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

- (1) Notes that during the election the Premier, The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, promised that ‘TasInsure’ would:—
 - (a) be established as a new government business;
 - (b) provide home and contents insurance, workers compensation insurance, small business insurance, community and event insurance, and regional insurance to farmers;
 - (c) save Tasmanians \$250 a year on their premiums;
 - (d) save Tasmanian businesses 20 per cent on their premiums;
 - (e) make groceries cheaper; and
 - (f) not cost Tasmanians a cent.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the Treasury costing submission during the election listed the cost to taxpayers as \$0; and
 - (b) the Premier repeatedly told the House that TasInsure would be established as a government business, including on 25 September 2025.
- (3) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the Premier has already spent \$100,000 on a consultant to tell him what insurance experts, the RACT and several economists already made clear: TasInsure would not work and exposes the state to significant financial risk; and
 - (b) the Government has committed at least \$4.2 million to a bureaucracy that:—
 - (i) won’t sell insurance;
 - (ii) won’t reduce premiums; and
 - (iii) will duplicate services already available for free through brokers and comparison websites.
- (4) Condemns the Premier for:—
 - (a) breaking his signature election promise;
 - (b) falsely claiming TasInsure was backed by modelling and a business case; and
 - (c) taking advantage of Tasmanians struggling with a real cost of living issue for electoral gain.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to apologise for misleading Tasmanians during the election. (19 May 2026)

102 Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania’s Secure Foundations Report found families with dependent children seeking housing support were 3.4 times more likely to be escaping domestic and family violence than people without dependent children; and
 - (c) the Report found 4,237 Tasmanian children were part of families seeking housing support through Housing Connect in 2025.
- (2) Acknowledges:—

- (a) housing is safety for women and children escaping family violence, and the lack of housing is forcing too many to stay in, return to, or remain trapped by violence;
 - (b) the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter reports it cannot assist four out of five people seeking support, with children making up two thirds of those affected; and
 - (c) the Government paid for the study into the Shelter's 26-unit core and cluster proposal, but women and children are still waiting for it to be funded.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
- (a) fund family violence crisis accommodation based on evidence, data and demand;
 - (b) treat children as victim-survivors in their own right and fund services accordingly;
 - (c) deliver safe housing pathways so crisis shelters are not forced to become long-term housing; and
 - (d) stop leaving women and children fleeing violence with nowhere safe to sleep, nowhere safe to heal, and nowhere safe to rebuild. (19 May 2026)

103 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that after years of questioning, the Greens have exposed important public interest information about taxpayer money used to pay legal costs for Liberal MPs, including:—
 - (a) \$300,000 - Minister for Racing;
 - (b) \$120,000 - Minister for Environment; and
 - (c) \$15,000 - Member for Lyons, Mr Mark Shelton MP.
- (2) Accepts there are circumstances where the provision of taxpayer funds for legal costs is appropriate.
- (3) Understands the guidelines for legal assistance also set boundaries of when it is not appropriate – for example when a Minister is not acting in “good faith” or a backbencher is not “lawfully directed to act on behalf of a Minister”.
- (4) Recognises the Premier broke his promise to provide more information about Mr Shelton MP's legal fees and in doing so also misrepresented his own commitment.
- (5) Acknowledges there has been no explanation for why any of these legal costs were paid.
- (6) Questions whether the Rockliff Government has followed its own rules in agreeing to pay for these legal costs, especially given they can't explain why.
- (7) Agrees the Tasmanian public is owed transparency over the use of their money.
- (8) Calls on the Premier to appoint an independent legal expert to review legal assistance decisions for MPs to ensure they are within the rules.
- (9) Orders the Premier to table by 26 May 2026 a breakdown of all taxpayer money provided to Liberal MPs for legal costs since 1 January 2023, including a breakdown of expenditure per MP per quarter. (19 May 2026)

