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## NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 29

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019

### Notices of Motion

- 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 2019)
- 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.

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- (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.

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- (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 faith-based 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

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is delivered according to the National Action Plan recommendations to qualified specialist services. (30 July 2019)

- 117** Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges pill testing is an evidence-based harm reduction measure supported by health professionals, including the professional association for Australian doctors and medical students and the Australian Medical Association (AMA).
  - (2) Recognises pill testing trials interstate and overseas have resulted in a material reduction in harm to young people attending music festivals, and have provided educational resources otherwise little used by young people.
  - (3) Further acknowledges trials in Europe and Australia showed pill testing services led to young people taking less drugs.
  - (4) Notes the Tasmanian Police Commissioner, Mr Hine, has indicated he is “happy” to discuss Pill Testing with festival organisers.
  - (5) Further recognises other former police commissioners have been vocal supporters of the importance of having pill testing at festivals to save lives.
  - (6) Commends Pill Testing Australia for their science-based trials, demonstrations and education.
  - (7) Calls on the Hodgman Liberal Government to implement a Pill Testing Trial in time for the coming summer’s festival season. (31 July 2019)
- 118** The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges a major milestone for Cattle Hill Wind Farm has been achieved with TasNetworks completing and energising the connection of the wind farm to the transmission network.
  - (2) Notes that seven of the total 48 wind turbines have been 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 that the project proponent Goldwind Australia has proactively engaged local Tasmanian businesses with multi-million dollar contracts secured with Hazell Bros, Gradco, and Haywards.
  - (5) Further acknowledges that it is projects like Cattle Hill Wind Farm that will assist in achieving our Tasmania First energy policy of reaching 100 per cent net self-sufficient in renewable energy, by 2022, if not ahead of time.
  - (6) 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. (31 July 2019)
- 119** Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data released recently, confirms that, under the Hodgman Liberal Government, Tasmania is the strongest State in the nation for the annual growth of dwelling approvals.
  - (2) Notes that the 2018-19 financial year saw 3,121 dwellings approved, which is the strongest growth of any state and 9.5 percent higher than approvals for 2017-18.
  - (3) Acknowledges the recently published Housing Industry Association (HIA) Housing Scorecard, which has confirmed that, under the Hodgman Liberal Government, Tasmania has also seen the biggest improvement in the nation in terms of building conditions, and now sits second to Victoria in favourable residential building conditions.
  - (4) Further notes the Scorecard and today's building approvals data both demonstrate that this Government's policies are encouraging more Tasmanians to build a home, are working.
  - (5) Further notes that Tasmania was also the only jurisdiction to record growth in the value of building jobs for 2018/19, with more than \$1.7 billion approved across the year – over 11 percent higher than 2018.

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- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to creating the right conditions to support the sector and ensure these great outcomes continue well into the future. (31 July 2019)
- 120** The Minister for Planning to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the 2018 Housing Summit Communique was broadly endorsed by all participants.
  - (2) Confirms a key action was to introduce enabling legislation into Parliament to fast track the required zoning changes for the identified government land and accelerate supply of affordable housing was agreed to by attendees.
  - (3) Acknowledges that the 'Housing Land Supply Act' was passed by this House in 2018 unanimously and without amendment.
  - (4) Further notes that the intent of the legislation is to fast track the rezoning process only and that any subsequent development would subject to any normal planning process.
  - (5) Supports the re-zoning of government land for the purposes of increasing the supply of affordable homes for Tasmanians. (31 July 2019)
- 121** The Minister for Human Services to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's commitment to a comprehensive reform of child safety services to ensure children, young peoples and their carers get the help they need at the earliest opportunity.
  - (2) Notes that this investment is aimed directly at supporting front line workers, improving the safety of children and young people, increasing appropriate support for families and intervening earlier with families in need.
  - (3) Further notes that early data indicates that the 'Strong Families Safe Kids, Advice and Referral Line' is already seeing a reduction in overall notifications because it concentrates on providing more support to families at the beginning.
  - (4) Further acknowledges that by giving families and carers the support they need earlier, children are less likely to be removed from their families. (31 July 2019)
- 122** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Homelessness Week is 5-11 August 2019, with the theme 'Housing ends homelessness'.
  - (2) Congratulates the City of Hobart and Shelter Tasmania for supporting the National Launch of Homelessness Week in Hobart on Monday 5 August 2019, where people can come and learn about essential services to support our homeless community.
  - (3) Recognises that the data from the 2016 census shows that the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Tasmania was 1,622; and young people aged 12 to 24 comprised one quarter of all Tasmanian people experiencing homelessness (25%).
  - (4) Further notes that Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in Tasmania provide immediate emergency accommodation (including shelters), supervised accommodation and placement support services for young people and transitional support services for people experiencing homelessness to (re)establish themselves in independent living. These services also provide information and advice, advocacy and financial supports.
  - (5) Further notes that:—
    - (a) in 2017-18, an estimated 6,508 Tasmanians received support from an SHS; of these, 41% were alone, while 37% were parent(s) with children; and
    - (b) in 2017-18, the rate of unmet need (when a person at risk of or experiencing homelessness asks for assistance and it cannot be provided) for short-term or emergency accommodation was 28 per day (10,336 for the financial year); of these, 42% of unassisted requests were from people under 25 and 37% of unassisted requests involve parent(s) with children. (1 August 2019)
- 123** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the data from the 2016 census shows that the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Tasmania was 1,622.
  - (2) Further recognises that Specialist Homeless Services (SHS) are stretched beyond capacity and are forced to turn away thousands of people requesting short-term or emergency accommodation.

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- (3) Notes that the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP:—
  - (a) promised a workplan to detail the Government's emergency support for homelessness assistance on 14 June 2019;
  - (b) announced funding of \$5 million to address homelessness on 21 June 2019; and
  - (c) more than 6 weeks later, announced emergency accommodation support in Hobart on 30 July 2019 without releasing a workplan for delivering additional assistance.
- (4) Condemns the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for:—
  - (a) his complete lack of urgency and transparency in responding to the homelessness emergency;
  - (b) failing to release a detailed workplan and timeframe; and
  - (c) failing to provide emergency accommodation in regional areas and additional SHS support services across Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for Housing to urgently:—
  - (a) assess the current level of demand for SHS across Tasmania and the capacity of the sector to meet demand;
  - (b) fund additional emergency accommodation and support services for people living outside Greater Hobart;
  - (c) ensure the additional funding supports youths under 18;
  - (d) increase recurrent funding to SHS providers to provide 'wrap around' services; and
  - (e) release a workplan outlining the details of the \$5 million package, including deliverables, timeframe and budget allocation. (1 August 2019)

