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No. 21

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024

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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
 - (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;

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- (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”;
 - (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;

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- (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 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)

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- 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.
 - (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.

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- (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. (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.
- (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)

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- 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.
 - (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)
- 47** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises 7 August 2024 is Aged Care Employee Day and that the 2024 theme is 'Thanks for caring'.
 - (2) Notes:—
 - (a) the importance of the thousands of aged care and community care staff who provide care and support to older and ageing Australians;
 - (b) that Aged Care Employee Day is celebrated every year on 7 August and has been hosted by the Attorney-General's colleagues at Aged & Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) for the last 6 years;
 - (c) the Department of Health and the Tasmanian Health Service are committed to working closely with the aged care sector to improve care for older Tasmanians; and
 - (d) our Tasmanian Aged Care Collaborative is a cross-sector initiative to improve the interface between our health services and aged care services.
 - (3) Embraces that 7 August on Aged Care Employee Day, is a time for all of us to say loudly and proudly 'Thanks for caring' to our dedicated and compassionate aged care superheroes, who look after our older loved ones in residential care, home and community care, retirement living and seniors housing.
 - (4) Encourages all Tasmanians to:—
 - (a) recognise the incredibly important people who care for our older Tasmanians and Australians; and
 - (b) remember it only takes a moment to say 'Thanks for caring'. (7 August 2024)
- 48** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) National Stroke Week serves as an essential reminder for all Tasmanians. Our State unfortunately has one of the highest incidences of stroke per capita in Australia; and
 - (b) the challenges stroke survivors face when returning home, especially those with cognitive disabilities, and emphasises the need for continued support and care.
 - (2) Recognises that a stroke can impact anyone at any age. In 2020, 24% of first-time stroke sufferers were aged 54 years and under.

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- (3) Supports National Stroke Week 2024, by the Stroke Foundation, aims to educate the community on recognizing the signs of stroke to save lives. The F.A.S.T. method is crucial: Face, Arms, Speech and Time.
- (4) Emphasises that a stroke is always a medical emergency. Vigilance and swift action can save lives. If you see any of the signs, call 000 immediately.
- (5) Notes:—
 - (a) the Rockliff Government is committed to reducing the impact of strokes through improved treatment, support, and recovery measures;
 - (b) the \$187 million upgrade to the Royal Hobart Hospital will include a new neurology and stroke ward, enhancing the existing Stroke Unit. This expansion provides Tasmanians with critical, time-sensitive medical care, particularly for acute strokes;
 - (c) the statewide, 24/7 service staffed by dedicated specialists offers life-saving treatment to stroke patients; and
 - (d) the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine (VST) service, implemented at Mersey Community Hospital and Launceston General Hospital, has benefited over 75 patients by providing rapid, accurate stroke assessment and treatment through instant virtual consultations with specialised neurologists. (7 August 2024)

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

- (1) Notes the proposal to repurpose the Illawarra Road from Bishopsbourne Road to the Bass Highway from a rural access corridor to a National Highway.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the proposed section hosts farm gateways every 300 metres with limited ability to navigate oncoming fast moving freight trucks safely. The corridor is renown for the prevalence of sight obstructive fog; and
 - (b) landowners were not collaboratively consulted regarding the projects' negative impact on their farming activities, road access and agricultural industries along this length of Illawarra Road.
- (3) Acknowledges all recommendations made by landowners and significant environmental, heritage and noise concerns were largely ignored by the Department of State Growth.
- (4) Further notes:—
 - (a) the Department of State Growth rejected requests for the speed limit be lowered to 80km/hr to improve safety on Illawarra Road by both the Northern Midlands and Meander Valley Councils and landowners;
 - (b) requests by landowners for livestock underpasses to enable continued movement of livestock across Illawarra Road were refused by the Department of State Growth; and
 - (c) a rope wire barrier is not appropriate for the agricultural industries for which the corridor is utilised with vehicle usage including the necessary carriage of slow-moving farm contracting machinery, including harvesters and tractors.
- (5) Calls on the Government to consider an 80km an hour speed limit to the section of Illawarra Road from Bishopsbourne Road to the Bass Highway.
- (6) Further calls on the Government to enter into a community focused, rigorous and collaborative consultation process with the landowners of Illawarra Road. (7 August 2024)

50 Ms *Badger* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) the importance of scientifically backed decision making; and
 - (b) the equitable need for all Members of Parliament to access expert advice from a range of specific scientific disciplines.
- (2) Calls on the Government to establish in the next 12 months a statutory independent Tasmanian Science and Technology Advisory Committee (TSTC), which should:—
 - (a) be based on the National Science and Technology Council model;
 - (b) comprise of seven independently appointed senior leaders in science, technology and engineering;
 - (c) provide evidence-based advice to parliamentarians;

