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NOTICES OF MOTION

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56 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the recent unveiling of the first wind turbine at the Cattle Hill Wind Farm is a clear sign of confidence in our State's renewable energy sector.
- (2) Notes that this is the first of 48 wind turbines to be installed at the site and that, once complete, the facility will produce enough clean energy to power approximately 63,500 Tasmanian homes.
- (3) Further notes that the project is a game changer for the Central Highlands region, currently employing approximately 150 people on site with up to 10 permanent jobs once the farm is completed.
- (4) Further acknowledges Tasmanian businesses that have been engaged with the project including Hazell Bros, Gradco, and Haywards.
- (5) Further notes that this significant development helps underpin the importance of our Battery of the Nation Plan and Project Marinus which have the potential to inject billions into the Tasmanian economy and deliver thousands of local jobs.
- (6) Further notes that Tasmania has what the rest of the nation needs low cost, reliable and clean energy – and that these projects support the Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania-First Energy policy to be 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022. (21 May 2019)
- 57 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - Notes that another successful celebration of Tasmania's world-class trout fishing occurred at Trout Weekend held at Liawenee in the Central Highlands on 18-19 May 2019.
 - (2) Acknowledges the thousands of people who took the opportunity to attend this annual event, learning about fly fishing techniques, trout cooking demonstrations and celebrating everything that is great about angling.
 - (3) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to encouraging more people to go fishing through:—
 - (a) a \$300,000 commitment to freeze inland trout licence fees at 2017-18 prices;
 - (b) \$300,000 to build and upgrade new and existing community amenities, including toilets, at ten high-visitation fishing locations around the state; and
 - (c) a range of other initiatives in the State Budget including the Anglers Access Program and funding support to Anglers Alliance Tasmania, which represents Tasmania's 26,000 trout anglers.
 - (4) Further notes that the amenities upgrades will not only benefit locals, but also those taking part in the 2019 World Fly Fishing Championship in December 2019 which is expected to attract teams from up to 30 countries bringing an estimated 800 anglers and support crew to the state, with the Government providing \$100,000 to support the event.

- (5) Further notes the announcement on 19 May 2019, that Ken Orr was inducted into the Tasmanian Anglers Hall of Fame—a fitting acknowledge of his decades of service to the angling community.
- (6) Congratulates the Inland Fisheries Service and supporting partners for their hard work and effort in coordinating the 2019 event. (21 May 2019)
- 59 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for their commitment to strengthening the long-term outlook for our mining sector as part of our Plan to Build your Future.
 - (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government through the Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) is offering grants for co-funded exploration drilling projects.
 - (3) Further notes that the aim of EDGI is to provide a stimulus to "greenfield" exploration for all commodities in Tasmania. The 2018-2019 Budget commitment of \$2 million over four years is administered by Mineral Resources Tasmania, and is capped at \$50,000.
 - (4) Further notes that in October 2018 ten grants for the first round of EDGI projects were awarded, and applications for the second round have just closed.
 - (5) Recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government for promoting mining and exploration in Tasmania to a national and international market.
 - (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for underpinning a long-term, strong and growing mining sector in the state which is supporting jobs, supporting families and driving economic activity in regional areas. (21 May 2019)
- 60 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to driving a strong agenda on regional growth, education, health, infrastructure and jobs issues which are so very important to all regions of the state.
 - (2) Commends the Regional Australia Institute for the recent Our Regions Rising National Summit, held in Canberra and the release of the Policy Hacks which identified the 4 key challenges regions face.
 - (3) Further notes the four themes are:—
 - (a) to shift the narrative about our regions so regions are not spoken of as deficient or opposed to our capital city;
 - (b) investing in 'soft' infrastructure-human capital and liveability;
 - (c) governments and regions working together; and
 - (*d*) empowering regions through flexibility and place-based policy.
 - (4) Further notes that regions want to work collaboratively with governments instead of being told what they need using local knowledge and expertise to support policy decisions and help government better understand how regions work.
 - (5) Further notes the need to allow for flexible policy delivery in recognition that small, dispersed populations need a different approach than does a large population.
 - (6) Further notes a strong, thriving regional Australia supports a strong, thriving nation. Regional Australia is diverse, innovative and closely linked to urban and global marketplaces.
 - (7) Congratulates 'Regional Australia Institute Tasmania' for contributing to these important discussions to enable this furthering of Tasmania's place in bringing together business and all levels of government and community leaders to discuss the crucially important future of regional development. (21 May 2019)
- 61 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on announcing they will extend the First Home Builders Grant in the upcoming budget.
 - (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to support our building and construction industry by boosting dwelling construction so that more Tasmanians can build and own their first home.
 - (3) Further notes that Tasmania's housing sector remains strong, with lending finance data for new homes in the year to March 2019 growing by 19.2 per cent compared to 2018, the highest in the nation.

- (4) Acknowledges that demand for new housing is high, and the extension to the first home builders grant is just one part of a multi-factored approach to housing stress in Tasmania.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the extension to the grant will have positive flow-on effects for Tasmania's building and construction industry, creating more work and more jobs, and help more Tasmanians into their own home. (21 May 2019)
- 62 The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes Tasmania's proud record in regards to the current representation of women in Parliament.
 - (2) Further notes the House of Assembly has the highest level of female representation of all States in Australia, and made history by becoming the first Australian State to return a female-majority lower house parliament in 2018.
 - (3) Further notes that with the return of the Member for Braddon, Hon. Joan Rylah MP, to the House of Assembly in March 2019, 56 per cent of members are women; and following the May 2019 Legislative Council elections, there is now a female-majority Legislative Council, with 53.33 per cent of members now female.
 - (4) Congratulates the Members for Montgomery, Pembroke and Nelson on their election successes which has increased the overall representation of women in the Parliament of Tasmania to a commendable 55 per cent with 22 female members.
 - (5) Acknowledges the positive actions of the Liberal Party in pre-selecting female candidates, with two out of the three candidates endorsed by the Liberal Party for the Legislative Council elections being female, and four out of the seven Liberal Party candidates in the 2019 Federal election being female.
 - (6) Further notes that following the Liberal Party's Senator the Hon. Wendy Askew's appointment on the 6 March 2019 in the 45th Australian Parliament, 47 per cent of Tasmanian Federal parliamentarians were women.
 - (7) Further notes that the Liberal Party's target of 50 per cent of candidates to be women by 2022 has been achieved three years early. (21 May 2019)