105 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Stanley and Tarkine Forage Festival was held in Stanley from 13 to 17 May 2026;
 - (b) the Festival is recognised as north west Tasmania's flagship winter food festival, celebrating the produce, people and hospitality of the Stanley and Tarkine region;
 - (c) the region is home to world-class producers, including beef, crayfish, oysters, abalone, honey, cheese and a growing micro-distillery sector; and
 - (d) the Festival is an initiative of the Circular Head Tourism Association, a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community organisation dedicated to promoting north west Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the work of the Circular Head Tourism Association, including President Valentino Surjan, the organising committee, volunteers, sponsors, partners, participating producers and hospitality operators;
 - (b) that the Festival remains deeply community-focused and celebrates the growers, makers, fishers, farmers, distillers, workers and hospitality operators who help shape Tasmania's visitor experience; and
 - (c) the important role regional events play in encouraging visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in regional communities.

- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) recognise the importance of regional events in driving visitation, local spending and regional dispersal;
 - (b) support tourism operators and regional communities facing rising cost pressures; and
 - (c) back events that encourage visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in Tasmania's regions. (19 May 2026)

106 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania has identified the north west as a domestic and family violence hotspot, with its Unsafe and Unhoused Report finding people seek housing assistance because of family violence at a rate 3.75 times higher than in the south; and
 - (c) recent engagement in Smithton, Ulverstone and Burnie with frontline services, police, local government and community stakeholders highlighted the urgent need for more crisis accommodation, safe housing, transport support and regional service access.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the critical work of the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter across Braddon;
 - (b) concerns raised by the Burnie Mayor that housing developments are ready to proceed and apartments are sitting empty, while planning and regulatory barriers delay practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) women and children in regional communities face additional barriers to safety, including limited transport, limited service access, housing shortages and geographic isolation.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
 - (a) deliver equitable family and domestic violence funding based on data, demand, geography and regional need;
 - (b) remove the unnecessary barriers to practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) ensure women and children escaping violence in Braddon can access safe housing, crisis accommodation and frontline support. (19 May 2026)

107 Ms Haddad to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that more than half a million dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent on legal fees for Liberal Members of Parliament, including:—
 - (a) \$14,958 for Mr Mark Shelton MP;
 - (b) \$303,800 for Hon. Jane Howlett MP;
 - (c) \$120,494 for Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP; and
 - (d) more than \$300,000 for former Deputy Premier, Mr Michael Ferguson MP.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) unlike the legal fees paid for Mr Ferguson, the Government has failed to explain what the legal fees for Mr Shelton, Ms Howlett and Ms Ogilvie were for; and
 - (b) there are at least two long-running Integrity Commission investigations involving sitting Members of Parliament, including:—
 - (i) Investigation Loyetea, accepted in May 2022, relating to an allegation that a politician failed to declare and manage a conflict of interest and misused information; and
 - (ii) Investigation Olegas, listed in July 2022, relating to allegations of improper expenditure of public funds and failure to declare and manage conflicts of interest.
- (3) Agrees that taxpayers are entitled to transparency about the expenditure of public money.
- (4) Calls on Liberal MPs who have had taxpayer-funded legal bills paid on their behalf to explain, to the fullest extent possible, what those legal bills were for.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to:—
 - (a) explain when Members of Parliament can access taxpayer-funded legal assistance or indemnity; and

- (b) disclose the legal fees accrued by each Government MP on a bi-annual basis. (19 May 2026)

110 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania, like all jurisdictions, is facing increased economic uncertainty, persistent cost-of-living pressures and growing demand for essential government services.
- (2) Recognises that responsible governments must make prudent decisions to strengthen the state's finances while continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure Tasmanians rely upon.
- (3) Acknowledges that a strong economy is essential to funding health, education, housing and community services.
- (4) Supports responsible measures in the 2026-27 Budget to improve the sustainability of the state's finances and return the Budget to balance over time.
- (5) Respectfully requests Members of this House to support responsible budgeting that balances fiscal discipline with continued investment in a strong economy and caring community. (19 May 2026)