### **124** Ms Butler to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that dangerous combustible cladding has been identified on 43 Tasmanian buildings.
- (2) Acknowledges that 42 out of 43 buildings were re-assessed and classified as being in a low-risk category according to the audit criteria.
- (3) Notes that in regards to the use of ACP there is no such thing as a low risk or high risk it is simply risk.
- (4) Further notes that the Minister for Building and Construction, Hon. Elise Archer MP has been aware of the significant risk combustible cladding represents to the public since 2014.
- (5) Further recognises that the Government's inaction has led to instability in the Tasmanian Building and Construction industry.
- (6) Call upon the Minister, in the interest of public safety to table the list of 43 buildings with combustible cladding as a matter of urgency.
- (7) Further notes the 2017 Senate inquiry into aluminium composite cladding and non-conforming building products recommended a ban on the use and importation of combustible cladding.
- (8) Further calls on the Tasmanian Government to implement a total ban on the importation, sale and use of Polyethylene core aluminium composite panels as a matter of urgency.
- (9) Further calls on the Tasmanian Government to undertake a program of product substitution and replacement of all Polyethylene core aluminium composite panels in Tasmania. (1 August 2019)

### **125** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the backflip from the Federal Labor Opposition which recently expressed support for a Morrison Government Bill that included minimum mandatory sentences of four years' jail for crimes relating to child abuse.
- (2) Notes the Tasmanian Labor Party is out of step with its Federal Labor colleagues, with its ongoing opposition to minimum mandatory sentences for serious sexual offences against children.
- (3) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP to demonstrate leadership and show greater respect for the concerns of the community and victims of crime.

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- (4) Supports the introduction of minimum mandatory sentences for serious sexual offences against children and assaults on frontline workers. (1 August 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises the World Meteorological Organization recorded July 2019 as the hottest month ever recorded on the planet, and the heatwave that roasted Europe a one-in-a-thousand-year event made 100 times more likely by human-driven climate change.
- (2) Understands wildfires continue to devastate vast areas of Siberia, and the Greenland ice sheet is melting at a near record rate, reflecting the human-induced global heating that is rapidly accelerating.
- (3) Acknowledges with concern the bushfires that ravaged 3% of the State last summer, and which are expected to increase unless we reverse atmospheric overheating.
- (4) Further acknowledges with compassion that parts of rural eastern Australia suffer terrible drought, with ten major town such as Tamworth, Dubbo and Armidale at high risk of running out of water within six months if it doesn't rain.
- (5) Applauds the leadership of the Darwin City Council, which followed the lead of Hobart City Council and hundreds of other jurisdictions worldwide, and declared its community is living in a climate emergency.
- (6) Calls on the Liberal and Labor Parties to declare we are living in a climate emergency, and respond accordingly. (6 August 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises there has been a worldwide collapse in recycling waste, as an increasing number of countries continue to follow China's effective ban on importing most rubbish.
- (2) Agrees that avoiding recyclable material ending up in landfill, and maintaining consumer confidence in the recycling system, are essential.
- (3) Understands that SKM Recycling, which has kerbside recycling collection contracts with five southern councils, has been declared insolvent and will cease trading.
- (4) Acknowledges all Tasmanian councils face increasingly precarious off-island recycling conditions, with greater risk of recycling going to landfill.
- (5) Further agrees Tasmania needs to develop a local recyclables processing industry to provide jobs and enable us to embrace the circular economy.
- (6) Calls on the Government to immediately bring on a State waste levy that would provide the finance for an on-island recycling industry. (6 August 2019)

**128** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania has an historic Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) debt with a current balance of \$157,600,258.
- (2) Further notes Tasmanian Labor has repeatedly called on the Commonwealth Government to relieve the debt, which would free up approximately \$15 million a year for quarantined investment in more housing stock and housing maintenance.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmanian cross-bench Senator Hon. Jacqui Lambie reportedly secured agreement with the Federal Government to forgive Tasmania's social housing debt in return for her support of the Federal Government's tax package.
- (4) Further notes that Federal Minister for Finance, Hon. Mathias Cormann MP indicated the demand would be "considered on its merits" and take six to eight weeks to deliver.
- (5) Condemns Tasmanian senior Senator Hon. Eric Abetz for his comments that waiving Tasmania's State housing debt would "encourage bad behaviour".
- (6) Further notes that on 20 June 2019 the Federal Minister for Housing, Hon. Michael Sukkar MP attended a Homelessness Crisis Forum, and on 5 August 2019 Federal Assistant Minister for Housing, Hon. Luke Howarth attended the national launch of Homelessness Week in Hobart but both failed to offer any assistance to relieve Tasmania's crisis in housing and homelessness.
- (7) Calls on the Hodgman Liberal Government to provide details on the deal that has been struck with the Morrison Government regarding the Commonwealth housing debt. (6 August 2019)

**129** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Calls on the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP to advise the House at the end of financial year 2018-19:—
  - (a) the number of properties of housing stock owned and managed by the Director of Housing; and
  - (b) the number of properties of Community managed housing stock owned by the Director of Housing available for accommodation (dwellings ready to live in).
- (2) Further calls on the Minister to advise:—
  - (a) how many properties from the social housing portfolio (public and community housing) have been:—
    - (i) sold;
    - (ii) repurposed;
    - (iii) de-commissioned; and
    - (iv) otherwise lost to social rental housing supply;
  - (b) how much additional new stock for the purpose of social housing has been delivered in 2018-19 financial year; and
  - (c) how much additional new stock for the purposes of social housing is anticipated to be delivered in the 2019-20 financial year. (6 August 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that poker machine addiction leads to poverty, child neglect, social disadvantage, family violence, mental ill health and, in some tragic circumstances, suicide.
- (2) Notes that poker machines are installed in more socio-economically disadvantaged communities around Tasmania intentionally, leeching money from those who can least afford it.
- (3) Acknowledges with deep dismay that the Liberals' gambling policy will lock poker machines into those communities until 2043.
- (4) Understands the Tasmanian Parliament is a finely balanced sovereign entity.
- (5) Calls on the Labor Party to:—
  - (a) renounce their betrayal of the thousands of Tasmanians who voted for them on the basis of the pokies policy; and
  - (b) recommit to their election policy of removing poker machines from pubs and clubs. (6 August 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that Tasmania has the weakest electoral donation laws in the country.
- (2) Further notes that the current laws are not good enough and must change immediately.
- (3) Acknowledges the Hodgman Government's review into the Electoral Act has been underway for longer than a year, and no timeline has been announced for tabling much needed donation reform.
- (4) Supports lowering of the disclosure threshold from the current \$13,500 to \$1,000, meaning political parties would have to disclose any donation it receives.
- (5) Further supports applying the same disclosure threshold to candidates for lower house elections who currently don't have to disclose any donations at all.
- (6) Further supports requiring donations to be disclosed within 14 days.
- (7) Further supports setting spending limits for political parties and individual candidates.
- (8) Calls on the Hodgman Government to announce the recommendations from its Electoral Act review and commit to urgently introducing legislation into State Parliament that gives effect to the reforms detailed above. (6 August 2019)

**133** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania continues to move forward under the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government.
- (2) Further acknowledges that support for the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government's policies among Tasmanian small and medium businesses remains the highest in the country, according to the Sensis business index.
- (3) Condemns the economic mismanagement of the former Labor-Green Government, which took Tasmania backwards, destroying jobs and crippling our economy.
- (4) Notes that less than a year and half ago, Tasmanians again rejected the instability of another Labor-Green deal.