65 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Deloraine Netball Courts were officially opened on 11 May 2019.
- (2) Recognises that the Hodman Liberal Government supported the Club by providing \$155,000 financial support towards the construction and lighting of the courts.
- (3) Further notes that the Deloraine Devils Netball Club has grown from a one team club to three junior and 3 senior teams with over 60 members participating in the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association.
- (4) Further Notes the Deloraine Devils Netball Club host Net Set Go netball clinics in Deloraine and Westbury with over 50 participants in 2018.
- (5) Commend the Deloraine Devils Netball Club for their collaborative approach from inception to the completion of these courts. Their drive and enthusiasm has brought the community, Local, State and Federal Governments together in partnership.
- (6) Congratulates Deloraine Devils Netball Club life member Taneil Bloomfield, President Natasha Whiteley and their tireless members and volunteers for their hard work.
- (7) Further congratulates the Deloraine Devils Netball Club and Meander Valley Council for working together to build on the vision for a Recreation Sports Precinct in Deloraine. (22 May 2019)
- 66 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges the crucial role played by rural women and their valuable contribution to primary industries in Tasmania.
 - (2) Commends the winners of two scholarships supporting women in agriculture, announced at this year's Agfest:—
 - (a) Rebekah Frankcombe, winner of the 2019 Tasmanian Women in Agriculture (TWIA) Scholarship; and
 - (b) Chelsea Rayner, winner of the 2019 Tas Alkaloid Scholarship.
 - (3) Notes that:—

- (*a*) Rebekah lives and works on a dairy and cropping farm near Wynyard and has witnessed a reinvention of farming methods and continues to strive to improve farming practices; and
- (b) Chelsea has started her own Simmental stud with her enthusiasm for her work making her an ideal choice to take part in the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$120,000 over four years to TWIA, reflecting our confidence in the TWIA to support and encourage more rural women to take on leadership roles in agriculture.
- (5) Congratulates the recipients of 2019 scholarships and wishes them all the best as they build their skills and become leaders in the Tasmanian agricultural industry. (22 May 2019)
- 67 The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government greatly values the contribution of our 5,500 emergency service volunteers who give up their time to help communities in their time of need.
 - (2) Further notes that Tasmania has one of the most active and well-coordinated emergency volunteer networks in the country that was on full display during this summer's bushfire season.
 - (3) Further notes that this network of volunteer brigades, branch stations and units provide an invaluable resource to support our full-time Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Ambulance Tasmania personnel.
 - (4) Acknowledges that during this protracted and complex bushfire season these volunteers used their own time and many took time away from their work, with the support of their employers, to protect their communities, and sometimes communities in other parts of the State. In many cases these were self-employed people who downed tools and spent days, and sometimes weeks, away from their families and loved ones.
 - (5) Further notes that no one knows when an emergency will occur and as we have seen in Tasmania in recent years, with severe fire and flood situations, it is vital that our volunteers are well trained and well resourced.
 - (6) Recognises Tasmania's fantastic emergency services personnel who act with diligence and bravery and who did an incredible job in the face of extreme and challenging circumstances.
 - (7) Further notes that 22 May 2019 was 'Wear Orange Wednesday' (WOW) to support our State Emergency Services (SES) volunteers. WOW Day is a national campaign with a simple call to wear orange in recognition of thousands of SES volunteers who give up their time to serve their communities in floods, storms and other emergencies.
 - (8) Thanks all of our volunteers for being there in the face of fires, floods and other emergencies – your community spirit and sacrifice is acknowledged and applauded. (23 May 2019)
- **68** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Congratulates Tasmania's 24 newest correctional officers who graduated at a ceremony held on 11 May 2019.
 - (2) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government has recruited 107 new correctional officers since 2016 following the graduation of these 24 new recruits.
 - (3) Further notes that recruitment is currently underway for new recruits to commence training in July 2019.
 - (4) Further notes that this major staffing increase is in addition to the Government's commitment to build new and upgrade existing prison infrastructure, including a \$270 million new Northern prison, a new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre on the Risdon Prison site and a \$9 million upgrade to facilities at Risdon Prison. (23 May 2019)
- 69 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that two highly significant sketches of Tasmanian Aboriginal men have recently been unveiled at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts in Hobart.

