmania's most important cultural institutions, caring for nearly one million items and attracting more than 280,000 visitors each year; and

(b) after 13 years of the Liberals, Tasmania's cultural institutions and creative industries are being cut to pay for Liberal waste.

(3) Condemns Minister Jaensch for refusing to tell Parliament, TMAG staff and the Tasmanian community exactly how many jobs will be lost.

(4) Calls on Minister Jaensch to immediately disclose:—

(a) how many TMAG positions will be cut; and

(b) what galleries, programs and services will be affected. (2 September 2026)

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

(1) Notes the fire at the Tungatinah Power Station in the Central Highlands and the significant damage sustained by the facility.

(2) Acknowledges that there were no injuries and no evacuations required as a result of the incident.

(3) Commends the efforts of the Tasmania Fire Service, Tasmania Police, State Emergency Service volunteers, Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks personnel who responded swiftly and professionally to the emergency.

(4) Recognises that at the height of the response, 25 crews and approximately 45 personnel were involved in managing this complex incident.

(5) Further notes:—

(a) the impact on residents of the Tarraleah and surrounding communities who experienced power outages; and

(b) advice from Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks that Tasmania's overall electricity supply remains secure, with sufficient generation and network capacity available to maintain reliable supply across the state.

(6) Further recognises the importance of the state's hydro-electric assets to Tasmania's renewable energy system and economic prosperity.

(7) Supports the continued work of the emergency services, Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks to restore services, assess damage and facilitate the safe repair of the facility. (8 September 2026)

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

(1) Notes that:—

(a) Hydro Tasmania operates an ageing generation fleet, with many assets more than 40-60 years old;

(b) Hydro Tasmania's 2016 Asset Management Plan said its investment program represented the minimum sustainable level required to maintain prudent risk and warned there was little capacity for further deferral;

(c) the Asset Management Plan warned that reducing refurbishment and renewal investment would increase reliability, revenue and duty-of-care risks; and

(d) successive governments have received substantial dividends, tax-equivalent payments and other returns from Hydro Tasmania.

(2) Orders the Government to table a formal response to Hydro Tasmania's 2016 Asset Management Plan, on or before 27 October 2026, with regard to:—

(a) the planning and delivery against the budget of Hydro Tasmania's risk management, asset maintenance, refurbishment and asset-renewal programs since 2014;

(b) the timeliness, scope and delivery of planned maintenance works during that period; and

(c) the impact of the Government's dividend policy on Hydro Tasmania's financial performance and capacity to deliver the Asset Management Plan. (8 September 2026)

156 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that the Government:—

(a) has already committed millions of dollars of taxpayer funds to establishing TasInsure; and

(b) is yet to demonstrate how its revised TasInsure model will deliver the promised $250 annual saving for households or 20 per cent saving for businesses.

(2) Calls on the Government to publish, before committing further taxpayer funds to TasInsure:—

(a) independent modelling demonstrating how TasInsure will reduce:—

(i) household insurance costs by $250 a year;

(ii) business insurance costs by 20 per cent; and

(iii) grocery prices.

(b) the full establishment and ongoing operating costs of TasInsure;

(c) the financial risks and liabilities borne by Tasmanian taxpayers; and

(d) the measurable benefits TasInsure will provide beyond existing government and private insurance arrangements.

(3) Agrees that, after 13 years of Liberal waste, Tasmanians should not be asked to fund another expensive bureaucracy without proof it will deliver. (8 September 2026)

157 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, promised Tasmanian households would save $250 a year on their insurance through TasInsure;

(b) more than a year after making that promise, Tasmanians are still waiting for those savings; and

(c) the Government has abandoned its original plan for TasInsure to directly provide home and contents insurance.

(2) Calls on the Premier to:—

(a) guarantee that TasInsure will still deliver the promised $250 annual saving for Tasmanian households; and

(b) state when Tasmanians will begin receiving that saving. (8 September 2026)

159 Ms *Burnet* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

(a) the WorkCover Board Tasmania is a statutory body established under the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988, with important statutory functions including monitoring the operation and effectiveness of Tasmania's workers compensation scheme, and to make recommendations in relation to reform of the workers compensation system in Tasmania; and

(b) the 2021 Independent Statutory Review of the WorkCover Board comprehensively examined the Board's structure, governance, functions and relationship with WorkSafe Tasmania and recommended that:—

(i) the Board's Chair be independent of the Department of Justice; and

(ii) that consideration be given to increasing Board membership to accommodate the workload and a broader range of skills and expertise, including work health and safety, financial expertise and public administration.