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- (5) Further notes that Labor continue to further the Green policy agenda, with a job-destroying pokies policy and the repeated blocking of guaranteed jail time for serious sexual offenders and people who assault frontline workers.
- (6) Further notes that in 2015, Labor voted with the Greens 62.5% of the time.
- (7) Further notes that in 2018, Labor and the Greens voted together 81 per cent of the time – 4 times out of 5.
- (8) Further notes that in 2019 to date - Labor has voted with the Greens more than 90 per cent of the time - 9 times of 10.
- (9) Further acknowledges that Tasmania can never again afford the uncertainty and instability of a Labor-Green deal. (6 August 2019)

**134** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP to clearly put on record whether the Labor Party remains committed to its Medi-Hotel policy of putting unwell Tasmanians into hotel rooms.
- (2) Acknowledges that rural hospitals, like those at Oatlands, New Norfolk, Scottsdale, Smithton and Dover could be put at risk by Labor's Medi-Hotels policy, which could see patients they treat, instead placed in inner-city hotels.
- (3) Notes that following the implementation of Medi-Hotels in Victoria it was found to be more expensive to keep people in Medi-Hotels than in hospitals.
- (4) Further calls on Labor to reveal how many hospital beds or wards, or rural hospitals it would close to fund Medi-Hotels.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has invested in providing more than 130 more hospital beds around Tasmania.
- (6) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has invested strongly in rural health in Tasmania, with a new St Helens Hospital, coming redevelopment of the King Island Hospital, and a wide range of other investments around the State. (6 August 2019)

**135** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Council on The Ageing (COTA) Tasmania and Relationships Australia recently held a community consultation, 'People 65+ Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop', inviting a broad cross-section of the North West Tasmanian community to participate. The session was attended by volunteers and staff from North West residential aged care homes; local community organisations and community members.
- (2) Recognizes that the Workshop, very importantly identified 10 risk factors for mental ill-health and suicide:—
  - (a) loneliness;
  - (b) bereavement;
  - (c) mental illness;
  - (d) pain;
  - (e) loss of roles;
  - (f) lack of purpose;
  - (g) fear of Aged Care;
  - (h) change of finances;
  - (i) dementia; and
  - (j) confusion with My Aged Care.
- (3) Acknowledges that good mental health is a key factor associated with healthy ageing and there are certain sub-groups of the older population at higher risk of developing mental ill-health and include people in hospital, supported accommodation and older carers.
- (4) Further notes that Seniors Week 2019 is 14 – 20 October 2019 following the launch on Tuesday 1 October 2019 of the International Day of Older Persons.
- (5) Congratulates COTA Tasmania and Relationships Australia for initiating this very important first step in identifying the risk factors and, based on the feedback, are now proactively addressing some of the issues and concerns identified, by launching their 'Roadshow - Age Care Know How Sessions' (6 August 2019)

**136** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania's Bee-keeping industry is not only a major producer of world class honey but the multi-million dollar bee dependent pollination industry is vital for our valuable fruit and vegetables crops.
- (2) Further acknowledges that the honey industry, which is underpinned by our unique Manuka and Leatherwood honeys', is a major employer, tourist attraction and exports dollars to regional communities.
- (3) Recognizes that due to fires and climate change, the Bee industry faced many challenges in what was a historically difficult season, which is why in March 2019, the Hodgman Liberal Government worked closely with stakeholders, including the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association, the Tasmanian Crop Pollination Association, the TFGA and Fruit Growers Tasmania to provide both strategic and immediate assistance to ensure a strong, sustainable future for the Tasmanian honey and pollination industries.
- (4) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment of \$750,000 over three years to support the Bee Industry Futures, including \$500,000 towards infrastructure upgrades to improve resource access. (6 August 2019)

**137** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the King Island District High School will begin delivery of the Years 11 and 12 Extension Program in 2020.
- (2) Recognizes that the King Island District High School students will be able to have access to Years 11 and 12 one year earlier than expected and that the courses on offer will include Australian School based Apprenticeships.
- (3) Further notes that the King Island District High School is part of the successful Hellyer Regional Collective made up of local colleges and high schools who are working together so that students can successfully finish year 12.
- (4) Acknowledges that the acceleration of access to Years 11 and 12 on King Island is a significant game changer for the community of King Island, as it enables young people to not only enter into an apprenticeship of their choice whilst remaining on the island; but have the potential to further their ambition by continuing in a trade or even start their own business without having to leave their local community.
- (5) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to education by not only delivering a record education expenditure of over \$7.1 billion over the next four years but innovative problem – solving collaboration with schools as it continues its plan to extend all high schools to Year 12 by 2022. (6 August 2019)

**138** The Minister for State Growth to move—That the House:—

- (1) Reaffirms the support previously shown for sensible and sustainable development in our natural areas in a considered way.
- (2) Notes that a cable car on kunanyi/Mt Wellington has the potential to bring significant investment to the State and create new jobs, both during construction and once operational.
- (3) Agrees that it is time a cable car proposal is properly considered and notes the sensible steps taken by the Government to support this.
- (4) Welcomes a key milestone for this important project being achieved with a development application being lodged with the Hobart City Council for assessment under the planning process. (6 August 2019)

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

- (1) Notes Tasmania was Australia's largest producer of industrial hemp for the 2018-19 season with 49 licenced growers planting 1,361 hectares – an increase of almost 300 per cent on the previous year.
- (2) Further notes that the farm-gate value of industrial hemp has also trebled to around \$1.9 million.
- (3) Recognises confidence in the sector has increased rapidly following the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand allowing food produced from low-THC hemp to be legally sold in Australia and New Zealand.
- (4) Acknowledges Tasmania has led the way in positive regulation to support the industrial hemp industry and the Hodgman Liberal Government is continuing to pursue opportunities for further growth.