- (2) Notes that the extremely rare portraits are of immense cultural significance to Tasmania, and have led to considerable local and national interest.
- (3) Further notes that the drawings by artist Nicholas-Martin Petit are some of the most sensitive and important depictions of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the late 1700s.
- (4) Further notes that these extraordinary sketches, purchased at auction by Libraries Tasmania through the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts Bequest Fund, reveal unique insights into Tasmanian Aboriginal culture prior to the arrival of Europeans. (23 May 2019)
- 70 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's consideration of reform to section 194K of the Evidence Act 2001 to ensure it appropriately protects the rights of victims of sexual assault.
 - (2) Further notes that any reform must ensure the right balance is struck between protecting all victims of sexual assault and the public interest in open justice.
 - (3) Further notes the immense courage of rape and sexual assault survivors to speak about their experience, and the Government's willingness to consider reforms that facilitate those that wish to be identified, to do so more readily.
 - (4) Recognises that some members of the community have expressed concerns that this provision does not currently strike the right balance, and therefore the Government will consider the many submissions from stakeholders and community members in response to the Government's Discussion Paper. (23 May 2019)
- 71 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's recent opening of the tender for the first stage of works for the new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre.
 - (2) Further notes that the 140 bed facility is expected to create more than 130 jobs during construction with 50 ongoing jobs once complete.
 - (3) Further notes that the Southern Remand Centre is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2021, and is just one of several significant prison infrastructure projects announced by the Government. (23 May 2019)
- 72 The Attorney-General to move—That the House recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government's strong support of the Tasmanian arts community, including provision of \$100,000 to individual artists in the latest round of Arts Tasmania funding announcements such as:—
 - (*a*) four talented artists to share \$40,000 through the Tasmanian Aboriginal Arts Mentoring Scheme;
 - (b) six recipients receiving funding of \$36,000 through the Artsbridge program who will be funded to participate in exciting cultural opportunities interstate and overseas;
 - (c) two artists will each receive \$7,000 through the Arts Tasmania Claudio Alcorso International Residency program; and
 - (d) a further two Tasmanian artists will each spend six weeks immersing themselves in the arts and cultural sector of South Korea as part of the Jeju International Residency program. (23 May 2019)
- 73 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Congratulates Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano on his recent appointment as the new Director of the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania.
 - (2) Notes the wealth of experience that the new Director brings to the role.
 - (3) Acknowledges Ms Susie Winter for acting in the role of Director while the recruitment process was undertaken.
 - (4) Recognises the important work that the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania does for the Tasmanian community.
 - (5) Further recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the Legal Aid Commission and has provided record state funding to the Tasmanian legal assistance sector. (23 May 2019)

- 74 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes the commitment of the Hodgman Liberal Government to rural and regional communities across Tasmania.
 - (2) Further notes the support provided to the Evandale football and cricket clubs, both of which have served the Evandale region for well over 100 years, being established in 1887 (cricket) and 1892 (football) respectively, making them some of the oldest sporting clubs in Tasmania.
 - (3) Acknowledges the provision of \$63,000 in funding by the Hodgman Liberal Government towards a recently installed hybrid cricket wicket and new electronic scoreboard.
 - (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud advocate for regional sporting clubs and the communities they represent, and has also provided the Northern Midlands Council with a \$158,000 grant for upgrading the Morven Park Oval and clubrooms.
 - (5) Recognises that sporting clubs are an important part of rural communities and congratulates the office-bearers and members of both Clubs for their commitment in helping build their local communities. (23 May 2019)
- 75 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Commends the Maydena Community Association for their hard work and endeavour in supporting the local community.
 - (2) Notes that the Association has played a key role in representing the community's interests to local, State and Federal Government, securing support and funding for important community initiatives.
 - (3) Welcomes the recent confirmation that the Association will receive a defibrillator, thanks to the Hodgman Liberal Government.
 - (4) Further notes that defibrillators make a very real difference when someone suffers a cardiac arrest and can be the difference between life and death, particularly in regional and remote areas.
 - (5) Further welcomes this great outcome for the community, which is another example of the Government's commitment to helping our most vulnerable citizens. (23 May 2019)
- 76 The Minister for Veterans Affairs' to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Congratulates Northern Midlands RSL Sub-Branch for the valuable assistance, support and advocacy it has provided for veterans and their families in the region over many years.
 - (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has provided a \$20,000 grant to enable the RSL to perform roof repairs to their clubrooms, which will help ensure that the RSL continues its important work in supporting veterans in the Northern Midlands region and beyond.
 - (3) Further notes that in addition to this support, the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$750,000 in funding to back our veterans and ex-serving communities in Tasmania which includes \$100,000 per annum over three years towards the Teddy Sheean Grant Fund, which assists RSLs and ex-serving organisations with small infrastructure works, repairs and equipment purchases.
 - (4) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud supporter of servicemen and women, their families and the RSL branches around Tasmania and will continue that unwavering support into the future. (23 May 2019)
- 77 The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes 27 May to 3 June 2019 was National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.
 - (2) Further notes the dates are very significant in their own right 27 May marks the successful 1967 referendum in which Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal people and to include Aboriginal people in the census, and 3 June marks the High Court Mabo decision.

