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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

No. 15

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

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- 13** Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
- (a) a worrying increase in offending behaviour apparently motivated by racial hatred;
  - (b) that racism is not acceptable in any form and that it is important that our legal frameworks provide both protections from hate related offending, as well as mechanisms to take action when offending is motivated by hatred; and
  - (c) that crimes can be motivated by many forms of hatred including racism as well as homophobia, transphobia, disability discrimination and other forms of hatred.
- (2) Recognises:—
- (a) that section 11B of the Sentencing Act 1997 allows for racial motivation to be taken into account as an aggravating factor in sentencing offenders;
  - (b) that other than racially motivated offending, the Sentencing Act is deficient as the court cannot take into account other forms of hatred as aggravating factors in sentencing;
  - (c) that Tasmania’s laws must be modernised to allow for hateful motivation for offending to be recognised much earlier in the criminal justice process, not just on sentencing; and
  - (d) that other Australian jurisdictions have ‘hate crime’ legislation.
- (3) Agrees:—
- (a) that Tasmania needs new laws that allow charges to reflect a known hateful motivation – commonly known as ‘hate crime’ legislation;
  - (b) that amendments are required to the Police Offences Act 1935, Criminal Code 1924 and Sentencing Act 1997 to create new offences that recognise hateful motivation for offending; and
  - (c) that Tasmania Police also require tools to record and charge when offending or alleged offending are apparently motivated by hatred. (11 June 2024)
- 14** Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
- (a) the systemic issues facing the Tasmanian health system surrounding bed block, access to hospitals and flow within Tasmanian public hospitals and Emergency Departments; and
  - (b) the release on 7 May 2024 of ‘the Independent Review of Tasmania’s Major Hospital Emergency Departments’.
- (2) Appreciates the incredible work performed by workers across the entire health system in Tasmania.
- (3) Recognises the impact felt by the Tasmanian public when it comes to access to timely preventative as well as acute health care.
- (4) Establishes a Select Committee, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon health, with the following terms of reference and rules:—
- (a) that the Committee inquire into and report upon the following:—

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- (i) Identifying the root causes of bed block and access and flow issues within our health system;
  - (ii) reviewing the current bed numbers and associated staffing levels, in relation to community need, taking into account our aging demographic and anticipated need in the coming decade and beyond;
  - (iii) investigating the impact of bed block and access and flow issues on patient outcomes, healthcare delivery and workforce morale;
  - (iv) numbers and circumstances of adverse events across Tasmania's public hospital settings;
  - (v) developing evidence-based recommendations and strategies to address the root causes of bed block and hospital access to optimise patient flow in Tasmania's health system; and
  - (vi) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (b) that the Committee consist of seven members: two nominated by the Premier, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one of whom shall be the Chair, one nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, one nominated by the Jacqui Lambie Network, Tasmania and one Independent Member; and
- (c) that the Committee report by 28 November, 2024. (11 June 2024)

**16** Mr *Winter* to move—That:—

- (1) a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records to inquire into and report upon:—
  - (a) the delivery of the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels and associated infrastructure;
  - (b) the decision by TT-Line to vary the terms of the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels, including its adherence to caretaker conventions; and
  - (c) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee shall be four, being:—
  - (a) one from the Government, nominated by the Leader of the House;
  - (b) one from the Opposition, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
  - (c) one from the Jacqui Lambie Network; and
  - (d) one Independent Member, nominated by the Mover.
- (3) The Committee shall report by 31 July 2024. (11 June 2024)

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

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) leaked information from TasRacing shows, the Hon. Jane Howlett MP, Minister for Racing and TasRacing are once again considering building the NW track at Mill Road; and
  - (b) greyhound and harness participants were asked to comment on their thoughts on building two tracks at Mill Road, as well as other projects in a leaked table.
- (2) Further notes that:—
  - (a) one of the options listed is to build a greyhound and harness track at Spreyton, an option previously ruled out;
  - (b) the Development Application for Mill Road is currently waiting on appeal; and
  - (c) pressure is mounting on the Hon. Jane Howlett and Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier from harness and greyhound racing participants.
- (3) Acknowledges the racing industry supports hundreds of jobs, small businesses and regional communities on the North-West Coast, but the mess the Liberals have created over the past few years has placed this support at risk.
- (4) Calls on the Government to provide the industry with the certainty that it needs and deliver the new tracks that it promised. (11 June 2024)

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

- (1) Notes the open letter to the Federal Minister for Health, Hon. Mark Butler MP, from State and Territory Health Ministers dated 13 June 2024.
- (2) Recognises that every State and Territory Government is investing unprecedented funding to boost public hospital capacity, beds and workforce.