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- (5) Further notes, as part of our comprehensive AgriFood plan, the Government is providing the Hemp Association of Tasmania with \$150,000 over three years to support the Association with grower communications, product development and branding to encourage sustainable growth in the industrial hemp industry.
- (6) Congratulates the Hemp Association of Tasmania (HAT) on their recent launch of certified pure Tasmanian hemp brand launched recently at the HAT as grower awards.
- (7) Further congratulates Sam Bond who was awarded the top crop award for his 10 hectares crop grown at Cressy. (6 August 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that at the 2018 State Election, the Hodgman Liberal Government committed \$20,000 to the Brighton Bowls & Community Club for equipment as part of their major refurbishment.
- (2) Further notes that this commitment has been delivered with the Club, established 1976, securing furniture and equipment to complement recent major renovations undertaken at the Club that include a brand new 120 seat club house, a large commercial kitchen and fully stocked bar, indoor bowls arena, board room, barbeque area, and two 8 rink greens.
- (3) Recognises the invaluable facility that the Club provides for the local community where people can gather and enjoy social bowls, club bowls, events and functions.
- (4) Congratulates President Doug Holloway and his hardworking team including Secretary Judy Holloway, and board member Keith Roberts, on their leadership and support of this terrific facility.
- (5) Encourages everyone living in the Brighton area, or even just passing through, to visit this fantastic Club. (7 August 2019)

**143** The Minister for Police and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Police Association of Tasmania on their work in raising the profile of the conversation we must have around mental health for first responders.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of Tasmania Police and all of our emergency services workers.
- (3) Acknowledges that our first responders are exposed to stressful situations, which is why the Government has committed \$1.5 million per annum for four years for a proactive and preventative Health and Wellbeing program that supports both the physical and mental health of our emergency services personnel.
- (4) Further notes that the Wellbeing Program delivers a mix of proactive and preventative measures to detect and respond early to health and wellbeing risks that may impact the ability of our people to perform at their optimal level.
- (5) Recognises that Tasmania has removed barriers for our emergency services workers that succumb to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) by becoming the first jurisdiction in Australia to legislate a presumptive provision for workers compensation claims in the public service arising from diagnosed PTSD.
- (6) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has moved to remove step-down provisions that apply to Police Officers, ensuring Police Officers continue to receive 100% of their pay while on workers compensation payments.
- (7) Further recognises Tasmania's fantastic emergency services personnel who act with diligence and bravery and who do an incredible job in the face of extreme and challenging circumstances. (7 August 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges with deep sadness that a catastrophic combination of heat, drought, storms, forest fires, beetle plagues and a fungi blight have so far in 2019 destroyed swathes of German forest equivalent to more than 200,000 football fields.
- (2) Understands that the warming global climate and climate related weather events are responsible for the loss of the German forests and the Arctic forests, which are currently ablaze.
- (3) Notes the German Opposition Greens are calling for a return to primeval forests – woods left to their own devices, after researchers at Zurich's Technical University calculated that there was room on the planet for a third more forests than at present without encroaching on urban or agricultural spaces.

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- (4) Recognises that we are in a climate emergency and that the planet's biodiversity is under threat.
  - (5) Further understands in a time of extinction crisis and extreme global heating, forest protection must be prioritised as a matter of urgency.
  - (6) Calls on the Hodgman Government to protect the 356,000ha of high conservation value forests set aside under the Tasmanian Forests Agreement and end native forest logging to ensure we keep Tasmania's vast carbon stores in the ground as part of our contribution to mitigate global heating. (8 August 2019)
- 146** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that at the 2018 State Election, the Hodgman Liberal Government committed \$30,000 to the Bagdad Community Club to replace electrical wiring and the floor.
  - (2) Further notes that this commitment has been delivered, enabling the Bagdad Community Club to continue its great work in catering for a wide range of needs and activities as well as facilities for community events like bingo and local fundraisers.
  - (3) Further notes that the Club also hosts a variety of community organisations in the region including the Online Access Centre, Historical Society, Music Hall and Ladies Friendship Group.
  - (4) Congratulates the Club on their initiative and support of their local community. (8 August 2019)
- 147** The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to move—That the House:—
- (1) Supports taking decisive action to reduce traffic congestion in Greater Hobart with an Incident Response Team of dedicated tow trucks at strategic location on the State Roads Network.
  - (2) Further supports improvements to clearway management and tow-away zones to assist in the efficient movement of vehicles through the Hobart CBD.
  - (3) Notes that a mix of infrastructure, public transport and traffic management solutions are required to make meaningful reductions in peak time congestion.
  - (4) Welcomes the investment of \$1 million in the 2019 Budget to allow investigations to commence on alternative traffic routes through or around Hobart's CBD, potentially including elevated roads, tunnels or both.
  - (5) Further supports the Government's work to analyse these infrastructure options to inform longer term investment opportunities. (8 August 2019)
- 149** Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
- (1) Understands we are at a time in history where people must find ways to work together to tackle the serious challenges humanity faces.
  - (2) Acknowledges that the Arctic and Amazon is on fire, the first glacier has melted in Iceland and we are in a climate emergency.
  - (3) Recognises international political, trade and market instability.
  - (4) Further understands Tasmania is not immune from the issues faced globally – the rapidly changing climate, international security and trade tensions, the rise of authoritarianism and the erosion of democracy.
  - (5) Further acknowledges that in times of crisis people need real leadership.
  - (6) Calls on all parties in the Tasmanian Parliament to work together to combat and prepare our community for the climate emergency and the geopolitical upheaval Tasmania is facing. (3 September 2019)
- 150** Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
- (1) Understands that in a time of climate emergency and growing social inequality, political parties need to work together.
  - (2) Recognises the role of Opposition parties is to hold the Government to account.
  - (3) Further understands it's also the role of Opposition parties to present an alternative vision.
  - (4) Notes while they don't deliver an Alternative Budget as do the Greens, we now know that Labor supports:—
    - (a) most damningly for current and future generations, inaction on the climate emergency;
    - (b) Poker machines in communities until 2043;