- (3) Further notes Reconciliation Tasmania plays a key role in organising events to help celebrate National Reconciliation Week, and that the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$15,000 to Reconciliation Tasmania to support three regional reconciliation festivals including Mannalargenna Day in the north-east, and two new events in the south and the north-west.
- (4) Further notes these grants will be a catalyst to generate matching funding from both private and public sector sources in each of the three regions to enable the three festivals to become self-supporting.
- (5) Further notes this Government welcomes conversations with Reconciliation Tasmania and the Tasmanian Aboriginal people about reconciliation activities and initiatives to aid reconciliation here in Tasmania.
- (6) Further notes this Government has a genuine desire to make a positive difference that recognises a remarkable 40,000 plus years of Aboriginal heritage and culture, and one that points to a brighter future for Aboriginal Tasmanians. (29 May 2019)
- 78 The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes Tasmanian Aboriginal artist, curator, educator, arts worker and esteemed Palawa Elder, Aunty Lola Greeno, was honoured with the prestigious Red Ochre Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Australia Council for the Arts on Monday 27 May 2019.
 - (2) Further notes Aunty Lola is the first Indigenous visual artist to receive the award of National Living Treasure and in 2015 she was entered into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for service to Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts.
 - (3) Further notes Aunty Lola is one of a handful of women shell-stringers who is ensuring this ancient craft is passed down from the Elders, with her shell necklace making famous Australia-wide, and her work having been widely exhibited and represented in many Australian museums.
 - (4) Further notes Aunty Lola is also well-known for her distinctly patterned, often colourful and iridescent, delicate strands of shells collected from the coastlines of Tasmania and is continuing to champion the traditions and culture of the Tasmanian Aboriginal women of Tasmania's Cape Barren and Flinders Islands.
 - (5) Further notes Tasmania has an incredible 40,000 plus years of Aboriginal heritage and culture and the Hodgman Liberal Government acknowledges and thanks Aunty Lola for the role she plays in keeping this traditional heritage alive. (29 May 2019)
- 79 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges the recent announcement by the Federal and Hodgman Liberal Governments of \$3 million in rebates for drought affected farmers to purchase new on-farm water infrastructure.
 - (2) Notes that these funds will help make Tasmanian farms more drought resilient, with eligible farmers and producers able to claim up to a quarter of the cost of new purchases and installation of new on-farm infrastructure up to \$25,000, with rebates now available for eligible Tasmanian farmers affected by drought.
 - (3) Further notes that the rebate can be used to support the installation of new pipes, water tanks, pumps, distilling dams, and power plants driving the water equipment, increasing water efficiency.
 - (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has committed \$70 million to advance Pipeline to Prosperity, which was recently added to Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List which—if fully implemented—will see almost \$500 million invested across the State into another 10 potential irrigation schemes, creating thousands of jobs and return an estimated \$114 million each year to the agriculture sector, and the economy more broadly. (29 May 2019)

80 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Commends Tasmania's volunteers, who freely give their time and skills to help Tasmania's communities.
- (2) Notes that over six million Australians and—on average—four out of every five Tasmanian adults volunteer, donating around 7.1 million hours in Tasmania alone over the last twelve months.

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- (3) Further notes that, according to the State of Volunteering report, volunteering provided a total benefit of \$4.9 billion to the Tasmanian economy, with Tasmanian employers enjoying \$2.1 billion of productivity benefits as a result of their employees volunteering.
- (4) Recognises that the Tasmanian Volunteering Awards are a joint project between the State Government and Volunteering Tasmania, and are Tasmania's only state-wide volunteer recognition program.
- (5) Congratulates the Government's energy businesses; Aurora Energy, Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks for being finalists in the Corporate and Civil award in this year's Tasmania Volunteering Awards.
- (6) Further notes the Corporate and Civil award is awarded to a company or governmental organisation which encourages volunteering and releases their staff from employment to carry out volunteer activities as part of an employee or corporate volunteering program.
- (7) Further congratulates Aurora Energy for winning the Corporate and Civil award.
- (8) Further commends all volunteers who were recognised in 2019 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards for their important work and time given freely for the betterment of our community. (29 May 2019)
- 81 Ms White to move—That the House:—Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP to make an urgent statement to the House about whether the Government will adopt in full the recommendations of the Auditor-General's report: "Performance of Tasmania's four major hospitals in the delivery of Emergency Department services." (29 May 2019)
- 82 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that the 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes have been officially launched, with entries now open until 27 June 2019.
 - (2) Notes that the Premier's Literary Prizes celebrate Tasmanian writers and Tasmanian stories.
 - (3) Further notes that The 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes are:—
 - (a) Tasmania Book Prize for the best book with Tasmanian content in any genre;
 - (b) Margaret Scott Prize for the best book by a Tasmanian writer;
 - (c) University of Tasmania Prize for the best unpublished literary work by an emerging Tasmanian writer; and
 - (d) Tasmanian Young Writer's Fellowship which recognises a young Tasmanian writer aged 30 or under.
 - (4) Acknowledges that the prizes are delivered by Arts Tasmania with support from the University of Tasmania and private philanthropists. (30 May 2019)
- 83 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the 181st annual Campbell Town Show will be held on 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2019.
 - (2) Further notes that the Show, established in 1838 by a visionary group of landowners, is now the longest continually running show in the southern hemisphere and is listed by the National Trust as part of our State's living history.
 - (3) Recognises that the Show, which boasts of being Tasmania's only Sheep Show, has played a leading role in the display of Tasmania's high quality livestock and wool and is a tremendous economic and social contributor for the Northern Midlands and Tasmania more broadly.
 - (4) Further notes that although the Show is steeped in tradition, the present day event keeps abreast of current interests and attractions with events such as sheep dog trials, trade exhibits, equestrian events, and the ever popular Exhibition Hall running various competitions, including the AWI Fashion Parade which showcases the nation's first display of the AWI collection, the best of modern wool fashion.
 - (5) Congratulates and thanks the Midland Agricultural Association organising committee including President George Gatenby, staff, volunteers, sponsors and community members on another job well done.

- (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to attend the 2019 Show, and enjoy the myriad of events with competitions showcasing the best of Tasmania's farm sector and produce. (30 May 2019)
- 84 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes a \$3,500 grant made by Aurora Energy to the St Helens District High School's 'Cooking for Life' program.
 - (2) Recognises that the program enables students to prepare healthy meals including a healthy breakfast with a better diet contributing to better health outcomes for students.
 - (3) Further notes that the importance of a well-balanced diet and active lifestyle to healthy living and value of educating the next generation in these important life skills.
 - (4) Thanks Aurora Energy for their community outreach and congratulates the staff and students of St Helens District High School for their practical commitment to healthy lifestyles. (30 May 2019)
- 85 The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the late Kathleen Venn OAM made a significant contribution to the Tasmanian community through her service as a politician and very committed and passionate community member.
 - (2) Further notes that Mrs Venn served as the Member for Hobart in the Legislative Council from 1976–1982, becoming Tasmania's fourth female politician.
 - (3) Further notes that following her departure from politics, in addition to working as a marriage celebrant, Mrs Venn was a Justice of the Peace, State President of the Housewives Association, volunteered at the Repatriation Hospital for 37 years, was a member of the Prisoners' Aid Society, President of the Mount Stuart Progress Association, State Treasurer of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund, and Chairwoman of the Ogilvie High School Hostel Board, with Venn House at Ogilvie High School named in her honour.
 - (4) Further notes that Mrs Venn was also involved with Caroline House, a crisis accommodation centre for women for over 25 years, including as President, and was President of the Masonic Widows Association, State President of the Catholic Women's League, and member of the State Committee of the Order of Australia Association.
 - (5) Further notes that Mrs Venn was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1990, made ANZAC of the year in 2002, and in 2005 was inducted onto the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for her many years of service to the Community.
 - (6) Further notes that the Tasmanian Government acknowledges Mrs Venn's lifetime of service to Tasmania and extends our deep sympathies and condolences to her family, friends and colleagues on their bereavement. (30 May 2019)

