



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019 - 2020

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 60

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2020

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PETITION. – Ms *O'Connor* presented an e-Petition from approximately 11,699 residents of Tasmania, requesting that the House supports the forthcoming End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020.

Which Petition was read and received.

- 6 PETITION. – Ms *O'Connor* presented a Petition from approximately 1383 residents of Tasmania, requesting that the House supports the forthcoming End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020). (HA4/2020).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 7 PAPERS. – The Minister for Housing laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

The Tasmanian Government's response to the House of Assembly Select Committee on Housing Affordability's Final Report (August 2020).

- 8 PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

Land Acquisition Act 1993: Notice of Acquisition under Section 18:

- (i) Dated 7 July 2020, land situate in the Parish of Bicheno, Land District of Glamorgan, Municipal Area of Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Lot 2 on Plan of Survey 178927, registered in the names of Uta Green, David Weedon Green, Anita Pryor and Michael Kenneth Rice for road purposes;
- (ii) Dated 7 July 2020, land situate in the Parish of Bicheno, Land District of Glamorgan, Municipal Area of Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Lot 3 on Plan of Survey 178927, registered in the name of John Brian Hughes for road purposes;
- (iii) Dated 15 July 2020, land situate in the Parish of Spring Hill and Somerton, Land District of Monmouth, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lots 1

and 2 on Plan of Survey 177648, registered in the names of Lovely Banks Pty Ltd and Elizabeth Mary McShane for road purposes;

- (iv) Dated 15 July 2020, land situate in the Parish of Spring Hill and Somerton, Land District of Monmouth, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lot 3 and 4 on Plan of Survey 177649, registered in the names of Elizabeth Mary McShane and Lovely Banks Pty Ltd for road purposes;
- (v) Dated 17 July 2020, land situate in the Parish of Lisdillon, Land District of Glamorgan, Municipal Area of Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Lot 3 on Plan of Survey 178739, registered in the names of Ian Mark Wheeler, Rosemary Jane Cotton and Julian James Cotton for road purposes; and
- (vi) Dated 18 July 2020, land situate in the Town of Lisdillon, Land District of Glamorgan, Municipal Area of Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Lots 1 and 2 on Plan of Survey 178739, registered in the names of Rosemary Jane Cotton, Julian James Cotton and Ian Mark Wheeler for road purposes.

9 PUBLIC WORKS, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT. – Ms *Butler* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report on Major Redevelopment of Sorell School (Paper No. 15)

Ordered, That the said Report be received. (Ms *Butler*)

10 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Listening Devices Act 1991, Section 22: Report of the Attorney-General year ended 30 June 2020.

11 BILL NO. 25. – The Minister for Justice presented -

“A Bill for an Act to establish the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, to enable the appointment of members and staff of the Tribunal, to provide for certain transitional matters related to the establishment of the Tribunal, and for related purposes.”

And Ms *Archer* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

12 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. – *Ordered*, that the Premier have leave to make a Motion without notice. (The Premier)

13 LEBANON DISASTER. – *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, - That the House:-

- (1) Expresses its sadness regarding the recent disaster in Lebanon, which resulted in the death of in excess of 178 people, injured at least 6,000 more and has left an estimated 300,000 people homeless.
- (2) Extends its deepest condolences to the families of those killed, and all whose lives have been impacted by this disaster.
- (3) Extends its support to the people of Lebanon in dealing with the tragic aftermath of this event. (The Premier)

14 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. – Mr *O’Byrne*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Budget and Financial Management.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

15 CONSUMER LAW CODE OF PRACTICE. – A Motion being made and the Question being Proposed — That pursuant to Section 37 of the Australian Consumer Law (Tasmania) Act 2010, the House of Assembly endorse the draft code of practice prepared in accordance with Section 37(3) of the Australian Consumer Law (Tasmania) Act 2010. (The Attorney-General)

A debate arose thereupon.

And Mr *Tucker* was addressing the Chair.

16 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

17 NATIVE FOREST LOGGING – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the planet is experiencing a human-induced climate and biodiversity crisis and agrees there is no justification for native forest logging.
- (2) Notes that 'Sustainable' Timber Tasmania (STT) continues to clearfell and burn old forests that are critical habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species.
- (3) Recognises STT's second and most recent failure to obtain Forest Stewardship Certification is a damning indictment on logging practices under the Liberal Government.
- (4) Notes SGS Global's audit has shown how far from meeting the Forrest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards STT are, with ten major non-conformities identified.
- (5) Recognises ethical global markets and consumers do not want wood products sourced from old growth forests, nor do most Tasmanians.
- (6) Acknowledges the audit called for all old growth forests to be protected from logging.
- (7) Recognises the audit was scathing of the Government logging in swift parrot habitat, finding:—
 - (a) STT logged swift parrot habitat despite expert advice warning against it;
 - (b) even with STT's set aside area of less than 10,000 ha, swift parrot habitat would still be logged within areas subject to the Government's unreleased Public Authority Management Agreement (PAMA); and
 - (c) the proposed PAMA does not apply to significant critical swift parrot habitat along the East Coast, South East and in the North West.
- (8) Agrees the Minister for Resources, Hon. *Guy Barnett* MP's claims that STT logging practices are 'world class' is fraudulent.
- (9) Calls on the Government to end native forest logging in Tasmania to protect critical habitat and forest carbon stores. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 2