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- (c) failing to protect young people at festivals from lethal drugs;
  - (d) the privatisation of public protected areas;
  - (e) shady dealings with developers in the office of the Coordinator General;
  - (f) soaring levels of foreign ownership of agricultural lands and housing;
  - (g) a cable car on kunanyi;
  - (h) the Cambria Green mega development near Swansea;
  - (i) the logging of high conservation value, carbon banking forests; and
  - (j) poorly regulated, unsustainable fish farm expansion.
- (5) Acknowledges that leadership across the community is required to ensure future wellbeing and prosperity for Tasmanians and that at a time when the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP could make a real, positive difference, she is refusing to do so.
- (6) Accepts that Tasmanian Labor under Hon. Rebecca White has become Liberal-lite.
- (7) Recognises that even if they don't support the Greens, Tasmanians know where we stand.
- (8) Further acknowledges with regret that the Greens are the only party that takes the climate emergency seriously, and the two Greens MPs remain the real opposition in Tasmania's Parliament. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that the annual NECA Tasmania Excellence and Apprentice Awards were held on 17 August 2019.
- (2) Acknowledges that the awards are the electrical and communication subcontractors' highest accolade and the industry's most prestigious awards program in Tasmania.
- (3) Congratulates all entrants and finalists across all categories including technology innovation, management, workplace health and safety, and commercial expertise.
- (4) Further congratulates the award recipients, namely:—
- (a) Nelson South Electrical Contractor for the Energy Efficiency & Environment Project category;
  - (b) RBD Electrical for both the Industrial Small Project and Industrial Medium Project categories;
  - (c) Stowe Australia for the Commercial Small Project category; and
  - (d) Degree C for the Commercial Medium Project category.
- (5) Further recognises the outstanding performance and commitment to industry by the 2019 Apprentice Award winners, which were awarded to Marek Porter and Alexander Findlater.
- (6) Further congratulates all award winners, who will go on to represent the best that Tasmania has to offer in the National Industry Excellence and Apprentice Awards to be held in Brisbane in November. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that the Master Builders Awards for Excellence was held on 17 August 2019 in Hobart.
- (2) Acknowledges these awards celebrate Tasmania's builders who demonstrate excellence, professionalism and an utmost commitment to quality workmanship in the projects being constructed around the State.
- (3) Notes that there were 17 award category winners, highlighting the high level of achievement by individuals and organisations across Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes the special category winners, including:—
- (a) Residential Master Builder of the Year – AJR Construction;
  - (b) Commercial Master Builder of the Year and Specialist Contractor of the Year – Fairbrother Construction;
  - (c) Young Builder of the Year – Matthew Barwick, Barwick Developments;
  - (d) Tasmanian Apprentice of the Year – Adam Gelston, Fairbrother Construction; and
  - (e) Hands On Skill Apprentice of the Year – Matthew Bates, Faulker Building.
- (5) Commends every entrant and finalist, who exemplify the outstanding craftsmanship and commitment to building excellence that exists throughout Tasmania;

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- (6) Further congratulates all award winners, who will go on to showcase Tasmania's best in the National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards to be held at Uluru in the Northern Territory later in 2019. (3 September 2019)
- 154** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the significant body of work contained in the 409 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
  - (2) Further recognises the significant number of reforms that the Hodgman Liberal Government has already pursued in response to those recommendations.
  - (3) Notes the importance of these reforms to ensuring that the failings of the past are not repeated in the future.
  - (4) Commends the survivors and their advocates for continuing to lobby all Australian governments so as to ensure the momentum for change caused by the Royal Commission is not lost. (3 September 2019)
- 155** The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that there are a record 198 entries for the 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes which is a clear demonstration of the talent and enthusiasm across Tasmania's literary sector.
  - (2) Notes that 2019 judges include esteemed writers, academics and industry professionals, including Professor Lucy Frost, Jane Rawson, Dr Robert Clark, Dr Natasha Cica, Rohan Wilson and Dr Graeme Miles.
  - (3) Further notes that once the judging is complete, all of the books will be distributed to Tasmania's prison libraries.
  - (4) Acknowledges that the Premier's Literary Prizes are presented by the Tasmanian Government and also supported by the University of Tasmania and private philanthropists. (3 September 2019)
- 157** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges that under the Hodgman Liberal Government, the Australian Bureau of Statistic's labour force data for July 2019 shows 13,000 jobs have been created since we came to office.
  - (2) Notes that these results follow recent data confirming that our economy is the strongest growing in the nation.
  - (3) Further acknowledges that the NAB Monthly Business Survey results, for the seventh month in a row, found that Tasmania's business conditions are the best in the nation, three times better than the national result in trend terms.
  - (4) Recognises the latest Sensis Business Index also found that Tasmania's businesses are the most confident in the nation and the Deloitte Access Economics analysis revealed Tasmania has the best business conditions in the nation.
  - (5) Further acknowledge that Tasmanian small businesses currently employ more than 110,000 people across the State and are the powerhouse of our economy.
  - (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on such strong results and its commitment to continue to grow the economy and create jobs by supporting businesses to develop a higher skilled workforce; cut red tape and unlock investment opportunities in Tasmania. (3 September 2019)
- 158** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government saved the Mersey Community Hospital and that it was the Labor Party that wanted to shut it down, after selling the Mersey Hospital to the Federal Government for \$1.
  - (2) Notes that it was the Labor Party that left the neurology services in the North West in limbo for three years.
  - (3) Recognises that it was the Labor Party that did not commit to one more doctor in the North West or promise a single extra paramedic for the coast and, that it was under Labor, that Mersey funding was also dishonestly taken from the hospital and spent in the South.
  - (4) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman majority Government has invested in a life-saving helipad at the site and continues to invest a record \$83.7 million into the hospital in 2019-20, which includes a new 12 bed rehabilitation ward.

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- (5) Further notes that it is the Hodgman Liberal Government that has a strong record in funding for health, whereas Labor can't produce an alternative budget, they have no policies, they stand for nothing and now they are trying to con North West Coasters into believing they finally care.
- (6) Congratulates the Minister for Health, Hon. Sarah Courtney MP and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP with the full backing of this Government, working closely to ensure every aspect of health, including primary and prevention, community and acute, is performing at its very best. (3 September 2019)