86 The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- Recognises that the 2019 HIA-CSR, Australian Housing Awards were announced on 25 May 2019 at the National Conference held in Perth, Western Australia.
- (2) Congratulates all entrants, finalists and the 22 Award category winners from across Australia.
- (3) Notes in particular, that Tasmania's Lane Group has won the HIA Australian Bathroom of the Year, for its exceptional bathroom design and installation.
- (4) Acknowledges that the HIA Housing Awards celebrate excellence and the highest level of achievement in building and design work, and recognises and rewards innovation in the residential building industry.
- (5) Recognises the hard work and professionalism of all of the Tasmanian entrants, who have been recognised at the Tasmanian Awards held in 2018.
- (6) Further notes that this recognition is further proof of excellence in Tasmania's housing kitchen and bathroom sectors, and the outstanding talents of the many Tasmanian designers, manufacturers, installers and builders. (30 May 2019)
- 87 The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government will extend the First Home Builders Grant so more young Tasmanians can realise the dream of building their first home.
- (2) Notes that the Budget commitment comes after the Government doubled the Grant to \$20,000 in the 2016-17 Budget, further highlighting the Government's strong support of Tasmania's building and construction industry.
- (3) Further recognises that this initiative will complement action the Government is taking through its Affordable Housing Strategy.
- (4) Further notes that the number of dwelling approvals in Tasmania grew 24.1 percent in the 12 months to March 2019, compared to the national approvals figure, which was down by 22.4 per cent in the same period.
- (5) Further recognises that the extension of the Grant will have positive flow-on effects for Tasmania's booming building and construction industry, creating more work, and more jobs. (30 May 2019)

88 The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Ringarooma Community Hub as an important example of regional Tasmanians working together to achieve strong futures.
- (2) Thanks the local community for its vision in response to the closure of the local hotel and therefore the loss of a main centre of social activity.
- (3) Further thanks those involved in setting up the Hub, especially local dairy farmers Marcus and Simone Haywood for their strong advocacy.
- (4) Notes the Hub is run completely by volunteers, which is a great endorsement of the community spirit in the North-East.
- (5) Congratulates the Hub on receiving an allocation from the Premier's Discretionary Fund for a new fridge to benefit locals and visitors.
- (6) Further recognises the Hub's great success hosting barbecues and functions, as well as providing sports equipment for children to utilise on the recreation ground in a safe and positive environment. (30 May 2019)

91 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 6 June 2019, was the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in 1944.
- (2) Notes that these landings, the greatest seaborne invasion in history, represented the beginning of the end for Hitler's totalitarian empire and the start of the liberation of occupied Europe.
- (3) Further notes that more than 5,000 ships and 160,000 men participated in the landings on 6 June with more than 9,500 aircraft supporting the action.
- (4) Honours the memory of the 4,414 Allied personnel, including 14 Australians, who gave their lives on D-Day.
- (5) Remembers Tasmania's own Lieutenant Kenneth Hudspeth, who was recognised with a Distinguished Service Cross for conducting beach reconnaissance missions on enemy shores.
- (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to reflect on the sacrifice and bravery of thousands of individuals, like Mr Hudspeth, 75 years on from D-Day. (12 June 2019)
- 92 The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that two highly significant sketches of Tasmanian Aboriginal men have recently been unveiled at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts in Hobart.
 - (2) Notes that the extremely rare portraits are of immense cultural significance to Tasmania, and have led to considerable local and national interest.
 - (3) Further notes that the drawings by artist Nicholas-Martin Petit are some of the most sensitive and important depictions of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the late 1700s.
 - (4) Further notes that these extraordinary sketches, purchased at auction by Libraries Tasmania through the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts Bequest Fund, reveal unique insights into Tasmanian Aboriginal culture prior to the arrival of Europeans. (12 June 2019)
- 93 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the delivery of counselling is critical to assisting survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
- (2) Notes the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse that the national Redress Scheme provide for national service standards for the delivery of counselling.
- (3) Further notes that such standards have been adopted by jurisdictions delivering counselling under the National Redress Scheme.
- (4) Welcomes the Hodgman Liberal Government's announcement of the establishment of a register of providers capable of meeting such standards.
- (5) Acknowledges that the Government's action has been welcomed by survivor groups. (12 June 2019)
- 94 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting survivors of abuse.
 - (2) Further notes that whilst we can never undo the suffering, Tasmania's involvement in the Scheme acknowledges the wrong that was done and significantly allows institutions to take responsibility for the harm caused to those in their care.
 - (3) Recognises the difficulty that vulnerable persons can face in the justice system.
 - (4) Further recognises that witness intermediaries can assist such persons in their interactions with the justice system.
 - (5) Further notes the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute (TLRI) that an intermediary scheme be established.
 - (6) Welcomes the Government's establishment of a witness intermediary scheme pilot project for Tasmania.
 - (7) Further recognises this reform will enhance access to justice for vulnerable persons and boost efficiency of the court process. (12 June 2019)
- 95 The Minister for the Environment to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government will implement a Container Refund Scheme (CRS) as part of its commitment to protect Tasmania's unique natural environment, provide opportunities to community groups and local businesses, and help to maintain the Tasmanian brand.
 - (2) Further notes that drink containers currently account for around 41 per cent of litter by volume in Tasmania, and we know that one of the most effective ways to change littering behaviours is to introduce a container refund scheme as has been seen in other Australian jurisdictions.
 - (3) Acknowledges that the majority of Australian states and territories have successfully implemented a CRS.
 - (4) Further notes that the CRS will encourage positive, incentivised recycling and re-use behaviours, that will help reach our target of becoming the tidiest state by 2023.
 - (5) Further notes that work will now commence on a detailed model and draft legislation, including consultation with the community, businesses and industry, with the CRS expected to be implemented by 2022. (12 June 2019)
- 96 The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Welcomes the three-year memorandum of understanding between TasTAFE and the Department of Justice to establish a new campus at the Risdon Prison Complex (RPC).
 - (2) Notes that TasTAFE teachers will be based at the RPC campus, delivering a range of courses catering for a variety of sentence lengths including full qualifications, short courses and industry-focused qualifications and skill sets.
 - (3) Recognises the importance of prisoner education and learning to help reduce the risk of future re-offending.
 - (4) Further notes the transition at the RPC to these new arrangements with TasTAFE will start in July 2019. (12 June 2019)
- 97 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Has no confidence in the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP.