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- (3) Further notes that the steady decline of General Practice over the past decade is being felt across the country and difficulty for Tasmanians to access bulk billing.
- (4) Further notes that Tasmanians are stuck for weeks in hospital beds waiting for places in Federal Government funded aged care facilities, in-home support, or the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- (5) Further recognises that all State and Territory Governments are currently spending billions of dollars to intervene in what are Federal Government responsibilities.
- (6) Agrees to advocate to the Federal Government for:—
  - (a) commitment to implementing a fair health funding agreement that will deliver 45 per cent minimum funding for every person treated in public hospitals in a reasonable and clear timeframe;
  - (b) a further increase in General Practice Medicare bulk billing incentives;
  - (c) a Federal Government program that requires aged care providers to care for every eligible aged care patient who is stuck in hospital; and
  - (d) lifting the Federal Government restrictions on the number of medical school places in Australia to build a local workforce and enable young Australians to pursue a career in medicine. (18 June 2024)

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

- (1) Notes that 21 June 2024 is Global Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Awareness Day. MND Associations across the world use the day to raise awareness and funds.
- (2) Recognises that MND affects over 420,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, which is 384 new cases every day.
- (3) Further notes that over 2,000 Australians are living with MND, including more than 40 Tasmanians. MND Australia reports more than 2 people per day die from MND.
- (4) Further recognises:—
  - (a) that MND not only affects the person with motor neurone disease but also directly or indirectly effects on average 14 other friends and relatives; and
  - (b) the vital services provided by MND Tasmania such as information, advocacy and support for people living with MND and their families. The Advisor service is crucial in providing this support.
- (5) Further notes that each year the MND community raise public awareness about MND, ensuring that the broader community understands the challenges faced by those with the condition. Through educational campaigns, fundraising events, such as ‘Big Freeze 10’, and collaborative efforts with healthcare professionals, they strive to bring attention to the urgent need for research and better treatment options. (18 June 2024)

### 25 Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) fodder levels in Tasmania are extremely low;
  - (b) farmers experienced a poor fodder season in 2023;
  - (c) a very dry summer and autumn in 2024;
  - (d) the lack of feed is rapidly becoming a serious animal welfare issue in Tasmania;
  - (e) there is surplus feed available on mainland Australia;
  - (f) there will be competing interests for this surplus feed;
  - (g) farmers are willing and able to pay for feed;
  - (h) high freight costs to deliver feed across Bass Strait is a barrier for farmers; and
  - (i) a number of vessels operating across Bass Strait are due to go into dry dock.
- (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to act with urgency to support farmers with freight costs during this difficult time. (19 June 2024)

### 26 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that since coming to Government in 2014, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has:—
  - (a) employed more than 2,500 additional health workers, with a further 500 since the recruitment blitz began in April 2024;
  - (b) employed more than 1,000 full-time additional education staff, including 435 full time teachers; and

