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149 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands we are at a time in history where people must find ways to work together to tackle the serious challenges humanity faces.
- (2) Acknowledges that the Arctic and Amazon is on fire, the first glacier has melted in Iceland and we are in a climate emergency.
- (3) Recognises international political, trade and market instability.
- (4) Further understands Tasmania is not immune from the issues faced globally – the rapidly changing climate, international security and trade tensions, the rise of authoritarianism and the erosion of democracy.
- (5) Further acknowledges that in times of crisis people need real leadership.
- (6) Calls on all parties in the Tasmanian Parliament to work together to combat and prepare our community for the climate emergency and the geopolitical upheaval Tasmania is facing. (3 September 2019)

150 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that in a time of climate emergency and growing social inequality, political parties need to work together.
- (2) Recognises the role of Opposition parties is to hold the Government to account.
- (3) Further understands it's also the role of Opposition parties to present an alternative vision.
- (4) Notes while they don't deliver an Alternative Budget as do the Greens, we now know that Labor supports:—
 - (a) most damningly for current and future generations, inaction on the climate emergency;
 - (b) Poker machines in communities until 2043;
 - (c) failing to protect young people at festivals from lethal drugs;
 - (d) the privatisation of public protected areas;
 - (e) shady dealings with developers in the office of the Coordinator General;
 - (f) soaring levels of foreign ownership of agricultural lands and housing;
 - (g) a cable car on kunanyi;
 - (h) the Cambria Green mega development near Swansea;
 - (i) the logging of high conservation value, carbon banking forests; and
 - (j) poorly regulated, unsustainable fish farm expansion.
- (5) Acknowledges that leadership across the community is required to ensure future wellbeing and prosperity for Tasmanians and that at a time when the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP could make a real, positive difference, she is refusing to do so.
- (6) Accepts that Tasmanian Labor under Hon. Rebecca White has become Liberal-lite.
- (7) Recognises that even if they don't support the Greens, Tasmanians know where we stand.
- (8) Further acknowledges with regret that the Greens are the only party that takes the climate emergency seriously, and the two Greens MPs remain the real opposition in Tasmania's Parliament. (3 September 2019)

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- 152** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the annual NECA Tasmania Excellence and Apprentice Awards were held on 17 August 2019.
 - (2) Acknowledges that the awards are the electrical and communication subcontractors' highest accolade and the industry's most prestigious awards program in Tasmania.
 - (3) Congratulates all entrants and finalists across all categories including technology innovation, management, workplace health and safety, and commercial expertise.
 - (4) Further congratulates the award recipients, namely:—
 - (a) Nelson South Electrical Contractor for the Energy Efficiency & Environment Project category;
 - (b) RBD Electrical for both the Industrial Small Project and Industrial Medium Project categories;
 - (c) Stowe Australia for the Commercial Small Project category; and
 - (d) Degree C for the Commercial Medium Project category.
 - (5) Further recognises the outstanding performance and commitment to industry by the 2019 Apprentice Award winners, which were awarded to Marek Porter and Alexander Findlater.
 - (6) Further congratulates all award winners, who will go on to represent the best that Tasmania has to offer in the National Industry Excellence and Apprentice Awards to be held in Brisbane in November. (3 September 2019)
- 153** The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Master Builders Awards for Excellence was held on 17 August 2019 in Hobart.
 - (2) Acknowledges these awards celebrate Tasmania's builders who demonstrate excellence, professionalism and an utmost commitment to quality workmanship in the projects being constructed around the State.
 - (3) Notes that there were 17 award category winners, highlighting the high level of achievement by individuals and organisations across Tasmania.
 - (4) Further notes the special category winners, including:—
 - (a) Residential Master Builder of the Year – AJR Construction;
 - (b) Commercial Master Builder of the Year and Specialist Contractor of the Year – Fairbrother Construction;
 - (c) Young Builder of the Year – Matthew Barwick, Barwick Developments;
 - (d) Tasmanian Apprentice of the Year – Adam Gelston, Fairbrother Construction; and
 - (e) Hands On Skill Apprentice of the Year – Matthew Bates, Faulker Building.
 - (5) Commends every entrant and finalist, who exemplify the outstanding craftsmanship and commitment to building excellence that exists throughout Tasmania;
 - (6) Further congratulates all award winners, who will go on to showcase Tasmania's best in the National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards to be held at Uluru in the Northern Territory later in 2019. (3 September 2019)
- 154** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the significant body of work contained in the 409 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
 - (2) Further recognises the significant number of reforms that the Hodgman Liberal Government has already pursued in response to those recommendations.
 - (3) Notes the importance of these reforms to ensuring that the failings of the past are not repeated in the future.
 - (4) Commends the survivors and their advocates for continuing to lobby all Australian governments so as to ensure the momentum for change caused by the Royal Commission is not lost. (3 September 2019)
- 155** The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that there are a record 198 entries for the 2019 Premier's Literary Prizes which is a clear demonstration of the talent and enthusiasm across Tasmania's literary sector.