111 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the bipartisan position that greyhound racing will no longer receive public funding beyond 2029.
- (2) Recognises that a clear legislative framework is necessary to ensure an orderly transition, certainty for participants, appropriate compensation arrangements and strong animal welfare outcomes.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that in the recent Legislative Council elections in the divisions of Huon and Rosevears, candidates supporting the phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania were clearly preferred by voters over those opposing it; and
 - (b) that, despite supporting the end of public funding for greyhound racing, the Tasmanian Labor Party has not proposed an alternative transition framework or implementation plan.
- (4) Further recognises that ending public funding without transition legislation would create uncertainty for participants and risk poorer animal welfare outcomes.
- (5) Further notes that the Government has introduced legislation providing transition arrangements, participant compensation and animal welfare protections.
- (6) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition to clarify the Tasmanian Labor Party's position in order to support the orderly phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania. (19 May 2026)

112 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the surplus Commonwealth defence land at Dowsing Point represents one of the most significant opportunities to increase housing supply in Greater Hobart.
- (2) Recognises that the site has the potential to deliver a master-planned community with social, affordable and private housing, as well as open space and supporting infrastructure.
- (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's call for the Commonwealth to transition the land into productive community use to help address Tasmania's housing needs.
- (4) Calls on:—
 - (a) the Australian Government to work cooperatively with the Tasmanian Government to transfer the Dowsing Point site on terms that maximise the public benefit for Tasmanians.
 - (b) all Members of this House to support efforts to unlock Dowsing Point as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver more homes and improve housing affordability. (21 May 2026)

113 Mrs *Greene* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Members Connect event on 9 June 2026, which focused on what comes next for Launceston;

- (b) the Chamber's quick work in bringing business, civic, tourism, community and local leaders together at a time of growing concern for Launceston and northern Tasmania; and
 - (c) the mounting pressure on northern Tasmania, including 7West Media's move to Hobart, Hawthorn's planned departure from Launceston after 2027, Lion's proposal to close the Boag's brewery site, and uncertainty surrounding Liberty Bell Bay and Bell Bay Aluminium.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the workers, contractors, suppliers, small businesses, families and communities affected by these decisions;
 - (b) the generations of workers who have built northern Tasmania's manufacturing, brewing, tourism, media, sport, events, industrial and small business sectors;
 - (c) Launceston's strengths in food, agritourism, heritage, sport, events, arts, culture and regional visitation; and
 - (d) the leadership shown by the Launceston Chamber of Commerce in moving quickly into practical ideas for Launceston's future.
- (3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to:—
 - (a) fund the development of a clear plan for northern Tasmania, in partnership with the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation (NTDC), industry, tourism bodies, business leaders, local government, the Federal Government and Bass MPs; and
 - (b) use that process to identify how the \$1 million in returned grant funding from Lion should be reinvested for the benefit of Launceston.
- (4) Recognises that Launceston needs leadership and a practical plan for jobs, investment confidence and growth. (17 June 2026)

115 Ms *Badger* to move—That the House refers the following reference to the Standing Committee on Government Administration A to inquire into and report upon, by 26 November 2026, the construction and operation of artificial intelligence (AI) and data facility construction and operation in Tasmania, including recommending future legislation and regulations necessary to:—

- (a) protect public interest, resources and the environment;
- (b) ensure Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning System adequately recognises and addresses the specific impacts of the development and construction of AI and data facilities;
- (c) provide parliamentary oversight and accountability for new facility construction and resource allocation;
- (d) ensure transparent and regular public disclosure of resource consumption;
- (e) provide the Tasmanian community with adequate opportunities for consultation;
- (f) ensure the Tasmanian community receives tangible benefits from all AI and data facilities constructed in the state; and
- (g) any other matters incidental thereto. (18 June 2026)