- (2) Notes that Tasmania's health system has been underfunded by around \$100 million per year, as identified by 2017 RDME Consulting report titled 'An Analysis of Health Funding for the Tasmanian Health Service'.
- (3) Further notes comments from the Liberal Member for Clark, Hon. Sue Hickey MP on 12 June 2019 that Mr Ferguson "should consider his position."
- (4) Further notes Ms Hickey's comment: "He's lost the faith of the doctors. He's lost the faith of the nurses. There's not a lot of faith in the Parliament. He just stands up every day and says thanks for this report... He can't keep glossing over this. This is a serious issue. And it probably just needs fresh blood."
- (5) Acknowledges correspondence from the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) registrars, Ambulance Tasmania paramedics, the AMA and the ANMF all describe unacceptable and dangerous conditions for patients and employees in the health system.
- (6) Highlights the Minister's deliberately misleading statements regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health facilities at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital (LGH).
- (7) Further notes that in the five years he has been Minister for Health, the State of Tasmania's health system has gotten worse and he is unfit to continue in the role.
- (8) Further notes the Report of the Auditor-General No. 11 of 2018-2019, Performance of Tasmania's four major hospitals in the delivery of the Emergency Department services.
- (9) Further highlights with concern an increase in ambulances ramped for greater than 30 minutes since 2012-2013 of 239%, despite an increase in overall ambulance presentations of only 20% over the same period.
- (10) Further highlights with concern a significant downward trend in patients with a length of stay of less than four hours in the emergency department at all four major hospitals in Tasmania, noting that there is a wide body of research indicating that Emergency Department stays of greater than 4 hours are linked to higher rates of adverse events.
- (11) Further notes that the rate of emergency department adverse events has increased across all four major hospitals by around 60% during the period that he has been Minister for Health, and that adverse events are defined as an event or circumstance that could have, or did lead to, unintended or unexpected harm, loss or damage to any person receiving care or services from health services, and can include avoidable deaths.
- (12) Points out with concern that mental health patients are languishing for more than seven days in the emergency departments and that while they are waiting for a bed they psychologically deteriorate, self-harm and attempt suicide.
- (13) Reminds members that the Minister delayed the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment by a year, and has now confirmed a further delay to completion of Stage 1 of the redevelopment.
- (14) Further notes the minister continues to deny women access to legal reproductive health services in the public health system.
- (15) Further notes that this House has voted to establish health roundtables with key stakeholders and all sides of politics to examine solutions to the health crisis, and that the Minister for Health has done nothing to progress those cross-party efforts and has deliberately ignored the will of this House.
- (16) Further reminds members that ministerial responsibility is a fundamental tenet of Westminster democracy that means ministers must take ultimate responsibility for failures in their portfolios.
- (17) Further notes that the minister has demonstrated through his lack of action a complete disregard for the health of Tasmanians and for the wellbeing of his health workforce, and that Tasmanians should not be expected to suffer the consequences of his incompetence any longer. (12 June 2019)
- 98 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Censures the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for his complete lack of urgency in responding to the housing and homelessness emergency.
 - (2) Notes the Liberal Government promised to build 900 new homes and has only delivered 316 homes in the past five years.