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- (2) Notes that 2019 judges include esteemed writers, academics and industry professionals, including Professor Lucy Frost, Jane Rawson, Dr Robert Clark, Dr Natasha Cica, Rohan Wilson and Dr Graeme Miles.
- (3) Further notes that once the judging is complete, all of the books will be distributed to Tasmania's prison libraries.
- (4) Acknowledges that the Premier's Literary Prizes are presented by the Tasmanian Government and also supported by the University of Tasmania and private philanthropists. (3 September 2019)

157 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that under the Hodgman Liberal Government, the Australian Bureau of Statistic's labour force data for July 2019 shows 13,000 jobs have been created since we came to office.
- (2) Notes that these results follow recent data confirming that our economy is the strongest growing in the nation.
- (3) Further acknowledges that the NAB Monthly Business Survey results, for the seventh month in a row, found that Tasmania's business conditions are the best in the nation, three times better than the national result in trend terms.
- (4) Recognises the latest Sensis Business Index also found that Tasmania's businesses are the most confident in the nation and the Deloitte Access Economics analysis revealed Tasmania has the best business conditions in the nation.
- (5) Further acknowledge that Tasmanian small businesses currently employ more than 110,000 people across the State and are the powerhouse of our economy.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on such strong results and its commitment to continue to grow the economy and create jobs by supporting businesses to develop a higher skilled workforce; cut red tape and unlock investment opportunities in Tasmania. (3 September 2019)

158 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government saved the Mersey Community Hospital and that it was the Labor Party that wanted to shut it down, after selling the Mersey Hospital to the Federal Government for \$1.
- (2) Notes that it was the Labor Party that left the neurology services in the North West in limbo for three years.
- (3) Recognises that it was the Labor Party that did not commit to one more doctor in the North West or promise a single extra paramedic for the coast and, that it was under Labor, that Mersey funding was also dishonestly taken from the hospital and spent in the South.
- (4) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman majority Government has invested in a life-saving helipad at the site and continues to invest a record \$83.7 million into the hospital in 2019-20, which includes a new 12 bed rehabilitation ward.
- (5) Further notes that it is the Hodgman Liberal Government that has a strong record in funding for health, whereas Labor can't produce an alternative budget, they have no policies, they stand for nothing and now they are trying to con North West Coasters into believing they finally care.
- (6) Congratulates the Minister for Health, Hon. Sarah Courtney MP and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP with the full backing of this Government, working closely to ensure every aspect of health, including primary and prevention, community and acute, is performing at its very best. (3 September 2019)

159 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is delivering on our commitment to improve education results in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that approximately 25,000 Tasmanian students in years 3,5,7 and 9 from all Government, Catholic and the vast majority of independent schools completed the 2019 NAPLAN tests.
- (3) Recognises that Tasmania's 2019 preliminary NAPLAN results show that years 3 and 9 writing are seeing improvements from 2018 and, along with reading, are one of our strongest domains.

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- (4) Further notes that while the results are overall encouraging, they also show that numeracy and spelling remain an area for future focus.
- (5) Further acknowledges that this Government has invested significantly in literacy and numeracy initiatives, including the recently launched 'Literacy Framework and Plan for Action', and the Government's commitment to providing access to a Literacy Coach for every Tasmanian Government School, work is also now underway to develop a Numeracy Framework.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to improving educational outcomes in Tasmania by our record \$7.1 billion investment in education. (3 September 2019)