116 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) Bell Bay Aluminium (BBA) is Australia's only aluminium smelter powered entirely by renewable electricity, directly employing over 550 Tasmanians and supporting a significant northern Tasmanian supply chain;
 - (b) when announcing the \$2 billion Green Aluminium Production Credit (GAPC), the Prime Minister identified BBA as a beneficiary and the Minister for Industry and Innovation, Senator the Hon. Tim Ayres, confirmed its eligibility;
 - (c) on 28 July 2026, the Federal Member for Bass, Ms Jess Teesdale MP, stated that BBA would not be eligible;
 - (d) the Australian Government has committed billions of dollars to support smelters in other jurisdictions;
 - (e) Hydro Tasmania is negotiating in good faith and confirmed that additional support may be required to bridge the remaining commercial gap; and
 - (f) the Tasmanian Government has established a structured negotiation process with Hydro Tasmania and Rio Tinto to secure BBA's future.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that securing BBA's long-term future is in the State and national interest;

- (b) Tasmania should not be disadvantaged for already having aluminium production renewably powered; and
 - (c) a sustainable outcome requires contributions from Rio Tinto, the Tasmanian and Australian Governments, while protecting Tasmanian taxpayers.
- (3) Calls on:—
- (a) the Australian Government to honour its promise that BBA will have access to GAPC or provide an equivalent mechanism to ensure BBA's viability; and
 - (b) all Tasmanian representatives to support the combined efforts to secure Bell Bay Aluminium's future and advocate for Commonwealth support. (11 August 2026)

117 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
- (a) the Australian Commonwealth Games Team on an outstanding performance, topping the medal tally with 70 gold, 45 silver and 56 bronze medals, for a total of 171 medals; and
 - (b) that Tasmania was represented by track cyclists Georgia Baker and Felicity Wilson-Haffenden.
- (2) Celebrates that Georgia Baker and Felicity Wilson-Haffenden returned home with five individual medals between them, and gold as members of the Australian Women's 4000-metre Team Pursuit team.
- (3) Acknowledges the honour bestowed upon Georgia Baker in being selected to carry the Australian flag at the Closing Ceremony.
- (4) Further recognises that the achievements of Georgia Baker and Felicity Wilson-Haffenden demonstrate the talent, determination and resilience of Tasmania's athletes and the strength of investing in Tasmania's elite sporting pathways.
- (5) Further acknowledges and thanks the coaches, officials, supporters, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and especially the athletes' families for their belief, support and contribution to the preparation and performance of Tasmanian athletes at the Commonwealth Games. (11 August 2026)

118 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the increasing detections of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in wild birds and poultry on mainland Australia and the risk this poses to Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that while the disease cannot be eliminated from wildlife, strong biosecurity, surveillance, preparedness and rapid response measures are essential in protecting Tasmania's commercial poultry industry, wildlife, environment and economy.
- (3) Commends the Tasmanian Government's Biosecurity Tasmania and Tasmanian industry for their proactive preparedness activities, including:—
- (a) strengthening surveillance and diagnostic capability;
 - (b) developing and exercising response plans with industry;
 - (c) undertaking extensive stakeholder and public awareness campaigns;
 - (d) working closely with commercial poultry producers, veterinarians, local government, and wildlife groups; and
 - (e) maintaining close collaboration with the Australian Government and other jurisdictions through national response arrangements.
- (4) Encourages all Tasmanians to remain vigilant, report sick or dead birds, and continue supporting the State's biosecurity efforts to prevent and mitigate impacts on Tasmania from avian influenza virus. (11 August 2026)

122 Mrs *Greene* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
- (a) Boag's beer has been brewed in Launceston for 145 years and is an iconic Tasmanian brand;
 - (b) Lion's decision to cease brewing in Tasmania has resulted in more than 42 jobs being lost from the northern economy; and
 - (c) power, water, freight and other costs have placed increasing pressure on Tasmanian manufacturers.