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- (c) increased police numbers by over 31 per cent, taking police numbers to the highest on record.
- (2) Further notes that the Tasmanian Liberal Government's continued investment in our frontline services has delivered more frontline workers than ever before in the State's history.
- (3) Recognises that under our '2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future,' the Rockliff Liberal Government will continue to invest in our frontline workforce by:—
  - (a) recruiting an additional 78 full-time paramedics;
  - (b) recruiting 10 state-employed GPs for a new GP rapid response team;
  - (c) recruiting an additional 60 full-time Police Officers;
  - (d) recruiting an additional twenty-five maths and science teachers;
  - (e) investing \$1.2m in more biosecurity officers;
  - (f) providing \$1.5 million to recruit additional field officers to support and train our fire and emergency services personnel.
- (4) Agrees that:—
  - (a) the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dean Winter MP cannot be trusted to protect frontline workers, after promising \$2 billion in cuts at the election; and
  - (b) Tasmania cannot afford to go back to the dark old days when Labor sacked a nurse a day for nine months and sent 108 police officers to the welfare line. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises:—
  - (a) the significant shortage of housing in Tasmania and the negative impact this has on rental affordability and home ownership; and
  - (b) the vacant University of Tasmania (UTAS) land in Sandy Bay could provide nearly 2,000 new homes, close to existing infrastructure, public transport routes and community facilities such as schools.
- (2) Expresses its concern about:—
  - (a) the rapidly declining number of Year 11 and 12 STEM students in Tasmania;
  - (b) the programs being run by Victorian universities to poach Tasmania's top STEM students, which include flying students to Melbourne to view their superior STEM facilities;
  - (c) the inability of UTAS to fund a new, state of the art STEM facility, currently estimated to cost \$500 million, as a result of the Liberals' policy;
  - (d) the terrible signal the Liberals' policy sends to investors, by pulling the rug out from under a development process that has been underway for nearly a decade
  - (e) the Liberals' willingness to side with Greens to stop a major development in Tasmania.
- (3) Further recognises that constructing 2,000 new homes at Sandy Bay and a \$500 million STEM facility would create thousands of safe, secure, well-paid jobs, and hundreds of apprenticeships.
- (4) Strongly supports the University's City Move, which will lead to more housing, better educational facilities, a stronger CBD and more jobs. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the importance of honesty, transparency and accountability from Government Ministers.
- (2) Notes that:—
  - (a) on 15 May 2024, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP was asked whether the cost of the planned upgrades at Devonport Port, originally estimated at \$90 million, had "blown out to around \$350 million";

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- (b) the question was taken on notice by the Premier; and
  - (c) the Leader of the House and Minister for Transport, Hon Eric Abetz MP later informed the House that he could “advise the House the answer is no.”
- (3) Further notes that on 25 June 2024:—
- (a) the Government admitted the cost of the upgrades was in fact \$375 million; and
  - (b) the Premier subsequently claimed, via a spokesperson, that he had not misled the House because “the revised estimate was not available” when Parliament was informed the cost was not approximately \$350 million.
- (4) Further notes that on 28 June 2024, TT-Line told the Public Accounts Committee that:—
- (a) the Government had been advised of the cost escalations in December 2023; and
  - (b) the Treasurer, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP wrote to TT-Line on 8 January 2024 approving a \$290 million increase in the company’s borrowing limit, “noting the request is driven by increased cost estimates for the new terminal infrastructure in Devonport”.
- (5) Refers the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, and the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Eric Abetz MP, to the Privileges and Conduct Committee for misleading Parliament over the substantial cost escalations with the wharf upgrades at Devonport Port. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises that after 10 years of the Liberals:—
  - (a) Tasmania does not have enough power, and is now regularly relying on gas and coal-fired power imported from the mainland;
  - (b) Tasmania has turned away at least a dozen major businesses seeking to invest in Tasmania because Hydro cannot supply them with power; and
  - (c) Tasmania’s net zero status is at risk.
- (2) Notes:—
  - (a) the announcement by the Federal Coalition of a policy to establish nuclear reactors across Australia; and
  - (b) that in announcing the policy the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, attacked the installation of “industrial wind turbines” and “new transmission lines.”
- (3) Expresses its concern about the impact of the Coalition’s policy on the viability of:—
  - (a) Marinus Link:—
  - (b) the North West Transmission Development;
  - (c) pumped Hydro projects; and
  - (d) proposed windfarms at Robbins Island and Whaleback Ridge.
- (4) Calls on the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to put Tasmania’s interests ahead of the Liberal Party’s interests and formally request the Federal Coalition abandon its nuclear policy due the disastrous effect it would have on the construction of new windfarms, Tasmanian jobs, our economy, and our status as one of the only modern net zero economies in the world. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the importance of honesty, transparency and accountability from Government Ministers.
- (2) Notes that on 1 December 2022, in relation to the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels, the Treasurer, Hon Michael Ferguson MP told a Parliamentary

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Committee the Government had “a fixed-price contract” in place and “there is not a view that the price has changed”.