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

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

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

- (1) Notes that Tasmania's forest industry is continuing to achieve accolades and recognition for the premium products sourced from our production forests.
- (2) Further notes Hydrowood has recently been recognised for their premium Tasmanian timber products at the Australasian Timber Flooring Association (ATFA) Awards for excellence last week.
- (3) Congratulates Hydrowood for taking out three awards at this event, including the significant prize of "Overall Winner – Floor of the Year Award".
- (4) Further notes that this award winning floor was also showcased on Grand Designs Australia, providing significant positive exposure to the quality and premium timber products available here in Tasmania.
- (5) Acknowledges that the Tasmania's world class forest practices system and reserve estate supports this renewable and sustainable industry to achieve global recognition and drive demand for our valuable wood products.
- (6) Supports the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government's positive Strategic Growth Plan for Tasmania Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre. (3 September 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that 3 September 2019, is Australian National Flag Day, the annual day specifically dedicated to celebrating our national flag.
- (2) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day was officially established in 1996 by the proclamation of the former Governor-General Sir William Deane and celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901 over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne when then Prime Minister Edmund Barton announced the winners of a competition to design a flag for Australia.

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- (3) Acknowledges the Australian National Flag as Australia's foremost national symbol and a unifying and powerful expression of Australian identity.
- (4) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude upon the achievements and qualities of this great nation since Federation.
- (5) Further acknowledges the sterling work of the Australian National Flag Association in promoting and protecting our national symbol, whose work locally is led by Reg Watson.
- (6) Congratulates all individuals, community organisations, local authorities, businesses and schools across Tasmania that celebrated Australian National Flag Day by conducting flag-raising ceremonies and by flying or displaying the National Flag. (3 September 2019)

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

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

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

- (1) Acknowledges 3 September 2019, was Merchant Navy Day, which is commemorated on the anniversary of the sinking of the first British merchant vessel during World War II, and in 2019 it falls on the 80th anniversary of when Australia entered the Second World War.
- (2) Further acknowledges that the Merchant Navy Day illustrates the important contribution mariners have made to Australia's economic growth and prosperity in peace time and in war.
- (3) Notes that the Merchant Navy of the whole British Empire, which included the Australian Merchant Fleet, suffered proportionately the highest casualties of any of the allied services in the Second World War.
- (4) Further notes that thirty thousand two hundred and forty eight British Empire merchant seamen who served at sea under the red ensign lost their lives doing so with the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs nominal roll recording 3,500 Australian merchant seamen serving in World War II in Australian registered ships.
- (5) Recognises the Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial, located in Triabunna, on Tasmania's East Coast, which honours the lives of all Tasmanian seafarers who lost their lives at sea, including those who served in the armed forces. (4 September 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that National Stroke Week 2019 is taking place from 2-8 September 2019.
- (2) Further notes that the theme for National Stroke Week in 2019 is "F.A.S.T. Heroes" – recognising the everyday heroes who have spotted the signs of a stroke and called an ambulance straight away.

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

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

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

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

- (1) Recognises that the Government has a duty to protect those who protect us.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman majority Liberal Government makes no apology for taking strong action to protect people from the scourge of drugs and violence.
- (3) Further notes Labor's track record of siding with the Greens when it came to the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's strong action to protect Tasmanians by cracking down on serious organised crime and outlaw motorcycle gangs, even against the advice of Tasmania Police and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- (4) Further notes that just like the Greens, Labor opposed and continue to oppose guaranteed prison time for assaults on off duty police officers.
- (5) Further notes that Labor together with the Greens opposed and continue to oppose protections for our frontline workers and oppose guaranteed prison time for criminals who assault our frontline workers.
- (6) Further notes that Labor just like the Greens, consistently opposes guaranteed prison time for serious child sex offenders.
- (7) Further notes that Labor, like the Greens, has no policies to support the police in their role to protect the Tasmanian community.
- (8) Would welcome the Government bringing forward new legislation to guarantee prison time for assaults on frontline workers and serious child sex offenders. (5 September 2019)

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

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170 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