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- (d) be charged with providing independent, evidence-based advice to inform decision-making on complex issues where science, technology and engineering have a major part to play; and
- (e) meet quarterly, with the Premier present for at least part of each meeting, with the power to convene on an ad hoc basis as necessary or convenient. (8 August 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the significance of Vietnam Veterans Day, observed annually on 18 August 2024.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) this day is dedicated to honouring the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of the Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War;
 - (b) the Vietnam War was a complex and challenging conflict, and our veterans endured extraordinary hardships and displayed remarkable bravery;
 - (c) over 60,000 Australian servicemen and women were deployed to Vietnam, contributing significantly to efforts to bring stability to the region;
 - (d) sadly, 521 Australians lost their lives, and over 3,000 were wounded;
 - (e) among these brave individuals were many Tasmanians, whose service and sacrifice we specifically honour and remember today;
 - (f) Vietnam Veterans Day serves as a remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice
 - (g) it also recognizes the struggles faced by returning soldiers, many of whom endured physical and emotional scars;
 - (h) it is our duty to ensure our veterans, including those from Tasmania, receive the support and acknowledgment they deserve;
 - (i) significant progress has been made in recent years in providing services and support to our veterans; and
 - (j) however, continued efforts are necessary to address their needs, particularly in mental health, rehabilitation, and social reintegration.
- (3) Reflects on the sacrifices made by our Vietnam veterans.
- (4) Renews its commitment to supporting them and their families.
- (5) Ensures they receive the recognition they have rightfully earned. (8 August 2024)

53 Mr *Garland* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the future of renewable energy development in Tasmania is complex and requires well planned community consultation by the State Government.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) on 27 June 2024, at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) building in Burnie, at the ReCFIT community consultation regarding the proposed northwest renewable energy zone (REZ), there were several calls for the Minister for Energy and Renewable, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC to travel to Burnie and be available to answer questions from the community;
 - (b) following separate invitations from Advance West North West (AWNw), whose members include Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN) and West Coast Renewables, Minister Duigan attended the Burnie Club, in Burnie in person on 11 July 2024 to speak to AWNw members;
 - (c) on 1 August 2024, Minister Duigan, participated in a meeting with the Circular Head Awareness Network via video;
 - (d) on 1, 6 and 19 August 2024, the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC was invited by the Member for Braddon, Mr Craig Garland MP to meet with the northwest community on 1 September 2024, at the Burnie Town Hall; and
 - (e) The Minister did not attend the Burnie Town Hall on 1 September 2024.
- (3) Calls on the Minister for Energy and Renewable, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC, prior to the tabling in Parliament of the Energy Co-ordination and Planning Amendment (Renewable Energy Zones) Bill 2024, to come to Burnie to speak with residents in the proposed northwest REZ, at a convenient time for the public and at a venue large enough to accommodate all who want to attend. (10 September 2024)

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- 54** Mr *Garland* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the ongoing redevelopment at Montello Primary School, initially allocated \$7 million in 2021 and later increased to \$9.95 million, has not met the community needs.
 - (2) Notes significant concerns from the Montello Primary School community about incomplete and substandard facilities due to budget cuts around the removal of:—
 - (a) disability-compliant features and some safety improvements;
 - (b) aspects of the early childhood playground;
 - (c) complete basketball court resurfacing;
 - (d) doors and walls in the upper primary classrooms; and
 - (e) window replacements along a large section of the north facing wall.
 - (3) Recognises that the project's current funding is insufficient to address these issues, leading to frustration among parents and school staff who have advocated for a more comprehensive solution, including up to \$20 million for Montello Primary redevelopment.
 - (4) Calls on the Treasurer, Hon Michael Ferguson MP and Minister for Education, Hon. Jo Palmer MLC to:—
 - (a) immediately review the adequacy of the funds allocated to the Montello Primary redevelopment;
 - (b) allocate additional funding to ensure that all critical aspects of the redevelopment, including disability access and safety features, are fully addressed; and
 - (c) provide a detailed plan for how the additional funds will be used to complete the project to a high standard. (10 September 2024)
- 56** Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Deputy Premier, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, has routinely mismanaged portfolios for which he has had responsibility. These include:—
 - (a) the Health portfolio, where he oversaw significant deterioration in the performance of Tasmania's health system, and from which he was removed in 2019;
 - (b) the Transport portfolio, where he oversaw the cancellation of 180 bus services and from which he was removed in April 2024;
 - (c) the Infrastructure portfolio, where he oversaw massive cost blowouts, delays and the debacle with the new Spirits project and from which he was forced to resign in August 2024; and
 - (d) the Treasury portfolio, where he has delivered the worst budget deficit in Tasmania's history, nearly five times worse than at the height of COVID.
 - (2) Further notes the Deputy Premier has repeatedly misled Parliament in relation to the new Spirits project, in clear breach of his ongoing duties under the Ministerial Code of Conduct, while retaining his role as a Shareholder Minister with oversight responsibility for TT-Line and TasPorts.
 - (3) Believes his conduct amounts to dishonesty, malfeasance and serious misbehaviour and the House therefore has no confidence in the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP. (10 September 2024)
- 57** Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania has been hit by extreme weather from the end of August 2024, which has led to significant damage from destructive winds and flooding across the State.
 - (2) Recognises that thousands of Tasmanians have been impacted by power outages, with many still without power.
 - (3) Acknowledges our valuable emergency services, volunteers and TasNetworks staff who have worked tirelessly to keep Tasmanians safe.
 - (4) Further recognises that more than \$3 million in emergency grants has been distributed to support Tasmanians impacted by the recent storms and flooding.
 - (5) Further notes:—
 - (a) that this includes an Emergency Food Grant Fund providing \$350 payments for households across the State that have been impacted by power outages for at least 72 hours.