**159** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is delivering on our commitment to improve education results in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that approximately 25,000 Tasmanian students in years 3,5,7 and 9 from all Government, Catholic and the vast majority of independent schools completed the 2019 NAPLAN tests.
- (3) Recognises that Tasmania's 2019 preliminary NAPLAN results show that years 3 and 9 writing are seeing improvements from 2018 and, along with reading, are one of our strongest domains.
- (4) Further notes that while the results are overall encouraging, they also show that numeracy and spelling remain an area for future focus.
- (5) Further acknowledges that this Government has invested significantly in literacy and numeracy initiatives, including the recently launched 'Literacy Framework and Plan for Action', and the Government's commitment to providing access to a Literacy Coach for every Tasmanian Government School, work is also now underway to develop a Numeracy Framework.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to improving educational outcomes in Tasmania by our record \$7.1 billion investment in education. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that Legacy Week is being held from 1 September to 7 September 2019.
- (2) Notes Legacy Week, first held in 1942, is the annual national appeal of Legacy Australia, an iconic national charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their Defence Force service.
- (3) Further notes that funds raised during Legacy Week go to helping Legacy care for around 60,000 Australians, including 859 widows and widowers and 19 children in southern Tasmania and 1,159 widows and widowers and five children across northern Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that funds raised assist Legacy in providing essential services including counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support to Australian families and also help assist the education of the children of our deceased veterans through contributions to school fees and resources and the hosting of recreational activities to grow their self-confidence.
- (5) Acknowledges that Legacy Australia grew out of the Remembrance Club, formed in Hobart in 1923 by one of the nation's foremost First World War heroes, Tasmanian Major-General Sir John Gellibrand KCB DSO and Bar—a fact that Tasmanians can be particularly proud of.
- (6) Congratulates the staff, Legatees and volunteers of Legacy—including the President of Legacy (Hobart), Mr Alec Young, Friends of Hobart Legacy and the President of Legacy (Launceston), Mr Russell Hogarth—for their tireless efforts in supporting the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans. (3 September 2019)

**161** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania's forest industry is continuing to achieve accolades and recognition for the premium products sourced from our production forests.
- (2) Further notes Hydrowood has recently been recognised for their premium Tasmanian timber products at the Australasian Timber Flooring Association (ATFA) Awards for excellence last week.

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- (3) Congratulates Hydrowood for taking out three awards at this event, including the significant prize of “Overall Winner – Floor of the Year Award”.
- (4) Further notes that this award winning floor was also showcased on Grand Designs Australia, providing significant positive exposure to the quality and premium timber products available here in Tasmania.
- (5) Acknowledges that the Tasmania’s world class forest practices system and reserve estate supports this renewable and sustainable industry to achieve global recognition and drive demand for our valuable wood products.
- (6) Supports the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government’s positive Strategic Growth Plan for Tasmania Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that 3 September 2019, is Australian National Flag Day, the annual day specifically dedicated to celebrating our national flag.
- (2) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day was officially established in 1996 by the proclamation of the former Governor-General Sir William Deane and celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901 over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne when then Prime Minister Edmund Barton announced the winners of a competition to design a flag for Australia.
- (3) Acknowledges the Australian National Flag as Australia’s foremost national symbol and a unifying and powerful expression of Australian identity.
- (4) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude upon the achievements and qualities of this great nation since Federation.
- (5) Further acknowledges the sterling work of the Australian National Flag Association in promoting and protecting our national symbol, whose work locally is led by Reg Watson.
- (6) Congratulates all individuals, community organisations, local authorities, businesses and schools across Tasmania that celebrated Australian National Flag Day by conducting flag-raising ceremonies and by flying or displaying the National Flag. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges with immense concern that the Arctic is on fire, the first glacier has melted in Iceland and we are in a climate emergency.
- (2) Understands that the Amazon rainforest is burning as a result of illegal land clearing, primarily for beef production.
- (3) Recognises that the Amazon, Arctic and forests around the planet are in large part, the lungs of the earth,
- (4) Accepts the 8 August 2019 report from the International Panel on Climate Change, that notes the critical part forests play in mitigating emissions and storing carbon
- (5) Further understands that business as usual is not an option for current and future generations, and that all jurisdictions and communities have an obligation to make significant changes in the unfolding climate emergency.
- (6) Celebrates the 20 African countries that have joined together to plant a giant wall of trees that will run 7000 kilometres across their continent to stop the spread of the Sahara Desert.
- (7) Further accepts the protection of existing carbon-sequestering forests are critical to a safe climate.
- (8) Calls on the Liberal and Labor Parties to heed the science and recognise their moral responsibility to support the ongoing protection of the 356,000ha of high conservation value, carbon banking forest set aside under the Tasmanian Forest Agreement. (4 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges 3 September 2019, was Merchant Navy Day, which is commemorated on the anniversary of the sinking of the first British merchant vessel during World War II, and in 2019 it falls on the 80th anniversary of when Australia entered the Second World War.



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- (2) Further acknowledges that the Merchant Navy Day illustrates the important contribution mariners have made to Australia's economic growth and prosperity in peace time and in war.
- (3) Notes that the Merchant Navy of the whole British Empire, which included the Australian Merchant Fleet, suffered proportionately the highest casualties of any of the allied services in the Second World War.
- (4) Further notes that thirty thousand two hundred and forty eight British Empire merchant seamen who served at sea under the red ensign lost their lives doing so with the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs nominal roll recording 3,500 Australian merchant seamen serving in World War II in Australian registered ships.
- (5) Recognises the Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial, located in Triabunna, on Tasmania's East Coast, which honours the lives of all Tasmanian seafarers who lost their lives at sea, including those who served in the armed forces. (4 September 2019)

**166** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that National Stroke Week 2019 is taking place from 2-8 September 2019.
- (2) Further notes that the theme for National Stroke Week in 2019 is "F.A.S.T. Heroes" – recognising the everyday heroes who have spotted the signs of a stroke and called an ambulance straight away.
- (3) Further notes the F.A.S.T. test helps us to remember the stroke signs we need to watch out for and what to do if you suspect somebody is having a stroke:—
  - (a) Face – has the person's face dropped;
  - (b) Arms – can they lift both arms;
  - (c) Speech – is the person's speech slurred and can they understand what is being said; and
  - (d) Time – calling 000 as soon as possible is critical.
- (4) Congratulates the Stroke Foundation for their outstanding work to provide support for people living with stroke and raising awareness of stroke both locally and nationally.
- (5) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's strong investment in boosting access to stroke services and support, including \$440,000 of funding provided to the Stroke Foundation in 2018 and the new stroke telemedicine service which will commence later in 2019 thanks to the recruitment of full time neurologists to service the North and North-West. (5 September 2019)

**167** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Women's Health Week, which takes place from September 2 -6, with the theme of movement – Put your best foot forward for your health.
- (2) Notes the two biggest barriers for women not maintaining a healthy lifestyle is 'lack of time' and 'health not being a priority'.
- (3) Further notes that Women's Health Week serves as a timely reminder to all women that they need to look after themselves, inside and out.
- (4) Supports the Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2019-2021, which focuses on four priority areas – financial security, leaderships and participation, safety and health and wellbeing.
- (5) Acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government has taken strong action on this issue, including investment of \$435,200 to Women's Health Tasmania to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Tasmanian women, especially women vulnerable to poorer health. \$398,100 was also allocated to The Link Youth Health Services to provide an implement services which improve the health and wellbeing of young people, noting that young women represent the majority of service clients.
- (6) Encourages individuals, communities and workplaces to get involved by sharing our health messages, hosting an event and encouraging as many women as possible to sign up to the week. (5 September, 2019)