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

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

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

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

- (1) Recognises that 15 September 2019 is Battle of Britain Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who fought and died in the Battle of Britain, history's first entirely aerial campaign and a strategic turning point of the Second World War.
- (2) Notes that the Battle occurred over the United Kingdom between 10 July 1940 and 31 October 1940 between the air forces of Nazi Germany and the then British Empire and Commonwealth.
- (3) Further notes that Allied success in the Battle was pivotal in seeing the planned seaborne invasion of the United Kingdom by Hitler's Germany cancelled, allowing the British Isles to eventually become the springboard from which the invasion of occupied Europe was performed, leading to the liberation of millions under Nazi oppression.
- (4) Pays tribute to 'The Few', as Winston Churchill immortally named the fighter pilots fighting in the skies over Britain, for their service, courage and sacrifice, including more than thirty Australians, 14 of whom died in the Battle including Flight Lieutenant Stuart Walch, of Hobart, who attended the Hutchins School before joining the RAAF.
- (5) Acknowledges that over this coming weekend, a memorial service commemorating the Battle will be held at St David's Cathedral and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence Force, foreign militaries, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending and encourages all Tasmanians to pay their respects. (10 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Party Government is working with primary producers to develop their exports, particularly into key Asian markets.
- (2) Notes that Tasmanian growers will be showcasing our produce at Hong Kong's Fruit Logistics in the week 10 - 13 September 2019 - which attracts more than 13,000 buyers from over 76 countries enabling Tasmanian producers to connect with key buyers and importers across Asia.

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- (3) Further notes in 2019 Fruit Growers Tasmania has partnered with Brand Tasmania to exhibit at Asia Fruit logistics in their own right under the unique Tasmanian banner of 'the quiet pursuit of the extraordinary.'
- (4) Further acknowledges that Tasmania's brand is one of our State's greatest assets and Tasmanian growers will affirm their commitment to exceptional quality which is expected to boost export demand for our premium horticultural products.
- (5) Further notes that a key priority in our Trade Strategy is to build the export capability of local businesses and growing our agricultural exports will help deliver our target to grow the annual farm gate value of Tasmanian agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.
- (6) Recognises that over 80 per cent of Tasmania's exports are consigned to the Asian region, with China and Hong Kong alone accounting for 35 per cent of total Tasmanian exports.
- (7) Further acknowledges that the Tasmanian Government is committed to empowering businesses to take their products to the world, so that the Tasmanian economy continues to grow, creating local jobs. (10 September 2019)

176 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

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

177 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tourism contributes more than \$3 billion to Tasmania's economy.
- (2) Notes that our Tourism industry supports approximately 38,000 jobs—15.6% of total employment across the State.
- (3) Records that the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to invest strongly into our visitor economy, ensuring all regions reap the benefits.
- (4) Recognises that as a part of our 2019-20 Budget, this Government has committed \$20 million into the 'Regional Loan Attraction Scheme' that provides low interest loans of up to \$1 million for business to invest in new job creating tourism projects.
- (5) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for continuing to support visitor growth in Tasmania by:—
 - (a) supporting Tourism Tasmania marketing;
 - (b) growing the number of flights to the north of the State;
 - (c) launching the Western Wilds drive journey and the next iconic walk;
 - (d) investing \$72 million in our 'Roads to Support Tasmania's Visitor Economy' program; and
 - (e) investing in the 'Event Attraction Fund' which helps attract major events to regional centres. (10 September 2019)

178 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the purchase of Specialty Veneers timber processing business by Britton Timbers.
- (2) Notes that Specialty Veneers is a productive member of the Tasmanian timber industry producing a premium range of products for the joinery and furniture industries.
- (3) Further notes that Specialty Veneers also manufacture and supply a number of quality solid Tasmanian timber species under the Corinna Timbers name.
- (4) Congratulates the famous Tasmanian timber industry family business, Britton Timbers on their announcement in late August 2019 of the purchase of the Specialty Veneers company.

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- (5) Further notes that Britton Timbers now employ in excess of 180 people, the majority of which live in regional areas.
- (6) Further notes that this purchase is a vote of confidence in the Tasmanian timber industry, helping secure the future of over 20 employees in the North West region.
- (7) Further acknowledges the industry's confidence, backed by the solid support of the Hodgman Liberal Government. (10 September 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Recognises that 29 September 2019, is the 25th anniversary for Landcare Tasmania, the peak body working to represent, support, strengthen and grow Tasmania's community Landcare network.
- (2) Acknowledges that since 1994, Landcare Tasmania has been helping local groups care for Tasmania's unique environment and coasts and is the oldest state based Landcare organisation in Australia.
- (3) Notes that Landcare Tasmania now supports over 240 community Landcare groups across the State and approximately 4,400 regular members and volunteers who provide an incredible 135,000 hours of voluntary effort to help improve the health of our natural and working environments.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government's support of Landcare in Tasmania includes doubling funding to Landcare Tasmania to \$960,000 over four years and establishing a \$1.8 million Landcare Grants Program, delivered in partnership with the TFGA and Landcare Tasmania, to provide grants to farmers, Landcare and other community organisations for practical, on-ground works.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the first round of the Landcare Grants Program was announced on 31 August 2019 at Sillwood near Carrick, with more than \$200,000 provided in funding for 38 projects, attracting in kind contributions of around \$270,000—a tremendous example of the Government and community working together.
- (6) Further notes that Landcare Tasmania's 25th Anniversary Conference will be held from 25 – 27 October 2019, including the 2019 Landcare Awards Dinner on Saturday 26 October 2019 and the inaugural presentation of the Premier's Landcare Award.

