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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 65

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023

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- 179** Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes power prices have increased 22.5% since June 2022, putting substantial pressure on Tasmanians during a cost of living crisis.
 - (2) Further notes the Government broke its 2018 election policy to de-link from the National Electricity Market (NEM) and its 2021 election policy to implement a price cap should there be high volatility in the NEM.
 - (3) Further notes the Liberal Party's website continues to claim the Liberal Government will implement a price cap in the event of 'volatility', but the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, has repeatedly refused to do so.
 - (4) Calls on the Premier to immediately remove the relevant section from the Liberal Party's website before any more Tasmanians are deceived by his false promises. (12 September 2023)
- 180** Ms *White* to move—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion 167 from being debated forthwith. (12 September 2023)
- 182** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Liberal Government has created and overseen a housing crisis in Tasmania, with the housing waiting list doubling over the past 10 years, wait times quadrupling, rents soaring and home ownership rates declining.
 - (2) Further notes the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, and his Government deliberately misled Tasmanians about its 2022-23 housing 'delivery' by claiming 132 homes as 'new supply' when they were in fact purchased off the private market, making no net impact on housing supply in Tasmania.
 - (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that 81 of the homes purchased by Homes Tasmania are already tenanted, and 70 of these are occupied by people whose rents are subsidised and therefore cannot afford to rent a home on the private market; and
 - (b) Homes Tasmania has said these tenancies are only "guaranteed for the length of a tenant's current lease or for the next 12 months, whichever comes first."
 - (4) Agrees the Premier and his Government have therefore spent tens of millions of dollars for no net increase in the supply of housing, and also put 81 families at risk of homelessness, in a failed attempt to artificially inflate their social housing delivery statistics.
 - (5) Censures the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, for his role as the person ultimately responsible for this scandal. (13 September 2023)
- 183** Ms *White* to move—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 182 from being debated forthwith. (13 September 2023)
- 185** Dr *Woodruff* to move that the House supports increasing the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, without exception. (27 September 2023)

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186 Dr *Woodruff* to move that the House orders the Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP to table a detailed timeline for the closure of Ashley and establishment of the replacement facilities by 17 October, 2023. (27 September 2023)

188 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Government's response to the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings will be delivered on 4 December 2023.
- (2) Further notes the House is unlikely to sit again for approximately three months after that date.
- (3) Agrees with Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP's statement that "we all need to take responsibility as individual Members of Parliament and, through our collective responsibility, to ensure that one, we implement the recommendations, and two, that they are effectively resourced".
- (4) Expresses its desire that the House should sit on 5 - 7 December 2023 to ensure the Government's response to the Commission of Inquiry can be appropriately and responsibly scrutinised. (27 September 2023)

190 Ms *White* to move that:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into, consider and report on:—
 - (a) the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995 and what improvements could be made to the Act following the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings; and
 - (b) any limitations placed on the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings Commissioners in writing their final report.
- (2) The number of Members appointed by the House to serve on the committee be four:
 - (a) one nominated by the Leader of Government Business;
 - (b) one nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business;
 - (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
 - (d) one Independent Member, nominated by the Mover.
- (3) The committee shall report by 9 April 2024. (27 September 2023)

193 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the annual Westbury Garden Club Inc. Spring Flower Show took place on 16 September 2023.
- (2) Acknowledges the Westbury Garden Club started in 1958 and held its first event at the Westbury Town Hall in February 1959.
- (3) Commends the many talented gardeners involved with the Show, who came from all around the State, showcasing their incredible blooms.
- (4) Congratulates Westbury Garden Club President Steve Gregory, Secretary Karen Mackenzie, Show Convenor David Pyke and Show Secretary Ros Groom along with the many volunteers, for organising another great event in the township of Westbury.
- (5) Notes that the Minister was delighted to officially open the Westbury Garden Club Inc Spring Flower Show 2023 which is a celebration of everything floral at this time of year, highlighted by an amazing display of daffodils.
- (6) Further notes that the Westbury Garden Club Inc. Spring Flower Show was held in the town of Westbury which was first surveyed in 1823. The weekend upcoming 18-19 November 2023 will be the official bicentenary of Westbury honouring 200 years since it was first settled.
- (7) Further recognises the Westbury Bicentenary Festival will have live music, history tours, puppet shows, old fashioned games, market stalls and a photographic and memorabilia exhibition.
- (8) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Westbury Garden Club Spring Flower Show and the organisers of the upcoming Westbury Bicentenary Festival. (28 September 2023)

194 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the 10th Longford Jazz Festival took place from 15 to 17 September 2023.