(2) Notes with concern that the Government has failed to act on those recommendations.

(3) Further notes the WorkerCover Board is overseeing an extensive independent review of Tasmania's workers rehabilitation and compensation scheme, examining the scheme's legislative framework, governance, administration, performance and future direction.

(4) Calls on the Government to implement the outstanding 2021 WorkCover Board Review recommendations concerning an independent Board Chair and expanded membership, skills and expertise within six months to ensure the Board is appropriately constituted to oversee and respond to the findings of the current scheme review. (8 September 2026)

161 Mrs *Greene* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the 2026 report of the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People, '"You've got nothing else to do…" Making Isolation Less Harmful: Views from Young People at Ashley Youth Detention Centre'; and

(b) that between January and April 2026:—

(i) there were between 15 and 21 young people detained at Ashley Youth Detention Centre on any given day;

(ii) more than 80 per cent were on remand;

(iii) at least one in three were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;

(iv) young people were isolated far more often because of operational staff shortages than for behavioural reasons;

(v) in January there were an average of 74 operational staff shortage isolation events per young person, compared with 15 behavioural isolation events;

(vi) operational staff shortage isolation continued to occur daily in April, at an average of 37 events per young person; and

(vii) 5,467 operational staff shortage isolation events were recorded during the reporting period.

(2) Acknowledges the report identifies a pattern of isolation arising from operational constraints, including low staffing, shift transitions and competing staff demands, rather than the behaviour of young people.

(3) Further notes that staffing shortages can restrict access to education, programs and meaningful activities, increasing frustration and the risk of further behavioural escalation.

(4) Calls on the Rockliff Government to urgently address staffing and operational constraints at Ashley Youth Detention Centre so young people are not routinely isolated because there are insufficient staff available to safely operate the Centre. (9 September 2026)

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

(1) Acknowledges that aged care is a federal responsibility.

(2) Notes that, on any given day, approximately 78 Tasmanians remain stranded in public hospitals awaiting aged care placement.

(3) Calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide immediate, medium, and longer term solutions to address this growing crisis. (9 September 2026)

163 The Premier to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes with profound shock and sadness the appalling and targeted attack against Independent Federal Member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines MP, on 19 October 2026, which left her with life-altering injuries.

(2) Expresses its sincere sympathy and support to Dr Haines MP, her husband Phil, her family, friends, staff and constituents as she continues her recovery.

(3) Acknowledges Dr Haines MP's longstanding commitment to public service and recognises the respect she has earned across the Australian Parliament and throughout the community.

(4) Condemns unequivocally all acts of violence, intimidation, threats and harassment directed towards elected representatives, their staff and public officials.

(5) Recognises that attacks on elected representatives are attacks on the democratic institutions they serve and have the potential to discourage participation in public life.

(6) Notes the growing concern across Australia regarding threats, abuse and hostility directed towards public representatives and the harmful effect this has on political discourse, community cohesion and the willingness of people to seek elected office.

(7) Affirms that political differences must always be expressed through peaceful, respectful and democratic means, and that violence can never be justified as a response to political disagreement.

(8) Calls on all political leaders, community organisations, media outlets and citizens to continue fostering respectful debate and mutual understanding.

(9) Reaffirms its commitment to the principles of parliamentary democracy, the rule of law and the right of all elected representatives to carry out their duties free from fear, intimidation or violence. (27 October 2026)

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

(1) Notes ambulance services in Tasmania are in crisis, with dangerously extended wait times continuing to increase in frequency and duration.

(2) Expresses deep sorrow at the recent deaths of two Tasmanians following lengthy ambulance delays.

(3) Values the work of skilled and dedicated Ambulance Tasmania workers, including paramedics, communications and dispatch, triage staff, and volunteers, who are doing their best in difficult circumstances.

(4) Understands the crisis in ambulance services is in no way the fault of Tasmanians.

(5) Recognises ambulance service outcomes have consistently deteriorated over time, with particularly significant change in the past eight years.

(6) Further notes the factors contributing to these changes, and solutions to address them, have been extensively examined and investigated, including through the Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays (Ambulance Ramping)'s Inquiry (the Inquiry) and a major government-commissioned report by external experts ORH.

(7) Deplores the Government's failure to provide any formal response to the Report of the Inquiry.

(8) Agrees the Government's refusal to fully implement the recommendations from both the Inquiry and the ORH report has led to significantly worse outcomes for Tasmanians requiring an ambulance and increased pressure on healthcare staff.

(9) Condemns the cuts to ambulance services set out in the 2026-27 Budget.