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- (7) Commends the staff at Landcare Tasmania, including CEO Rod Knight and Chair George Rance, for their hard work and efforts in promoting and supporting the Landcare movement across the State. (24 September 2019)
- 185** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the 6th Longford Jazz Festival took place from 20 September to 22 September 2019.
 - (2) Appreciates the Festival was a celebration of everything that is special and unique about jazz music, including an impressive range of performers from around the State and Country.
 - (3) Acknowledges the 2019 Festival included a program of events celebrating key elements of jazz culture and music and included events around Perth and Longford, highlighted by a Saturday Night Jazz Concert at the Town Hall in Longford and traditional gospel service at Christchurch Longford on Sunday.
 - (4) Commends the many performing artists and guest bands including St Patrick's School Band, Ross Challender's Little Big Band and Django Tiger involved with the Festival, which came from all around the State and beyond, showcasing their incredible talent.
 - (5) Congratulates pianist Bruce Gourlay, recipient of the 2019 Peter Voss Memorial Award, and drummer Vicki Patterson, recipient of the 'Encouragement Award'.
 - (6) Further congratulates Don Ives, for his leadership and vision to first start the music Festival in 2014, and Dee Alty for her commitment in helping organise the 2019 event.
 - (7) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Festival and also the Longford community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting what is a growing Festival each year. (24 September 2019)
- 186** The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes preliminary works have begun on the \$70 million Southern Remand Centre project at the Risdon Prison site.
 - (2) Further notes the contract for these works has been awarded to Tasmanian construction company the Hazell Brothers Group.
 - (3) Further notes that more than 130 jobs are expected to be created during construction of the 140-bed facility, with 50 ongoing jobs created upon completion.
 - (4) Further notes this major infrastructure project is part of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's \$350 million prison infrastructure program to build capacity in the system and fix ageing infrastructure. (24 September 2019)
- 187** The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—
- (1) Welcomes support of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's sensible remission reform.
 - (2) Acknowledges the policy backflip by the Labor Opposition, which previously strongly opposed remission reform then supported it days after the Labor spokesperson said they would not back it.
 - (3) Encourages Labor to perform a further backflip and support guaranteed jail time for child sex offenders and for violent criminals that assault our frontline workers including ambulance officers, child safety officers, correctional services officers and community corrections officers, nurses and midwives, and medical orderlies and hospital attendants.
 - (4) Notes that Labor still has no credibility on law and order and has no long-term plan to keep Tasmanians safe. (24 September 2019)
- 188** The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the amazing results achieved by horses and participants in Tasmania's thoroughbred racing sector during racing season 2018/2019.
 - (2) Congratulates the winners of awards announced at the recent Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Awards.
 - (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's strong commitment to growing Tasmania's racing industry and the many social and economic benefits it provides to Tasmania. (24 September 2019)
- 189** The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—