**168** The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Government has a duty to protect those who protect us.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman majority Liberal Government makes no apology for taking strong action to protect people from the scourge of drugs and violence.
- (3) Further notes Labor's track record of siding with the Greens when it came to the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's strong action to protect Tasmanians by

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cracking down on serious organised crime and outlaw motorcycle gangs, even against the advice of Tasmania Police and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

- (4) Further notes that just like the Greens, Labor opposed and continue to oppose guaranteed prison time for assaults on off duty police officers.
- (5) Further notes that Labor together with the Greens opposed and continue to oppose protections for our frontline workers and oppose guaranteed prison time for criminals who assault our frontline workers.
- (6) Further notes that Labor just like the Greens, consistently opposes guaranteed prison time for serious child sex offenders.
- (7) Further notes that Labor, like the Greens, has no policies to support the police in their role to protect the Tasmanian community.
- (8) Would welcome the Government bringing forward new legislation to guarantee prison time for assaults on frontline workers and serious child sex offenders. (5 September 2019)

**169** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House condemns the Hodgman Liberal Government for its reckless mismanagement of wildlife in Tasmania that is driving species towards extinction. (5 September 2019)

**170** Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tas Ports has called for \$80 million to be invested in the Burnie Port to deliver the upgrades outlined in the Burnie Port Masterplan.
- (2) Confirms that the Hodgman Liberal Government has failed to allocate any State money to the project in the 10 year infrastructure pipeline released during the week commencing 2 September 2019.
- (3) Acknowledges the potential for job-expansion in mining, agriculture, forestry and tourism relies on upgrades at the Burnie Port.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has failed to invest in a project that is crucial to protect and grow Tasmanian jobs at a time when the state desperately needs leadership on jobs.
- (5) Further notes that businesses have told Tasmanian Labor that capacity constraints at the Burnie Port are costing them thousands and are particularly jeopardizing new jobs and investment in the minerals sector.
- (6) Further acknowledges that more than 5,100 full time Tasmanian jobs have been lost in the past year with the North-West and West Coast suffering severely under the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (7) Further confirms that this is yet another example of how people on the North-West Coast and in regional Tasmania are being left behind by the Hodgman Liberal Government. (10 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges the critical role forests play in carbon sequestration and oxygen production.
- (2) Understands that to prevent the extremes of global heating the carbon that is in the ground, must stay in the ground.
- (3) Calls on the Labor and Liberal Parties to support the protection of the 356,000ha of high conservation value, carbon-rich forests set aside under the Tasmanian Forests Agreement. (10 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that 15 September 2019 is Battle of Britain Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who fought and died in the Battle of Britain, history's first entirely aerial campaign and a strategic turning point of the Second World War.
- (2) Notes that the Battle occurred over the United Kingdom between 10 July 1940 and 31 October 1940 between the air forces of Nazi Germany and the then British Empire and Commonwealth.
- (3) Further notes that Allied success in the Battle was pivotal in seeing the planned seaborne invasion of the United Kingdom by Hitler's Germany cancelled, allowing the British Isles to eventually become the springboard from which the invasion of occupied Europe was performed, leading to the liberation of millions under Nazi oppression.

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- (4) Pays tribute to 'The Few', as Winston Churchill immortally named the fighter pilots fighting in the skies over Britain, for their service, courage and sacrifice, including more than thirty Australians, 14 of whom died in the Battle including Flight Lieutenant Stuart Walch, of Hobart, who attended the Hutchins School before joining the RAAF.
- (5) Acknowledges that over this coming weekend, a memorial service commemorating the Battle will be held at St David's Cathedral and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence Force, foreign militaries, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending and encourages all Tasmanians to pay their respects. (10 September 2019)

**175** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Party Government is working with primary producers to develop their exports, particularly into key Asian markets.
- (2) Notes that Tasmanian growers will be showcasing our produce at Hong Kong's Fruit Logistics in the week 10 - 13 September 2019 - which attracts more than 13,000 buyers from over 76 countries enabling Tasmanian producers to connect with key buyers and importers across Asia.
- (3) Further notes in 2019 Fruit Growers Tasmania has partnered with Brand Tasmania to exhibit at Asia Fruit logistics in their own right under the unique Tasmanian banner of 'the quiet pursuit of the extraordinary.'
- (4) Further acknowledges that Tasmania's brand is one of our State's greatest assets and Tasmanian growers will affirm their commitment to exceptional quality which is expected to boost export demand for our premium horticultural products.
- (5) Further notes that a key priority in our Trade Strategy is to build the export capability of local businesses and growing our agricultural exports will help deliver our target to grow the annual farm gate value of Tasmanian agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.
- (6) Recognises that over 80 per cent of Tasmania's exports are consigned to the Asian region, with China and Hong Kong alone accounting for 35 per cent of total Tasmanian exports.
- (7) Further acknowledges that the Tasmanian Government is committed to empowering businesses to take their products to the world, so that the Tasmanian economy continues to grow, creating local jobs. (10 September 2019)

**176** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the '2018 – 19 Preliminary Outcomes Report', confirmed that the Hodgman Liberal Government, has delivered a balanced State Budget, returning a modest surplus of \$101.9 million.
- (2) Notes that the same Report shows the Government is on track to deliver a surplus for the fourth year in a row of approximately 1.6 per cent of revenue.
- (3) Further acknowledges that the NAB Monthly Business Survey results, for the seventh month in a row, found that Tasmania's business conditions are the best in the nation, three times better than the national result in trend terms.
- (4) Recognises that the this Government continues to have a strong balance sheet, holds net cash and investments, as opposed to net debt.
- (5) Further acknowledges that only by keeping the Budget strong can we deliver record investments in health, education and infrastructure. (10 September 2019)

**177** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tourism contributes more than \$3 billion to Tasmania's economy.
- (2) Notes that our Tourism industry supports approximately 38,000 jobs—15.6% of total employment across the State.
- (3) Records that the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to invest strongly into our visitor economy, ensuring all regions reap the benefits.
- (4) Recognises that as a part of our 2019-20 Budget, this Government has committed \$20 million into the 'Regional Loan Attraction Scheme' that provides low interest loans of up to \$1 million for business to invest in new job creating tourism projects.
- (5) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for continuing to support visitor growth in Tasmania by:—
  - (a) supporting Tourism Tasmania marketing;
  - (b) growing the number of flights to the north of the State;

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- (c) launching the Western Wilds drive journey and the next iconic walk;
- (d) investing \$72 million in our 'Roads to Support Tasmania's Visitor Economy' program; and
- (e) investing in the 'Event Attraction Fund' which helps attract major events to regional centres. (10 September 2019)