- (3) Recognises the public housing waitlist has grown to over 3000.
- (4) Further notes waiting times have tripled to average 56 weeks for priority applicants including women escaping domestic violence.
- (5) Further notes children have been removed from their parents' care due to homelessness.
- (6) Calls on the Minister to direct additional funding to provide shelter for people this winter and work with the sector to implement urgent solutions within 30 days to support Tasmanians facing homelessness. (12 June 2019)
- 99 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Calls on the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP to direct additional funding to provide shelter for people this winter and work with the sector to implement urgent solutions within 30 days to support Tasmanians facing homelessness.
 - (2) Notes that winter is already upon us and it is estimated that approximately 1,600 people are sleeping rough in Tasmania.
 - (3) Further notes the Liberal Government promised to build 900 new homes and has only delivered 316 homes in the past five years.
 - (4) Recognises the public housing waitlist has grown to over 3,200.
 - (5) Further notes waiting times have tripled to average 56 weeks for priority applicants including women escaping domestic violence.
 - (6) Further notes children have been removed from their parents' care due to homelessness.
 - (7) Agrees that urgent action is required now to deal with the housing crisis. (13 June 2019)
- **100** Ms *White* to move—That the House refers the following matter to the Standing Committee of Privileges and Conduct Whether the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP has misled the House with particular reference to the following:—
 - (a) on 18 June 2019 the Minister amended a Motion titled "Short Stay Accommodation" to commit the Government to "the delivery of 900 new homes by the end of June 2019, with over half of that supply to be delivered in the greater Hobart region";
 - (b) on 13 June 2019 the Minister claimed it was a "falsehood" that he had committed to the delivery of 900 new homes;
 - (c) the Minister misled the Parliament on 18 June 2018 and is now trying to cover his tracks; and
 - (d) the House agreed to amendments to the Motion on the basis of the commitments made by the Minister; (13 June 2019)
- **102** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that Motor Neurone Disease (MND) affects over 420,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, which is 384 new cases every day.
 - (2) Further notes that over 2,000 Australians are living with MND, including more than 40 Tasmanians, with MND Australia reporting more than 2 people per day die from MND.
 - (3) Further notes that on the Queen's Birthday holiday "The Big Freeze 5 at the G" at the MCG, coordinated by FightMND, saw a variety of celebrities take on the freeze challenge for MND, which has so in 2019 raised over \$4.8 million and tens of millions since 2015.
 - (4) Thanks Neale Daniher, football great and former Essendon and Melbourne player as well as coach of Melbourne Football Club from 1998 to 2007 - for his courage in living with MND and supporting fundraising efforts for research and advocacy.
 - (5) Recognises that, 21 June 2019, is MND Global Day, a global day of recognition for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and MND—a disease that affects every country on the globe.
 - (6) Congratulates and thanks both MND Australia and MND Tasmania, who for over twenty two years, have proved an effective advocate, promoted optimal care and

support options for those living with MND and tirelessly raised funds for research into the cause and, ultimately, cure for MND. (13 June 2019)

- 103 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises the retirement of Rick Tipping, Executive Officer of the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) Tasmania and his dedication to the needs of low income Tasmanians for nearly two decades.
 - (2) Notes that Mr Tipping was instrumental in establishing NILS Tasmania in 2002, with the organisation providing more than 20,000 no interest loans to Tasmanians in need over this time.
 - (3) Further notes that through a partnership between Aurora Energy and NILS Tasmania, formed in 2015, more than 1,500 Tasmanians have received over \$1.8 million in subsidy funding to purchase energy efficient applications for their home through the Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program.
 - (4) Acknowledges the Government's commitment of \$1 million over four years towards the NILS Tasmania Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program to expand the reach and impact of this invaluable program.
 - (5) Further acknowledges the \$44.8 million in electricity concessions that provides much needed support to over 90,000 Tasmanians every year.
 - (6) Welcomes John Hooper as the new Executive Officer of NILS Tasmania, and the partnership the Government, Aurora Energy and NILS Tasmania will continue to forge together to look after the needs of Tasmania's most vulnerable individuals and families. (13 June 2019)
- **104** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that an institution's involvement in the National Redress Scheme is an important step in acknowledging the wrongs that were done, as well as means to provide survivors access to a sense of justice.
 - (2) Acknowledges the Government's commitment of \$70 million towards the State's involvement in the National Redress Scheme.
 - (3) Welcomes the unanimous decision by all of Tasmania's local Councils to join the National Redress Scheme.
 - (4) Urges all relevant institutions who have not yet done so to formally join the National Redress Scheme. (30 July 2019)
- 105 The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes the recent opening of the new \$620,000 Community Corrections facility at Devonport.
 - (2) Further notes this is just one part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to providing enhanced case management services on the North-West Coast, with the new office creating an additional three full-time equivalent position.
 - (3) Recognises the great work done by our dedicated community corrections staff, and the critical role they play in the rehabilitation of offenders. (30 July 2019)
- **106** The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges a major boost for the Tasmanian racing industry with the announcement of a lucrative new partnership deal between Tasracing and Ladbrokes.
 - (2) Recognises that the partnership will open up new marketing opportunities for clubs across all codes, while also allowing Tasracing to broaden its promotion to the national market.
 - (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to ensuring Tasmania's racing industry continues to grow, with the economic benefits reaching far beyond the racecourse (30 July 3019)
- **107** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes that Mr Richard Connock has been reappointed to the position of Ombudsman for a further five years.
 - (2) Congratulates Mr Connock who has served in this position, which incorporates the roles of Health Complaints Commissioner, Custodial Inspector, Principal Official Visitor and Co-ordinator of the Official Visitors Scheme, since 2015.