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- (b) that this also includes grants of \$255,000 to Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania and \$50,000 each to Foodbank Tasmania and Loaves and Fishes Tasmania to assist with immediate food and water relief to impacted communities.
- (6) Further acknowledges that Long-term recovery from natural disasters requires sustained effort and the Tasmanian Government will continue to work closely with Local and Federal Government, and non-government organisations to support those who need it. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the Maugean skate (*Zearaja naugeana*) is an iconic Tasmanian endemic species that has lived in the waters of Macquarie Harbour for millions of years.
- (2) Notes with concern the nomination to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to update the listing of the Maugean skate from endangered to critically endangered.
- (3) Further recognises the ongoing work of the University of Tasmania (UTAS), the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Science, the CSIRO, and the Tasmanian Department of Natural Resources and Environment that has documented the decline in population of the Maugean skate since 2014 due to a reduction in dissolved oxygen levels in Macquarie Harbour.
- (4) Further recognises that the overwhelming body of independent scientific evidence has found a correlation between the reduction in dissolved oxygen levels and an increase in salmonid aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour.
- (5) Further notes with concern the Government's decision to review the population viability analysis of the Maugean skate based solely on the results of an industry-funded report.
- (6) Calls on the Government to cease salmonid aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour and ensure pens are removed at the latest by this coming summer 2024. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Recognises the extreme wind and flood events that swept across Tasmania from 24 August 2024 have caused immense destruction and community upheaval.
- (2) Acknowledges and thanks the incredible work of the SES volunteers, with local government, police and community members who worked tirelessly to keep people safe and protect property.
- (3) Notes:—
 - (a) many thousands of Tasmanians were left without power for long periods, and some have still not been reconnected; and
 - (b) the damage that has occurred to bridges, roads and other community and public infrastructure will take months, possibly years, to remedy and will incur significant financial costs.
- (4) Further acknowledges that preparing for, and striving to mitigate, extreme climate events, which will intensify and increase in frequency, should be the top of the Government's priority list.
- (5) Further notes with dismay the Rockliff Government's decision to remove the Climate Change portfolio from Cabinet after the recent state election.
- (6) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to reinstate climate change as a Government portfolio, and to re-establish a Climate Advisory Council to plan for and mitigate the catastrophic effects of climate change. (10 September 2024)

61 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House in accordance with section 47 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931, disallows the Residential Tenancy Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 31) laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday 1 August 2024. (10 September 2024)

63 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2024 and R U OK Day on 12 September 2024, which remind us to be kind to each other, to reach out to others in times of disruption and distress, and to help build hope for the future.

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- (2) Emphasises that suicide is a preventable, whole-of-government, whole-of-community issue.
- (3) Notes:—
 - (a) the most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows 87 Tasmanians died by suicide in 2022, who each had people who loved and cared about them and now miss them and grieve their loss; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023-2027 is supported by implementation plans, with the second implementation plan currently out for public consultation.
- (4) Acknowledges the second Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Strategy implementation plan will continue targeted actions and activities over the next 18 months, including scoping the development of a Suicide Prevention Act for Tasmania.
- (5) Encourages all Tasmanians to have their say on the second implementation plan to shape the next steps we will take to improve suicide awareness and prevention in Tasmania.
- (6) Urges Tasmanians who need support to contact A Tasmanian Lifeline by calling 1800 98 44 34 or calling Lifeline's crisis line on 13 11 14. (10 September 2024)