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

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

- (1) Notes the Chudleigh Memorial Hall & Park celebrated its 60th Anniversary on 14 September 2019 with a community barbeque.
- (2) Further notes that the Hall was built in 1954 to both honour the living and in memory of the fallen from both War One and World War Two.
- (3) Further notes the Hall includes a playground, recreation space, gardens, sheltered BBQ and picnic areas, public toilets and visitor information.
- (4) Acknowledges the facilities support both the local community and travelers and is the only such public area in Chudleigh.
- (5) Congratulates the Chudleigh Memorial Hall Committee on their tireless efforts to manage and maintain the Hall and its wonderful spaces.
- (6) Further congratulates all involved for their hard work in celebrating such a wonderful community space. (25 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges that the vegetable processor in Simplot's Devonport factory will play a central role in an Australian Government investigation using renewables for process heating in manufacturing or helping to reduce emissions in our manufacturing industry.
- (2) Notes that the North West coast processor will be one of only five sites chosen nationally to progress to a full feasibility study and will be complete by the end of 2019.
- (3) Recognises the site will test commercially available technologies that have significant potential to optimise the application of process heating in manufacturing, while increasing the uptake of renewable energy.
- (4) Recognises process heating accounts for the largest share of onsite energy use in Australian manufacturing and that low temperature processes offer the best opportunity for displacing fossil fuel with renewably powered alternatives.
- (5) Further notes by switching to renewable energy technologies, industries like Simplot can significantly reduce their reliance on traditional forms of energy, save and reduce their operating costs.
- (6) Further notes that if the project proves to be feasible, the site would then be eligible to apply to ARENA for Federal funding to implement the renewable energy measures.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government as it continues to progress opportunities for our businesses and industries that see a strategic advantage in sourcing their energy from Tasmania's renewable sources, while delivering on the lowest emissions in the country and our target of 100% renewable energy by 2022. (25 September 2019)

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

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Export Awards are the State's highest recognition of excellence of Tasmanian companies exporting goods and services.
- (2) Records the 26th Tasmanian Export Awards were held on the 19 September 2019 where our world class exporters were recognised for their achievements.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Tasmanian Export Awards give Tasmanian exporters the recognition for their significant contribution to our economy, through job creation, economic growth and the associated increased prosperity in our community.
- (4) Recognises the prestigious Tasmanian Export Awards give our exporters State distinction and the opportunity to compete at the national Export Awards held in Canberra in December 2019.

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- (5) Further notes that the Awards provide our producers with a platform to build their businesses' profile in state, national and international markets.
- (6) Further acknowledges that, according to the latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Tasmanian producers have exported \$3.71 billion worth of goods in the last financial year.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for the 'Tasmanian Trade Strategy 2019-2025' which positions Tasmanians to be globally competitive, assists in expanding industry capability, empowers Tasmanian producers to expand their presence on a global market and attract investments and create jobs. (25 September 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges the Burnie Port is a key player in our State's economy, noting that ninety-nine per cent of goods originating or terminating here are shipped.
- (2) Notes Burnie is one of Tasmania's most important facilities, handling the highest volume of cargo in our State, with 5.44 million tonnes shipped during 2017-18 as well as cruise ship visitations.
- (3) Further acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government for its investment of \$1.74 million for the a mooring dolphin which enables cruise ships up to 315 metres in length enter the Port of Burnie.
- (4) Further notes that the 2019-2020 cruise season is expected to welcome a total of 130 cruise ships to Tasmania, of which 39 vessels will visit the port of Burnie.
- (5) Recognises the port of Burnie not only manages 42.4 per cent of our State's total exports but is crucial for Tasmania's growing mining industry and forestry, with the vast majority of products exported from this facility.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for its 10 year Infrastructure Pipeline which includes a \$40 million investment into the critically important bulk minerals ship-loader. This upgrade is strongly supported by the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council. The Council state it is a priority that will provide the West Coast miners with a reliable export supply chain.
- (7) Condemns the Labor opposition for not supporting the replacement of this fundamental piece of infrastructure for our mining sector. (25 September 2019)

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

- (1) Congratulates the organisers and people of all ages who participated in the Global Climate Strike on 20 September 2019.
- (2) Condemns the Morrison Liberal Government for ignoring the concerns of young people and the wider community who are demanding stronger action on climate change.
- (3) Welcomes Federal Labor's commitment to implement the Paris agreement, reduce the rate of global warming, move to net zero emissions by 2050 and set medium-term emissions reduction targets that are consistent with these principles and guided by the best available scientific and economic advice.
- (4) Acknowledges that Tasmania has an opportunity through the exporting of renewable energy to make a major contribution to reducing national emissions.
- (5) Supports renewable energy projects including Robbins Island Wind Farm provided it meets all the necessary approvals.
- (6) Calls on the Government to report twice yearly to the Parliament on progress to meet strong targets backed by effective measures to reduce Tasmania's emissions and ensure that strong climate adaptation measures are implemented. (25 September 2019)

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

- (1) Recognises that 27 September 2019 is National Police Remembrance Day.
- (2) Notes that Remembrance Day is a sobering reminder of the potential dangers that police officers sometimes face while trying to protect our communities.
- (3) Further notes that a service to honour the fallen members of Tasmania Police will be held at the Tasmania Police Academy on Friday 27 September 2019.
- (4) Remembers and pays tribute to the memory of all police officers who have lost their lives and their families that have lost a loved one serving the Tasmanian community. They have all undertaken important duties that have contributed to making our

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communities a safer place to live and have made the ultimate sacrifice in keeping others safe.