**178** Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the purchase of Specialty Veneers timber processing business by Britton Timbers.
- (2) Notes that Specialty Veneers is a productive member of the Tasmanian timber industry producing a premium range of products for the joinery and furniture industries.
- (3) Further notes that Specialty Veneers also manufacture and supply a number of quality solid Tasmanian timber species under the Corinna Timbers name.
- (4) Congratulates the famous Tasmanian timber industry family business, Britton Timbers on their announcement in late August 2019 of the purchase of the Specialty Veneers company.
- (5) Further notes that Britton Timbers now employ in excess of 180 people, the majority of which live in regional areas.
- (6) Further notes that this purchase is a vote of confidence in the Tasmanian timber industry, helping secure the future of over 20 employees in the North West region.
- (7) Further acknowledges the industry's confidence, backed by the solid support of the Hodgman Liberal Government. (10 September 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that the Honourable Member for Murchison, Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC, has been acknowledged for her hard work and policy backbone as the only Tasmanian in the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence Awards for 2019.
- (2) Acknowledges that women who lead in their field should always be celebrated, and that this inspires women and girls to aspire to achieve.
- (3) Recognises that when women work together, positive change happens.
- (4) Warmly congratulates Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC for being listed one of the one hundred most influential women in Australia. (11 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that 14 September 2019, is National Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Day, an annual day of remembrance for Australian military and police personnel who have served in peacekeeping operations across the globe.
- (2) Notes that this day is the 72nd anniversary of the United Nations' first peacekeeping mission in 1947—an operation which consisted of four Australian military officers on the UN Good Offices Commission in the then Dutch East Indies, now known as Indonesia.
- (3) Further notes that since this date, over 77,000 Australian defence and Police Force personnel have participated in at least 73 operations in 64 different countries.
- (4) Commends our Tasmanian peacekeepers and their families for their service and the invaluable contribution they have made toward achieving peace in areas of need.
- (5) Acknowledges the members of the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veteran's Association – Tasmania Division.
- (6) Pays tribute to the 16 Australians who have died on UN peacekeeping operations since 1948. (12 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that 29 September 2019, is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Landcare Tasmania, the peak body working to represent, support, strengthen and grow Tasmania's community Landcare network.
- (2) Acknowledges that since 1994, Landcare Tasmania has been helping local groups care for Tasmania's unique environment and coasts and is the oldest state based Landcare organisation in Australia.
- (3) Notes that Landcare Tasmania now supports over 240 community Landcare groups across the State and approximately 4,400 regular members and volunteers who provide

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an incredible 135,000 hours of voluntary effort to help improve the health of our natural and working environments.

- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government's support of Landcare in Tasmania includes doubling funding to Landcare Tasmania to \$960,000 over four years and establishing a \$1.8 million Landcare Grants Program, delivered in partnership with the TFGA and Landcare Tasmania, to provide grants to farmers, Landcare and other community organisations for practical, on-ground works.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the first round of the Landcare Grants Program was announced on 31 August 2019 at Sillwood near Carrick, with more than \$200,000 provided in funding for 38 projects, attracting in kind contributions of around \$270,000—a tremendous example of the Government and community working together.
- (6) Further notes that Landcare Tasmania's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference will be held from 25 – 27 October 2019, including the 2019 Landcare Awards Dinner on Saturday 26 October 2019 and the inaugural presentation of the Premier's Landcare Award.
- (7) Commends the staff at Landcare Tasmania, including CEO Rod Knight and Chair George Rance, for their hard work and efforts in promoting and supporting the Landcare movement across the State. (24 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that the 6th Longford Jazz Festival took place from 20 September to 22 September 2019.
- (2) Appreciates the Festival was a celebration of everything that is special and unique about jazz music, including an impressive range of performers from around the State and Country.
- (3) Acknowledges the 2019 Festival included a program of events celebrating key elements of jazz culture and music and included events around Perth and Longford, highlighted by a Saturday Night Jazz Concert at the Town Hall in Longford and traditional gospel service at Christchurch Longford on Sunday.
- (4) Commends the many performing artists and guest bands including St Patrick's School Band, Ross Challender's Little Big Band and Django Tiger involved with the Festival, which came from all around the State and beyond, showcasing their incredible talent.
- (5) Congratulates pianist Bruce Gourlay, recipient of the 2019 Peter Voss Memorial Award, and drummer Vicki Patterson, recipient of the 'Encouragement Award'.
- (6) Further congratulates Don Ives, for his leadership and vision to first start the music Festival in 2014, and Dee Alty for her commitment in helping organise the 2019 event.
- (7) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Festival and also the Longford community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting what is a growing Festival each year. (24 September 2019)

**186** The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes preliminary works have begun on the \$70 million Southern Remand Centre project at the Risdon Prison site.
- (2) Further notes the contract for these works has been awarded to Tasmanian construction company the Hazell Brothers Group.
- (3) Further notes that more than 130 jobs are expected to be created during construction of the 140-bed facility, with 50 ongoing jobs created upon completion.
- (4) Further notes this major infrastructure project is part of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's \$350 million prison infrastructure program to build capacity in the system and fix ageing infrastructure. (24 September 2019)

**187** The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes support of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's sensible remission reform.
- (2) Acknowledges the policy backflip by the Labor Opposition, which previously strongly opposed remission reform then supported it days after the Labor spokesperson said they would not back it.
- (3) Encourages Labor to perform a further backflip and support guaranteed jail time for child sex offenders and for violent criminals that assault our frontline workers including ambulance officers, child safety officers, correctional services officers and

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community corrections officers, nurses and midwives, and medical orderlies and hospital attendants.

- (4) Notes that Labor still has no credibility on law and order and has no long-term plan to keep Tasmanians safe. (24 September 2019)

**188** The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the amazing results achieved by horses and participants in Tasmania's thoroughbred racing sector during racing season 2018/2019.
- (2) Congratulates the winners of awards announced at the recent Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Awards.
- (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's strong commitment to growing Tasmania's racing industry and the many social and economic benefits it provides to Tasmania. (24 September 2019)

**189** The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the long lists for the 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes have been announced.
- (2) Notes that Danielle Wood, Richard Flanagan and Robbie Arnott are among many notable Tasmanian authors whose books have been long listed for these prizes.
- (3) Further notes that the 2019 long lists, represents a remarkable range of interests, and is also a wonderful starting point for those who want to read some of the best work by Tasmanians, or about Tasmania.
- (4) Acknowledges the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's support of the \$25,000 Tasmania Book Prize for the best book with Tasmanian content in any genre. (24 September 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*