64 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges Dementia Action Week, a critical time to raise awareness of dementia in Australia, held from 16 – 22 September 2024.
- (2) Recognises the significant impact dementia has on the Tasmanian community, with over 10,000 Tasmanians currently living with the condition, a number expected to double by 2050.
- (3) Commends:—
 - (a) the efforts of Dementia Australia, local healthcare providers, and support organisations across Tasmania for their continued work in providing care, support, and education to those affected by dementia and their families; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government to continue its commitment to dementia research, early diagnosis initiatives, and the development of dementia-friendly communities to ensure that Tasmania remains at the forefront of dementia care in Australia.
- (4) Supports the theme of Dementia Action Week 2024, "Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future," and encourages all Tasmanians to take part in creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for those living with dementia.
- (5) Urges all Members of this House to promote awareness of dementia and to advocate for improved services and support for all Tasmanians affected by this condition. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Australian Defence Force's deployment to East Timor, recognising it as a significant event in our nation's history.
- (2) Acknowledges the profound importance of this deployment to many Australians, particularly those contributions from Tasmania who served with distinction.
- (3) Reflects on the broader significance of Peacekeepers Day, observed on the 14th September 2024, as a day to honour all Australians who have served in United Nations peacekeeping missions worldwide, including those in East Timor.
- (4) Recognises:—
 - (a) the critical role played by the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET), under Australia's leadership, in restoring peace, protecting civilians, and providing humanitarian aid in East Timor during a period of violence and instability in 1999;
 - (b) the sacrifices made by peacekeepers and their families, recognising the often dangerous and demanding nature of peacekeeping work and its impact on their lives; and
 - (c) Australia's role as a global leader in international peace and security, and commends the service of Tasmanian veterans and their counterparts across the nation for exemplifying Australian values of courage, resilience, and a commitment to justice and humanity.

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- (5) Emphasises the importance of preserving the stories of those who served in East Timor, ensuring that future generations understand the sacrifices made and the lessons learned.
- (6) Expresses the House's deepest gratitude to all those who served as peacekeepers with special recognition for Tasmanian veterans, and reaffirms the commitment to honouring their legacy and providing ongoing support. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the anniversary of the *Battle of Britain*, fought between July and October 1940, as one of the pivotal moments in World War II, where Allied forces, led by the Royal Air Force (RAF), successfully defended the United Kingdom against large-scale attacks by Nazi Germany's Luftwaffe; and
 - (b) the commemorative ceremonies held across Australia, including those, on the 15 September 2024 in Tasmania, to pay tribute to the men and women who fought in the Battle of Britain.
- (2) Recognises:—
 - (a) the bravery and sacrifice of Tasmanian, 23-year-old Flight Commander Stuart Walch who served with the 238 Squadron. Before his death, Flight Commander Walch led several successful raids against the Luftwaffe;
 - (b) the contributions of the Australian men and women who served in the Battle of Britain, noting that Australians, including pilots, aircrew and ground staff, played a crucial role in this air conflict; and
 - (c) the ongoing importance of remembering and educating future generations about Australia's contributions to the Allied war effort, including through significant historical events such as the Battle of Britain, which continues to resonate with Tasmanians and Australians as a symbol of courage, resilience, and sacrifice.
- (3) Pays tribute to the work of the Tasmanian Division of the Royal Australian Air Force Association (RAAFA), which continues to honour the service of Australian airmen and airwomen through commemoration activities, including wreath-laying ceremonies and memorial services.
- (4) Thanks all veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices. (17 September 2024)

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

- (1) Acknowledges the significance of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, tabled in September 2024, which highlighted deep systemic issues affecting the welfare of veterans and their families.
- (2) Recognises the extensive process undertaken by the Royal Commission, including hearings, private sessions and 5,889 submissions received including from the Tasmanian Government.
- (3) Notes:—
 - (a) with concern the Commission's findings that between 1985 and 2021, 2,007 confirmed suicides occurred among the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) personnel, with higher suicide risks observed in certain cohorts compared to the general population; and
 - (b) the impact on families, recognising that inadequate support and bureaucratic delays not only affect the veterans but also have significant consequences for the mental health and stability of their families.
- (4) Emphasises the importance of supporting veterans and their families, particularly during the critical period of transitioning from military to civilian life, a time identified as high-risk for mental health challenges and suicidality.
- (5) Further recognises:—
 - (a) the vital role that Veterans' Hubs play in providing essential support to veterans and their families, offering services ranging from mental health care to social reintegration and family assistance; and
 - (b) the success of the Veterans Hub here in Tasmania.
- (6) Supports the Royal Commission's recommendation for ongoing funding to these hubs, ensuring that more veterans and their families can access tailored, trauma-informed care regardless of their geographic location.

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- (7) Calls for ongoing, long-term funding commitment from the Federal Government to support the recommendations of the Royal Commission. (17 September 2024)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*