- (5) Further notes that Remembrance Day is also a time to reflect on the hard work and dedication of all Tasmanian Police Officers and the contribution that they make to Tasmania. (26 September 2019)

196 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House censures Hon. Elise Archer MP, Hon. Guy Barnett MP, Dr Shane Broad MP, Ms Jenna Butler MP, Hon. Sarah Courtney MP, Ms Anita Dow MP, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, Ms Eloise Haddad MP, Hon. Susanne Hickey MP, Hon. William Hodgman MP, Ms Jennifer Houston MP, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP, Mr David O'Byrne MP, Ms Jacqueline Petrusma MP, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Mrs Joan Rylah MP, Hon Mark Shelton MP, Ms Alison Standen MP, Mr John Tucker MP, and Hon. Rebecca White MP on the following grounds:—

- (1) the Members' failure to offer meaningful support to young people in their fight for a safe climate.
- (2) the Members' failure to stand up to their Federal colleagues' shameful advocacy for the coal, oil and gas industries - as well as their willingness to accept donations from these industries.
- (3) the Members' shameful support for logging natural forest carbon banks.
- (4) the Members' complicity in global climate and environmental vandalism that has led to a climate and biodiversity emergency. (26 September 2019)

198 The Treasurer to move—That the House approves, in accordance with sub-sections 11(7) and 12 (4) of the Public Account Act 1986, additional Recurrent Services and Works and Services expenditure in 2018-19 for the purpose detailed in the Section 19 Return for the June Quarter 2019. (15 October 2019)

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

- (1) Notes the significant community concern about the proposed closure of the TasTAFE campus in the Launceston CBD.
- (2) Recognises the problems with the current aging infrastructure at the Alanvale campus.
- (3) Further notes the recent delays and cancellations to courses faced by students studying information technology, plumbing and electrotechnology.
- (4) Further notes the serious issue of understaffing at TasTAFE and its effect on teaching staff.
- (5) Further notes the decision by the University of Tasmania to relocate its Newnham campus to the CBD.
- (6) Further notes the difficulties faced by businesses across a range of industries that are desperate to find skilled staff.
- (7) Further notes Tasmania has lost 5,600 full time jobs in the past year and has a youth unemployment rate of 13.7 per cent.
- (8) Calls on the Premier, the Hon. Will Hodgman MP, to rule out the closure of the TasTAFE campus in the Launceston CBD. (15 October 2019)

202 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the significance of Parliament Lawns for the facilitation of protests and peaceful presentation of political views to Members of Parliament.
- (2) Acknowledges that Tasmanian members of the global climate activist movement, Extinction Rebellion, have had a near-constant presence on Parliament lawns for some months.
- (3) Agrees these Tasmanians have been fostering awareness of the climate emergency, and have engaged in a friendly and welcoming manner with the public on the lawns, spreading an important message in a positive way.
- (4) Commends these Tasmanians for their dedication to a safe climate, and agrees that their advocacy has been beneficial for our state and our democracy. (15 October 2019)

203 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government knows that an apprenticeship or traineeship is one of the most meaningful ways for young people to earn while they learn and this Government has a long term plan that is working.

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- (2) Recognises our plan is backed by a solid budget which remains in surplus through good disciplined budget management.
- (3) Notes the Hodgman Government has invested more than \$100 million to provide pathways into employment in high demand industries including health, community and social services, tourism and hospitality and building and construction.
- (4) Further notes that since 2015, the Hodgman Liberal Government has increased recurrent funding to TasTAFE from \$73.5 million to \$77.8 million a year; approximately 80 per cent of the State's training budget.
- (5) Further recognises through the release of Infrastructure Tasmania's Project Pipeline, we are providing certainty to our building and construction businesses to have confidence to further invest in a skilled workforce.
- (6) Further acknowledges that our skills policy settings are working and the 2019 State budget maintains the momentum with initiatives such as Small Business Grants and Payroll Tax rebates helping businesses to take on apprentices as our economy grows.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its Plan that has lifted Tasmania to new levels, with more opportunities, the fastest growing economy in the nation which has created 13,500 more jobs. (16 October 2019)