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- (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.
- (3) Commends David Brill AM ACS who was brought up in Longford for opening the 10th Longford Jazz Festival.
- (4) Acknowledges the 2023 Festival included a program of events celebrating key elements of jazz culture and music, highlighted by a Saturday Night Jazz Concert at the Town Hall.
- (5) Further commends the many performing artists and guest bands involved with the Festival, who came from all around the State, showcasing their incredible talent.
- (6) Congratulates Dan Sulzberger, recipient of the 2023 Peter Voss Award, and Temiya Knight, recipient of the Encouragement Award.
- (7) Further congratulates Don Ives, for his leadership and vision to first start the music Festival in 2014, Dee Alty for her commitment in helping organise the event along with the large committee of dedicated volunteers who see the continuing success of the Longford Jazz Festival.
- (8) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Longford Jazz Festival along with the Longford community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting what is a growing Festival each year. (28 September 2023)

199 Ms *White* to move—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 200 from being debated forthwith. (18 October 2023)

200 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the serious allegations that have been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions regarding the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP's potential contravention of the Criminal Code.
- (2) Further notes the Ministerial Code of Conduct outlines that:—
 - (a) Ministers are expected to behave according to the highest ethical standards in the performance of their duties;
 - (b) Merely avoiding breaking the law will not always be enough to guarantee an acceptable standard of conduct; and
 - (c) Ministers are obliged to report any Code non-compliance by themselves or by another Minister to the Premier, or in the case of the Premier, to Cabinet.
- (3) Refers the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to the Privileges and Conduct Committee for his handling of the circumstances surrounding the resignation of the Hon. Elise Archer MP. (18 October 2023)

201 Mr *Young* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the comments made by Dr Broad during debate on 19 October 2023 where he referred to the Yes AFL Team Yes Stadium Facebook page as "...the most serious echo chamber I have seen in my time in politics...", the approximately 22,800 members of the page as "...predominantly middle-aged males, very passionate about a subject, who do not really care about details...", and suggested that "they get so wound up in this echo chamber they can do crazy stuff".
- (2) Condemns the comments made by Dr Broad as untruthful, unfair, and offensive.
- (3) Further notes a letter sent to the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP from a member of the Yes AFL Team Yes Stadium group in which the author says she does not appreciate being insulted in this way by Dr Broad, and that she goes on to say "I believe it is important that Dr Broad MP is held accountable for his remarks" and that she is "not aware of any public statement or retraction from Dr Broad but would encourage you [Ms White] to counsel him to issue an apology to those he has insulted".
- (4) Further notes Dr Broad's inability to apologise of his own volition, and as such calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Ms White, to ensure Dr Broad retracts and publicly apologises for his offensive remarks. (31 October 2023)

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

- (1) Acknowledges that:—
 - (a) Tasmania's salmon industry is one of our State's greatest success stories;

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- (b) Tasmania's salmon industry directly contributes \$770 million to the Tasmanian economy each year and supports more than 5,100 jobs across Tasmania;
 - (c) Tasmanians have been farming salmon on our West Coast for almost 40 years;
 - (d) salmon farming at Macquarie Harbour is a key driver of the West Coast economy supporting around 395 jobs; and
 - (e) in response to concerns regarding the future of the Maugean Skate, the salmon industry, scientists, the community and Government are working together on a captive breeding program and the salmon industry is trialling an oxygenation program to improve oxygen levels in the harbour.
- (2) Notes that:—
- (a) a reduction or removal of salmon farming from Macquarie Harbour would have a massive impact on the West Coast community and the salmon industry right across Tasmania, including suppliers, processors and transporters. It would dislocate families from their communities and impact local services including medical and education services; and
 - (b) the uncertainty at Macquarie Harbour is already impacting the mental health of workers and their families.
- (3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to do everything it can to maintain operations in Macquarie Harbour and support the West Coast community. (31 October 2023)