(10) Calls on the Government to:—

(a) provide a formal and detailed response to the Inquiry's Report; and

(b) commit to fully staffing and resourcing Ambulance Tasmania, as per the ORH Report. (27 October 2026)

166 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the important role the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) has long-played in preserving and presenting Tasmania's historic, cultural, artistic and scientific legacy, including:—

(i) the responsibility for an estimated one million objects that represents the State Collection;

(ii) operating the Herbarium and Zoology Department, both critical to scientific research and the implementation of important statutory responsibilities, such as biosecurity;

(iii) educating and inspiring generations of young Tasmanians; and

(iv) contributing to the local and state economy.

(b) that TMAG has clear legal responsibilities to preserve and present the State Collection that it must meet.

(2) Acknowledges the commitment of TMAG staff to meet these responsibilities and that inadequate funding has made this difficult for many years.

(3) Highlights existing challenges with TMAG infrastructure, including leaking roofs.

(4) Condemns further cuts to TMAG staffing and the Tasmanian Government's ham-fisted and arrogant approach to communication and consultation.

(5) Congratulates the Friends of TMAG, the Community and Public Sector Union, colleague institutions globally and the Tasmanian public for strongly objecting to the cuts and raising concerns about the implications for TMAG being able to meet its legal responsibilities.

(6) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to:—

(a) maintain existing staffing levels and positions to allow TMAG to meet its legal responsibilities and the expectations of the public; and

(b) invest in TMAG's buildings to ensure they are fit-for-purpose and respectfully preserved for future generations. (28 October 2026)

167 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes the Government's promise to Tasmanians, including Legislative Council Members to secure their vote for the Macquarie Point Stadium Order, to cap state spending on the project at $875 million.

(2) Acknowledges this promise was made based on an estimate developed before the conflict in the Middle East drove up construction prices.

(3) Further notes:—

(a) repeated requests from Members of Parliament for the Government to acknowledge stadium construction costs will have increased as a result of the Middle East conflict and other supply chain challenges;

(b) the Government's refusal to be transparent about these rising costs; and

(c) in recent days, the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC) has flagged the Middle East conflict as a contributor to a likely higher construction cost for the stadium.

(4) Recognises that the MPDC expects to present updated costings to the Government this year as it finalises a construction contract with its preferred tenderer.

(5) Calls on the Government to:—

(a) keep its funding promise to Tasmanians and their Parliament, including Members of the Legislative Council who voted for the stadium following the written assurance that no more than $875 million of state public funding would be spent on the project; and

(b) seek the approval of both Houses of Parliament before the MPDC signs any contract for the stadium's construction which is above the promised state expenditure cap. (28 October 2026)

168 Ms *Badger* to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges that Tasmania's National Parks and Wilderness World Heritage Area are of globally outstanding universal significance and are to be protected for generations to come.

(2) Recognises the heavy lifting our Parks and Wildlife Service do to protect our natural and cultural heritage with insufficient funding, and that further funding cuts, resulting in the removal of key professional conservation roles, will further restrict the Service's capacity to fulfil its statutory obligations in regard to nature conservation and land management.

(3) Notes that:—

(a) the Tyndall Range Next Iconic Walk is budgeted at $40+ million;

(b) $100,000 has been allocated for a consultant to investigate public land to facilitate a private 'wellness' centre in the north, and that there is another Expression of Interest (EOI) process for a privately run centre at Hastings Caves; and

(c) the Liberals' EOI process has been operating for 12 years, but despite costing the taxpayer millions, creating much community angst and garnering international scrutiny, only nine EOI projects have started commercial operations.

(4) Calls on the Government to, in the 2027-2028 Budget:—

(a) shelve the Tyndall Range Next Iconic Walk;

(b) abandon both the Privatise the Parks and 'wellness' centre EOI processes; and

(c) reallocate the funding from those projects into the Parks and Wildlife Service to secure jobs and properly fund the organisation, ensuring it can undertake all core land and appropriate visitor management functions. (29 October 2026)

169 Ms *Howlett* to move—That the House:—

(1) Acknowledges that:—

(a) Australia is facing a federal aged care crisis that is impacting every single state and territory; and

(b) decisions made by the Commonwealth are having significant negative impacts on Tasmania's public health system.

(2) Notes that, on Wednesday 11 November 2026, 141 patients statewide were stranded in hospital beds who were awaiting aged care or NDIS placement, with 60 patients waiting just for aged care at the Royal Hobart Hospital alone.

(3) Further acknowledges:—

(a) this took nearly 10 per cent of all beds statewide offline in our major hospitals; and

(b) that taking these beds offline is significantly impacting hospital performance, including ramping hours, department waiting times, and elective surgeries.