Ms O'Connor
Dr Woodruff (Teller)

NOES 22

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Courtney
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Ms Haddad
Ms Houston
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Ms Standen
Mr Tucker
Ms White
Mr Street (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

18 COVID-19 TESTING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Notes that not all 'essential workers' exempt from quarantine are required to have a COVID-19 test on arrival in Tasmania.
- (2) Understands that 'essential workers' who are required to have a test do not have to quarantine until they get a result which means they are allowed on the worksite when they could be COVID-19 positive.
- (3) Agrees that a thorough assessment of the local labour market needs to be undertaken before any interstate workers are given permission to come to Tasmania to ensure that Tasmanians are given the first chance to pick up work in our State.
- (4) Acknowledges the sacrifices made by the Tasmanian community throughout the COVID-19 crisis and the importance of making sure we continue to look after the health of our community and our economy.
- (5) Recognises the significant consequences the Tasmanian community would experience if there was another COVID-19 outbreak in our State.
- (6) Calls on the Government to immediately introduce mandatory testing for all 'essential workers' coming to the State who are exempt from quarantine and require all 'essential workers' to quarantine until a test result is known. (*Ms White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by *Dr Woodruff* to leave out paragraph (6) and insert instead:

“(6) Calls on the Government to acknowledge community concerns about the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak in Tasmania, and table the advice of the Director of Public Health that outlines the rationale for not requiring mandatory testing of all essential workers coming to the State under a quarantine exemption”.

A debate arose thereupon.

The Amendment was, *by leave*, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed by the Premier to leave out paragraph (6) and insert instead:

“(6) Acknowledges that the Government follows Public Health advice and will be further strengthening measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 importation, by introducing from 31 August the following for all persons arriving in Tasmania: a clinical health assessment (health screening questions, temperature check); and if assessed as symptomatic, a COVID-19 test will be undertaken and the person will be held in quarantine until the result of the test is known. Arrangements are already in place for any essential traveller that presents with symptoms to be tested and placed into quarantine.”

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES 15

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Mr Jaensch
Ms O'Connor
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Tucker
Dr Woodruff
Mr Street (Teller)

NOES 9

Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Haddad
Ms Houston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Standen
Ms White
Ms Dow (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Notes that not all 'essential workers' exempt from quarantine are required to have a COVID-19 test on arrival in Tasmania.
- (2) Understands that 'essential workers' who are required to have a test do not have to quarantine until they get a result which means they are allowed on the worksite when they could be COVID-19 positive.

- (3) Agrees that a thorough assessment of the local labour market needs to be undertaken before any interstate workers are given permission to come to Tasmania to ensure that Tasmanians are given the first chance to pick up work in our State.
- (4) Acknowledges the sacrifices made by the Tasmanian community throughout the COVID-19 crisis and the importance of making sure we continue to look after the health of our community and our economy.
- (5) Recognises the significant consequences the Tasmanian community would experience if there was another COVID-19 outbreak in our State.
- (6) Acknowledges that the Government follows Public Health advice and will be further strengthening measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 importation, by introducing from 31 August the following for all persons arriving in Tasmania: a clinical health assessment (health screening questions, temperature check); and if assessed as symptomatic, a COVID-19 test will be undertaken and the person will be held in quarantine until the result of the test is known. Arrangements are already in place for any essential traveller that presents with symptoms to be tested and placed into quarantine.

19 COVID-19 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that, while the COVID-19 pandemic emergency has presented a global health crisis, it has also delivered significant economic and social challenges here in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the recent positive Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) labour force data which showed Tasmania had the highest employment growth in Australia, and the lowest unemployment rate of all the states for the recent reporting period.
- (3) Further notes that the ABS data also showed 7,000 more Tasmanians back in work in July 2020, and that 13,400 Tasmanians are now back in work in seasonally adjusted terms since May 2020, the height of the pandemic.
- (4) Supports job-creating infrastructure projects like the Government's Northern Regional Prison project at Brushy Rivulet, which will underpin more than 1000 jobs and deliver an economic boost of \$500 million to Northern Tasmania at a time when they need it most.
- (5) Further acknowledges the most recent 'CommSec 'State of the States' analysis reporting Tasmania with the strongest economy in the country, and this week's latest 'Sensis Business Index' report for August 2020 which shows Tasmanian businesses are the most confident about our economy in the country.
- (6) Recognises that, as public leaders, we have a responsibility to do everything we can to help improve confidence levels in the market, and in our community, to support job creation and job security and to help Tasmania rebuild and recover from the pandemic emergency. (Mr *Tucker*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Ms *O'Connor* to leave out paragraph (4).

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES 2

Ms O'Connor
Dr Woodruff (Teller)

NOES 22

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Courtney
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
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Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Ms Standen
Mr Tucker
Ms White
Mr Street (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

20 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.