- (3) Further notes:—
- (a) the recent admission from TT-Line that in April 2022, approximately eight months prior to the Treasurer’s testimony, the price had in fact been increased by €8 million;
  - (b) the Treasurer had been advised of this price increase in a letter from TT-Line dated 25 April 2022; and
  - (c) the Treasurer has failed to correct the record or provide any explanation of his conduct.
- (4) Refers the Treasurer, the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to the Privileges and Conduct Committee for misleading Parliament in relation to the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Notes the peaceful protests by hundreds of thousands of people across Bangladesh against the reinstatement of politically biased quotas for government jobs.
- (2) Acknowledges the appalling images and witness testimony of police vehicles being used to run down protestors, and allegations that government security forces have used live ammunition and extreme violence against peaceful civilians.
- (3) Recognises the government-sponsored violence in Bangladesh has reportedly caused the death of almost 200 citizens, and the arrest of at least 9000 others, simply for exercising their democratic right to peaceful protest.
- (4) Condemns the abuse of government power as a response to these protests, including the violence by police and security services, and the communications blackout that blocked internet access for 170 million Bangladeshis for over a week.
- (5) Further acknowledges the emotional impact on Tasmanian Bangladeshi residents who are witnessing this violence and unable to contact the people they love and others in their community due to the media blackout.
- (6) Calls on the Tasmanian Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to make a representation to the Australian Prime Minister, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP asking him to support the international demands to condemn the extreme violence used, to uphold human rights in Bangladesh, and to ensure open communications in the country. (30 July 2024)

**34** Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that after 10 years of the Liberals, Tasmania is in record debt, despite the State having zero net debt and more than \$200 million in the bank when the Liberals were first elected.
- (2) Expresses its concern that over the next four years, Tasmanian taxpayers will have to fund approximately \$1 billion in interest repayments on the Liberals’ record debt.
- (3) Observes that a contributing factor to the Liberals’ record debt is their inability to manage major infrastructure projects within budget, with recent examples including the Bridgewater Bridge (\$210 million), the upgrades to the Devonport Port (\$285 million) and the Spirit of Tasmania vessels (approximately \$100 million).
- (4) Notes these cost blowouts are not routinely disclosed to Parliament or to Tasmanians.
- (5) Orders the Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to table an updated cost estimate for every infrastructure project in the Government’s infrastructure pipeline by 5pm on 8 August 2024, and to do so every six months thereafter. (30 July 2024)

**36** Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP’s clear and repeated commitment that he would not spend more than \$375 million of Tasmanian taxpayer money on the Macquarie Point stadium.
- (2) Orders the Minister for Sport, the Hon. Nic Street MP, to provide the House with a breakdown of all expenditures to date, as well as committed expenditures, relating to the Macquarie Point stadium, by 5pm on Thursday 8 August 2024.

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- (3) Further orders the Minister for Sport and Events, to provide the House an updated version of the above information every three months until the project is completed. (30 July 2024)