(4) Recognises that the availability and funding of aged care places is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

(5) Thanks the Senate for rejecting the Commonwealth Government's proposed changes to private health insurance arrangements, which would have further increased pressure on health services.

(6) Calls on the Commonwealth Government to:—

(a) abandon these changes; and

(b) instead take urgent action to fix this crisis, including increasing aged care places and funding step down facilities. (17 November 2026)

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

(1) Recognises the outstanding contribution of Tasmania's small and family businesses, representing approximately 97 per cent of all businesses in the state, creating local jobs, supporting families and forming the lifeblood of our communities.

(2) Acknowledges the:—

(a) hard work, investment and personal sacrifices of small business owners who back themselves, employ Tasmanians and strengthen our local economy; and

(b) October 2026 NAB Business Survey shows Tasmania again topping the country in both business confidence and conditions.

(3) Notes that small businesses are already facing significant pressures from rising operating costs, higher interest rates, workforce shortages and increasing regulatory requirements.

(4) Expresses serious concern that the Albanese Labor Government is creating further uncertainty for small businesses through:—

(a) changes to capital gains tax arrangements and proposed taxation reforms affecting discretionary trusts, creating uncertainty for business investment and succession planning;

(b) additional cash flow and compliance pressures associated with Payday Super; and

(c) changes to card surcharging arrangements that risk increasing costs for small businesses and consumers.

(5) Further notes that the proposed visa changes are particularly concerning for Tasmania's tourism, hospitality and agricultural businesses, especially in regional communities where access to workers is already challenging and seasonal demand is critical.

(6) Calls on the Albanese Labor Government to genuinely consult with small businesses to reconsider the proposed visa restrictions, provide taxation certainty and recognise the unique workforce needs of regional Tasmania. (17 November 2026)

171 Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

(a) the Liberal Minority Government’s malaise in providing timely advice on future government-contracted public transport service arrangements;

(b) that 106 school bus operators delivering 349 school bus services across Tasmania, in addition to private general access operators, have received no clear indication of the Government's intentions beyond their current contract term due to expire in 2029;

(c) that, while the Government is expanding the Derwent Ferry Network through new terminal developments, it has not appointed a Derwent Ferry Operator or even announced a process for tender/expression of interest; and

(d) the one-year trial afforded to the current Derwent Ferry Operator six years ago.

(2) Recognises that this uncertainty affects business investment, workforce planning and the long-term delivery of essential public transport services.

(3) Calls on the Government to:—

(a) publish a clear timetable for decisions regarding future bus contracts and Derwent Ferry operating arrangements;
(b) ensure existing bus operators are provided a pathway to seamless contract continuation where service and performance requirements are met;
(c) engage directly with affected operators and provide sufficient notice of future procurement and contracting decisions; and
(d) report to the House on steps being taken to provide certainty and stability across Tasmania's public transport network. (17 November 2026)

172 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

(1) Welcomes the long-awaited entry into service of Spirit IV and V, which made their inaugural passenger sailings across Bass Strait on 31 October 2026.

(2) Recognises that the new vessels will deliver significant benefits to Tasmania, including:—
(a) capacity for 400 more passengers and 60 per cent more vehicle space than the vessels they replace;
(b) three times the capacity for caravans and motorhomes, easing a long-standing barrier for visitors travelling around Tasmania; and
(c) a major boost to the tourism industry, regional economies and the freight task, particularly across the north west.

(3) Thanks the TT-Line crew and workforce, the Devonport community and regional tourism operators who have persisted through years of uncertainty.

(4) Notes with great disappointment the Liberal Government's handling of the Spirit of Tasmania replacement project, including that:—
(a) the new vessels have entered service five years later than first promised, at a cost $700 million higher than forecast;
(b) the cost of the new berth and terminal works in Devonport has blown out from $90 million to $493 million;
(c) TT-Line's debt is forecast to peak at $1.1 billion with the company projected to remain in debt until at least 2052; and
(d) Tasmanian taxpayers continue to bear the storage costs of Spirit I and II until a buyer is found.

(5) Calls on the Government to be upfront with Tasmanians about these costs and urgently finalise the sale of Spirit I and II. (17 November 2026, altered on 19 November 2026 per SO 72)

174 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House calls on the Government to facilitate scrutiny of public expenditure on the Macquarie Point Stadium construction, including expenditure above the committed $875 million cost cap and the scope of construction works, by enabling an extension of the sitting of the House of Assembly beyond the currently planned 26 November 2026 rising. (17 November 2026)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*