206 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
- (a) Safe Work Australia has recommended a national ban on engineered stone and a special licensing scheme for the handling of existing benchtops, finding no level of cancer-causing silica is safe;
 - (b) the Safe Work Australia report found there was “no evidence” that lower levels of crystalline silica could be safe for workers cutting and grinding engineered stone, commonly used in kitchens and bathroom benchtops;
 - (c) the report recommended implementing a licensing framework for businesses that undertake “certain work with engineered stone previously installed”;
 - (d) the Cancer Council has identified that about 587,000 Australian workers have been exposed to silica dust. It has been estimated that 5,800 of these workers will develop a lung cancer over the course of their life as a result of that exposure; and
 - (e) the only way to ensure that another generation of Australian workers does not contract silicosis from such work is to prohibit its use, regardless of its silica content.
- (2) Calls upon the Government to commit to the National Ban of Engineered Stone and in the interim take immediate action to protect Tasmanian workers. (31 October 2023)

207 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) information tabled in the Parliament on 28 September 2023 shows ambulance ramping is spiralling out of control; and
 - (b) this data is significantly worse than the information provided in Estimates Committees.
- (2) Further notes at the Launceston General Hospital:—
- (a) 50 per cent of those waiting to be transferred from an ambulance are delayed more than 84 minutes before receiving care;
 - (b) 25 per cent are delayed longer than 159 minutes; and
 - (c) 10 per cent are delayed longer than 258 minutes, or 4.3 hours.
- (3) Further notes at the Royal Hobart Hospital:—
- (a) 50 per cent of patients are delayed longer than 74 minutes;
 - (b) 25 per cent are delayed longer than 143 minutes; and
 - (c) 10 per cent are delayed longer than 3.75 hours.
- (4) Further notes:—
- (a) Tasmania has the worst ambulance response times in the country;

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- (b) after 10 years of the Liberal Government, it is now the norm for ambulances and Tasmanians to be regularly ramped, for beds to be blocked and for patients to be turned away from emergency departments; and
- (c) Paramedics and volunteer ambulance officers in Tasmania are under unprecedented pressure with regularly unfilled shifts, fatigue alerts and a lack of resources.
- (5) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP to adopt Labor's regional health plan which provides practical solutions to take pressure off the State's four main hospitals and reduce ambulance ramping. (31 October 2023)

208 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) In the week commencing 22 October 2023 14 permanent paramedic jobs were publicly advertised despite the fact many paramedics across the State are still on short-term contracts;
 - (b) insecure working arrangements are making it extremely difficult to recruit and retain Paramedics in Tasmania, who are enticed elsewhere by better pay, conditions and permanent work;
 - (c) Paramedic shifts regularly go unfilled, putting further pressure on regional and metropolitan ambulance stations; and
 - (d) our Paramedics are burnt-out and any remaining goodwill is fading.
- (2) Further notes that:—
 - (a) since the Liberal Government came to office 10 years ago, ambulance response times have increased by almost 10 minutes and Tasmanians and our Paramedics spent 31,000 hours ramped from July 2022 to May 2023; and
 - (b) the Government's own Operational Research in Health Report shows that an additional 126 paramedics are needed across the State.
- (3) Calls on the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to get his priorities right, and offer permanent employment to our hardworking paramedics on fixed term contracts. (31 October 2023)

210 Ms White to move—That the House orders the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, to update the House by Thursday 2 November 2023 at 6pm:—

- (1) Whether the formal complaint alleging workplace bullying against the Attorney-General, the Hon Guy Barnett MP, will be independently investigated.
- (2) When the investigation will commence.
- (3) Whether a high-powered King's Counsel will be engaged to undertake the investigation, consistent with the approach taken by the Premier in relation to an allegation of bullying against the former Attorney General. (31 October 2023)

213 Mr O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the latest Short Stay Accommodation Act Data Collection Report indicated that there were 6,267 short stay accommodation properties listed in Tasmania during the first quarter of 2023;
 - (b) more than half of properties listed on short stay accommodation booking sites in Tasmania were not primary residences, which is restricting supply in Tasmania's increasingly unaffordable rental market; and
 - (c) the number of short stay accommodation properties continues to increase each year.
- (2) Acknowledges that the Government has failed to implement policies or introduce legislation which has been successful in slowing or reversing the rapid growth in short stay accommodation across the State.
- (3) Recognises that there is a growing number of vulnerable Tasmanians who are priced out of the private rental market and in housing stress, with a record 4,634 applications on the social housing register.