- (2) Recognises that the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, travelled to Japan at taxpayers' expense and met with Kirin executives, claiming he would advocate for Boag's workers and northern Tasmania.
- (3) Calls on the Premier to:—
 - (a) explain exactly what he achieved on his Japanese junket, including what commitments he secured regarding the brewery, brand, workforce, or a potential sale; and
 - (b) disclose the trip's full cost and table all relevant meeting records and correspondence with Kirin and Lion.
- (4) Urges the Government to support the sale of Boag's to a buyer committed to keeping brewing and jobs in Tasmania. (11 August 2026)

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

- (1) Notes that at the 2025 State Election, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, promised a state-owned insurer called 'TasInsure', claiming it would:—
 - (a) provide a \$250 annual insurance premium saving for every household;
 - (b) slash business insurance premiums by 20 per cent and "reduce grocery prices";
 - (c) not cost taxpayers a cent; and
 - (d) raid the Motor Accidents Insurance Board's (MAIB) reserves to underwrite its policies.
- (2) Further notes that because the Premier's policy was a fraud, he has now backtracked by:—
 - (a) dropping the MAIB raid;
 - (b) wasting more than \$100,000 on consultant John Trowbridge – whom he called the "Michael Jordan of insurance" – only for Mr Trowbridge to conclude that "my view, with only a few moments' reflection, is that such an ambition would not only be a disruption on an unachievable scale but also an aspiration with high risk, high cost and low chance of delivering...";
 - (c) demoting TasInsure to a statutory authority offering advice and comparison tools; and
 - (d) signing a three-month Memorandum of Understanding with RACT on 10 August 2026 – outsourcing his promises to an entity he originally set out to compete against.
- (3) Raises concern that the Premier still intends to create a 'designated risks pool' and underwrite policies where insurers will not provide reasonably priced cover, and that these policies will expose Tasmania's already at-breaking-point budget to serious financial risk.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to apologise to Tasmanians for misleading them with a promise of a \$250 saving he knew he could never deliver. (11 August 2026)

124 Ms *Howlett* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the important contribution live music makes to Tasmania's cultural identity, local communities, and visitor and regional economies.
- (2) Acknowledges the vital role played by Tasmanian musicians, performers, sound technicians, hospitality workers, venue operators and other creative industry professionals.
- (3) Welcomes the Tasmanian Government's proposal to establish a Tasmanian Live Music Excise Rebate Pilot to encourage more venues to host live music.
- (4) Notes that, under the proposal, participating pubs, hotels and clubs would be able to receive a rebate equal to 50 per cent of their verified expenditure on live performers and associated live-music costs.
- (5) Further recognises that the proposed pilot would:—
 - (a) create more paid performance opportunities for Tasmanian musicians;
 - (b) support jobs for sound technicians, production workers and hospitality employees;
 - (c) encourage more patrons to visit local pubs, hotels and clubs; and
 - (d) strengthen Tasmania's live music, hospitality and tourism sectors.
- (6) Agrees that Tasmania's strong musical culture, vibrant hospitality industry and diverse regional communities make the state an ideal location to trial this innovative proposal.

- (7) Calls on State Labor to join with the Tasmanian Government in calling on the Federal Labor Government to support the establishment of the Tasmanian Live Music Excise Rebate Pilot. (11 August 2026)

125 Ms *Rosol* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that in June 2025 the Custodial Inspector stated “prison watch-houses are wholly inappropriate for children” and recommended the Government develop a plan to stop their use.
- (2) Recognises with alarm that on 306 occasions in the 2025-2026 financial year, children were held in Tasmanian prison watch-houses, including some as young as 12 or 13 years old.
- (3) Decries the continued detainment of children in prison watch-houses in Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that during Budget Estimates, the Minister for Children and Youth was unable to say how many children were held in prison watch-houses between 1 July 2025 and 3 June 2026 due to the absence of processes for sharing information between relevant departments.
- (5) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) urgently create formal pathways and processes for the regular and routine sharing of data about children held in prison watch-houses between the Department of Justice; Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management; and the Department for Education, Children and Young People;
 - (b) update the House on progress towards information sharing processes between departments by Thursday 10 September 2026; and
 - (c) implement the Custodial Inspector’s recommendations about children in prison watch-houses, particularly Recommendation 3, for the Government to develop a plan, with timelines, to stop the use of prison watch-houses for children, and to ensure alternatives align with broader youth justice reform. (11 August 2026)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*