- (3) Further notes that this follows the Hodgman Liberal Government's increased funding of \$245,000 per year for the Office of the Ombudsman in the 2019/20 State Budget to support the Office of the Ombudsman's Right to Information work.
- (4) Recognises that this additional funding will enable the recruitment of a new Principal Officer and new Investigation and Review Officer to increase the capacity of the office in relation to Right to Information requests.
- (5) Further notes the Ombudsman in performing a wide range of functions and diversity of services, operates in an impartial and objective way to resolve complaints and improve the quality and standard of Tasmanian public administration. (30 July 2019)
- 108 The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges a new exhibition celebrating contemporary Tasmanian portraits by prominent and award winning Tasmanian artist, Geoff Dyer has opened at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG).
 - (2) Recognises this exhibition, 'Geoff Dyer:Portraits', represents the first time the portraits have been publicly displayed in Tasmania, and the only time they have been exhibited as a group.
 - (3) Notes the works depict a range of Tasmanians, including Alec Campbell (Gallipoli survivor), Richard Flanagan (author), David Walsh (founder of MONA), John Clark (former Director of the National Institute of Dramatic Arts) and Jim Everett (writer and poet) among others.
 - (4) Further notes this exhibition will shine a new light on this lesser-known aspect of Geoff Dyer's art, while also providing a unique insights into the portrait process and the life of each person pictured. (30 July 2019)
- **109** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges 48 students from 22 schools took part in the week-long Youth Parliament 2019 held from 15-19 July.
 - (2) Recognises the students were involved in debating and passing a number of 'Youth Bills', including the Connecting Tasmania Bill (public infrastructure), School Support Services Bill (education) and the Roadkill Reduction Bill (wildlife protection).
 - (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government supported the 2019 Youth Parliament program with a \$13,750 grant through YMCA Hobart.
 - (4) Further acknowledges the work of Tasmanian Parliament staff who provide considerable assistance with liaison and education staff, catering and the venue. (30 July 2019)
- **110** The Minister for Energy—That the House:—
 - (1) Condemns the Greens and Dr Bob Brown on their hypocrisy, having previously actively campaigned for the shutdown of the entire Australian coal industry to be replaced with renewables, to now opposing renewable energy developments in Tasmania.
 - (2) Notes the public statements by the Greens and Dr Brown opposing the Robbins Island wind farm development, that if approved, would not only create hundreds of jobs on Tasmania's North West, but also have the potential to inject up to 1000 megawatts of renewable energy into the grid.
 - (3) Acknowledges that the Robbins Island Wind Farm development, combined with other wind farms, the proposed Marinus second interconnector and pumped hydro developments, have the potential to inject up to \$5 billion into our State's economy and create thousands of jobs, particularly in regional Tasmania.
 - (4) Further notes that the proposed wind farm at Robbins Island, like other developments of this size and type, is subject to rigorous development and environmental approvals, with the opportunity for public submissions. (30 July 2019)
- 111 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to helping Tasmanian farmers be as competitive as possible and our 'On-Farm Energy Audit and Capital Grant Program' has been an outstanding success.

- (2) Notes the \$750,000 'On-Farm Energy Audit and Capital Grant Program' was launched in 2018 and has already had 80 applications worth \$560,000 approved, with an additional 15 applications currently being assessed.
- (3) Further notes that an additional \$250,000 will be made available to the Program to specifically help dairy farmers achieve energy savings, and will be reopening soon.
- (4) Further acknowledges that the additional funding allows dairy farmers to engage a qualified professional to review their energy use, identify savings and then to implement recommended energy efficiency measures, including for capital costs.
- (5) Further notes our \$429 million per annum dairy industry supports thousands of jobs across hundreds of farms and growing the industry is a key part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's comprehensive AgriFood Plan to grow the annual value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.
- (6) Commends the dairy industry, farmers and processors for their valuable contribution to primary industries in Tasmania. (30 July 2019)

112 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a passionate supporter of our farmers and agribusiness, and the vital role they play in building a stronger economy and creating jobs and vibrant rural communities.
- (2) Further notes that only the Hodgman Liberal Government has a target to grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion by 2050 backed-up by a comprehensive Sustainable AgriFood Plan that is delivering on that target.
- (3) Further notes that according to the latest data the value of Tasmania's agricultural production increased by more than nine per cent in 2017-18 to just over \$1.6 billion.
- (4) Recognises that \$100 million invested in the 2019 Budget is supporting farmers and agribusiness with initiatives ranging from irrigation development, industry development across all key agricultural sectors, research and innovation, the Rural Financial Counselling Service, Farm Business Mentoring, Blundstone Scholarships, the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and Rural Youth Tasmania leadership programs, the TFGA Living Next Door to a Farmer Campaign, Agrigrowth Liaison Officers and the FarmPoint website and helpline, agricultural education and skills plus many more.
- (5) Condemns any acts of environmental and animal activism to unfairly target, restrict, and invade on a farmer's legitimate rights and business.
- (6) Acknowledges and supports Tasmanian farmers who produce the food and fibre that our families, state and nation relies on. (30 July 2019)
- 114 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Notes the Federal Liberal Government's decision to fund couples counselling under the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children.
 - (2) Further notes that experts in women's safety and advocates have advised the Government that this action was not recommended in the National Action Plan.
 - (3) Further notes the Government was advised against the move as the "Specialised Family Violence Services" grant guidelines contained no specifications as to specialist domestic and family violence knowledge or expertise nor the need to employ domestic and family violence safety mechanisms.
 - (4) Further notes the listed organisations eligible to apply for the grant are largely faithbased services delivering family relationship services and not specialist domestic and family violence services and there has been no consultation or transparency with the sector as to how these organisations were selected.
 - (5) Further notes that no reference was made in the grant guidelines as to any requirement to meet the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions which were developed under the National Plan to ensure perpetrators are held to account through effective interventions that stop their violence.
 - (6) Further notes that experts have advised that the risk of couples counselling is injury and death, and that any type of intervention in these settings should only be performed by specialist practitioners.
 - (7) Recognises that *couples counselling is not safe for victims of domestic abuse.*
 - (8) Calls on the Government to listen to survivors of domestic abuse and to the specialist services that support them, and to act in accordance with the evidence of

interventions which are proven to be safe and effective in addressing domestic abuse including women's specialist services providing information, support, safety planning, referrals, court advocacy, case management, supported accommodation and counselling, as well as accredited men's behaviour change services, ensuring that these services are culturally safe and specific services for Aboriginal, CALD and LGBTIQ communities.

(9) Further calls upon the Premier and the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Hon. Will Hodgman MP to immediately act to ensure that Federal funding in Tasmania is delivered according to the National Action Plan recommendations to qualified specialist services. (30 July 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, Clerk of the House