**37** Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the July 2024 NAB Monthly Business Survey shows that the Tasmanian Liberal Government's '2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future' is working, with Tasmania recording the strongest business confidence and the most favourable business conditions in Australia.
- (2) Further notes that the NAB report shows that Tasmania's business conditions are by far superior to those in other states and nearly double the business environment in second-ranked Queensland.
- (3) Recognises:—
  - (a) that the re-election of the Tasmanian Liberal Government has provided business and industry with renewed stability and confidence allowing them to invest and grow;
  - (b) that the ABS has released data that shows unemployment is at a record low of 3.8% in Tasmania.
- (4) Agrees that Tasmania has come a long way since the dark days of the last Labor-Green Government which resulted in an economic recession, soaring unemployment and rock-bottom business confidence.
- (5) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dean Winter MP and Tasmanian Labor to stop talking down the Tasmanian economy and instead outline an alternative Budget that supports Tasmanian businesses and industry. (30 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the importance of DonateLife Week taking place from 28 July 2024 to 4 August 2024, as a time to come together, learn, share stories and celebrate the gift of life that organ and tissue donation represents.
- (2) Emphasises that organ and tissue donation is a powerful act of kindness and generosity.
- (3) Considers the real-life scenarios of individuals awaiting transplants, including children, mothers and fathers.
- (4) Notes:—
  - (a) the shortage of registered donors and the urgent need to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation;
  - (b) around 48 per cent of Tasmanians are currently registered organ donors, compared to 36 per cent nationally.
- (5) Promotes the ease of becoming a donor to inform the public that registering as an organ and tissue donor is a simple process that can save multiple lives.
- (6) Encourages open and honest conversations with family and loved ones about someone's decision to become an organ donor to ensure that these wishes are understood and honoured.
- (7) Extends gratitude to those who are already registered donors and their selflessness and compassion, which serve as an inspiration to others.
- (8) Urges all Tasmanians to:—
  - (a) consider organ donation, promoting DonateLife Week as an opportunity to give the gift of life; and
  - (b) register as an organ donor at [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au). (31 July 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the threat to lutruwita/Tasmania's communities and environment from climate change and inappropriate development.
- (2) Notes that Tasmania's State of the Environment Report is a decade overdue, despite being a requirement in the 'State Policies and Projects Act 1993'.
- (3) Acknowledges the Government had no plan to comply with the statutory requirement before threatened legal action by the Australia Institute and the Environmental Defenders Office.
- (4) Further notes the already-late 2024 State of the Environment Report has been further delayed by two months, because the Tasmanian Planning Commission doesn't have enough resources to meet the deadline.

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- (5) Further notes the 'Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008' requires an Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan for the transport sector be developed by 30 November 2024.
- (6) Recognises this Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan is more than eight months overdue.
- (7) Further notes that a further five sectoral plans are required in the next four months under the Act, and only a draft Plan for the waste sector has been released.
- (8) Further notes the Tasmanian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report was expected in mid-2024 and has not been released, despite Tasmania's emissions being recorded in the Government Gazette on 5 June 2024.
- (9) Calls on the Government to recognise the threat of climate change, and release the overdue State of the Environment Report, Transport Sector Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan and Tasmanian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report immediately. (31 July 2024)

### 41 Ms Brown to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges:—
  - (a) the pressing need for comprehensive and effective strategies to address and prevent family violence within our communities;
  - (b) that family violence remains a pervasive and critical issue affecting communities across Tasmania and the nation; and
  - (c) that addressing family violence requires a coordinated and multi-faceted approach, incorporating prevention, support, and intervention strategies to ensure the safety and well-being of Tasmanians.
- (2) Recognises:—
  - (a) the profound and detrimental impact of family violence on individuals, families, and society, including significant physical, emotional, and psychological harm; and
  - (b) the failure of the minority Liberal Government to adequately protect Tasmanian women and children from gendered violence over the past decade, despite the urgency of the issue.
- (3) Calls on the Government to make the prevention of family violence a top priority by committing to allocate the resources necessary to organisations working against family violence and ensuring that these organisations have the support needed to effectively carry out their vital work. (1 August 2024)

### 45 Ms Rosol to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands:—
  - (a) Tasmania is in the depths of a terrible health crisis; and
  - (b) the Liberal Government has neglected the health system for its entire decade in office, and continues to do so.
- (2) Recognises:—
  - (a) patients are being put at greater risk due to this neglect;
  - (b) staff are going above and beyond to help patients, but are being let down by a Government that won't provide the health system with the resources, focus, or reform it needs.
- (3) Notes:—
  - (a) the Rockliff Government was recently exposed for introducing vacancy control measures within the Department of Health; and
  - (b) that since this revelation the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hon. Guy Barnett MP has repeatedly implied vacancy control measures won't apply to patient-facing roles (e.g. nurses).
- (4) Acknowledges the Acting Health Secretary, Dale Webster admitted on the weekend that vacancy controls would apply to nurses.
- (5) Accepts the Minister for Health has misled Tasmanians about this matter in an attempt to deflect scrutiny for a decision he knows is deeply unpopular in the community.



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- (6) Orders the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to table a list of roles in the Department of Health that are not exempt from vacancy control measures. (6 August 2024)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*