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- (4) Condemns the Government for failing to address the negative impacts that the growth in short stay accommodation has had on Tasmanian renters and those in dire housing need. (31 October 2023)

216 Mr *Wood* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the recent announcement that SunCable Manufacturing has selected Bell Bay in Tasmania as the preferred site for its proposed new facility for the manufacture of high-voltage cable.
- (2) Recognises that this is an extraordinary multi-generational opportunity for the northern region and would be the most significant new economic development driver Tasmania has seen for decades.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that the project has the potential to bring in over \$1 billion in economic activity to Tasmania during construction, and up to \$350 million per year once at full operation; and
 - (b) has the potential to bring over 800 jobs during construction and over 400 full-time advanced manufacturing roles once it has reached full operation.
- (4) Acknowledges the project as an outstanding example of the Rockliff Government's long-term plan to support major developments and investment in Tasmania as we continue to create jobs, boost the economy and make Tasmania the best place to work, live and raise a family. (14 November 2023)

218 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Believes Tasmanians deserve better than they are getting from the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff's minority Liberal Government.
- (2) Agrees the Government is a mess and is dragging the State's economy and essential services down with its incompetence.
- (3) Notes the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP:—
 - (a) broke the Liberal Party's promise to not govern in minority;
 - (b) broke the Liberal Party's promise to cap electricity prices;
 - (c) broke the Liberal Party's promise it would not introduce any new taxes;
 - (d) has failed Tasmanians who are waiting in record numbers for housing;
 - (e) has failed Tasmanians who need access to health care;
 - (f) has failed Tasmanian students who are below the national average for reading, writing and maths;
 - (g) has failed on energy policy, with the State's peak business body, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI), saying the State is in an energy crisis; and
 - (h) has overseen a shrinking economy, with respected economist Saul Eslake saying the State is in a technical recession, and CommSec downgrading Tasmania in its rankings from first to sixth place.
- (4) Condemns the Premier for his broken promises and failed leadership, which is damaging the economy, reducing Tasmanians' access to healthcare, making housing more unaffordable and leading to massive increases in the cost of living. (14 November 2023)

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

- (1) Notes the Draft 'River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan' excludes Old Beach and Bridgewater as Ferry terminals.
- (2) Recognises the Brighton Council's Annual Report 2021-2022 identified Brighton as Tasmania's fastest growing community.
- (3) Acknowledges the Brighton Municipality hosts a population exceeding 20,000 people with a current annual growth rate in excess of 2 percent.
- (4) Further recognises:—
 - (a) the Brighton Council's consistent advocacy for an integrated transport solution for all of Greater Hobart;
 - (b) ferry transport is part of a solution to tackle challenges of transport, poverty and access to opportunity for communities outside of Inner-City Hobart; and
- (5) Further notes:—

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- (a) the Government's lack of consultation and consideration of Bridgewater as the first and last stop of the proposed Ferry service;
 - (b) the current public transport limitations and options for people living in disadvantaged communities; and
 - (c) Ferry services to Bridgewater will benefit the Derwent Valley community as well as the greater Brighton municipality.
- (6) Calls on the Government to extend the proposed Ferry Services to Old Beach and Bridgewater. (14 November 2023)

220 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Agrees that the cost of power in Tasmania is causing financial distress for many Tasmanian households and small businesses.
- (2) Notes the St Vincent De Paul report 'Tasmanian Energy Prices July 2023' found that annual bills are approximately \$235 - \$265 more than they were in 2022 and that the average household now pays more than \$3,000 a year for power.
- (3) Supports a cap on power price increases to protect Tasmanians from mainland power prices. (14 November 2023)

221 Ms *White* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Energy and Renewables, the Hon. Nick Duigan MLC, for the following reasons:—

- (1) The Minister has overseen the indefinite deferral of a critical section of the North West Transmission development.
- (2) This disastrous decision has put more than \$10 billion of investment, 8,000 construction jobs and 1,200 ongoing jobs at serious risk.
- (3) The impact of this lost economic opportunity will be felt particularly in the north and north-west, with the Mayor of Burnie saying the decision "beggars belief" and "needs to be reversed".
- (4) The Minister has been dishonest about the real reason behind the decision, and continues to mislead energy project proponents by claiming that "what needs to be built, will be built". (14 November 2023)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*