204 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government continues to deliver on its commitment to supporting Tasmanians to leading healthy lifestyles.
- (2) Notes the Government's \$8.6 million Healthy Tasmania Strategic Plan is focused on improving the State's health with an ambitious goal of becoming the healthiest population by 2025.
- (3) Further acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government's 'Tasmanian Tobacco Control Plan 2017 – 2021' is delivering on its commitment to improve the health, social and economic wellbeing of all Tasmanians by reducing the prevalence of tobacco use and smoking and the inequalities it causes.
- (4) Further notes the latest Australian Secondary Students Alcohol and Drug survey 2017 reports a significant decline in the rates of young Tasmanians smoking, reaching an all-time low, with the current smoking rates halved among older students since 2011 – from 16 per cent to 8 per cent.
- (5) Further notes under Healthy Tasmania, the Hodgman Government is targeting action towards those who supply tobacco, and education and marketing to help people quit.
- (6) Recognises there is still more to do as Tasmania continues to have the second highest rate of daily smokers nationally with 17.9 per cent. The National Health Survey 2017 – 18 reports more adult males (19.3%) were current smokers compared to 15.7 per cent of females and the highest smoking by age group to be 18 to 24 year olds at 22.6 per cent.
- (7) Congratulate the Hodgman Liberal Government on its Plan to reduce smoking. (16 October 2019)

205 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman majority Liberal Government has made it easier for Tasmanians to report rubbish dumping to help keep our bushland and public open spaces clean.
- (2) Recognises that Tasmanians who enjoy our open spaces whether on horseback, moto cross riders or 4x4 drivers, are perfectly placed to use the new Report Rubbish tool at <https://rubbish.epa.tas.gov.au/> to record the location, type and amount of litter or dumped rubbish.
- (3) Acknowledges that this new Report Rubbish link, is a very useful tool for the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to crack down on litter. And works in conjunction with the Litter Amendment Bill 2018, which significantly increases penalties for illegal dumping.
- (4) Further notes that research indicates, the equivalent of a garbage dump truck of waste enters our oceans, every 1 minute.
- (5) Congratulates the Hodgman majority Liberal Government on this great local initiative to a Global problem. (16 October 2019)

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

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- (1) Notes Aurora Energy continues to be a great supporter of the network of Neighbourhood Houses, through their Community Grants Program.
- (2) Further notes and congratulates Aurora Energy for their Community Grant initiative which offers eligible community-based organisations with up to \$5,000 towards a project or program that can demonstrate its support for vulnerable Tasmanians.
- (3) Acknowledges Aurora Energy's Community Grant support of the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House's 'Healthy and Happy' program.
- (4) Congratulates Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House for this unique program which provides the local community with education and practical advice on healthy eating to alleviate the common long-term health conditions relating to lifestyle diseases.
- (5) Further acknowledges the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House for their 33 year dedicated service to the Fingal Valley in pursuit of their mission to build the community, support people and families and enhance participation choices. (17 October 2019)

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

- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Manufacturing, Minerals and Energy Council (TMEC) has again stepped up and are leading the way on mental health and wellbeing in the workplace with their 2019 Better with Balance Trans-Tasmanian Challenge endurance event from 13 – 24 November 2019.
- (2) Acknowledges that all workplaces have a role to play in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of employees.
- (3) Further notes TMEC believe the Trans Tasmanian Challenge will help to raise awareness of the importance of work life balance and healthy lifestyles in Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that the Tasmanian Government is supporting health and wellbeing through the 'Healthy Tasmania 5 Year Strategic Plan'. This plan focuses on improved lifestyle choices that can help reduce the burden of chronic conditions like diabetes.
- (5) Further acknowledges Diabetes Tasmania is the charity partner for the TMEC Better with Balance Challenge for 2019.
- (6) Further notes that the funds raised will assist in providing ongoing support for those living with diabetes to increase their resilience to live with a chronic disease and to increase diabetes empowerment, and promote awareness in the community about both the prevalence and impact of diabetes.
- (7) Joins the Government in wishing all participants fair winds and smooth going in their Trans Tasmania Challenge endurance events from Penguin to Cockle Creek during November 2019 and to thank all support crew for their efforts. (17 October 2019)

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

- (1) Acknowledges the important contribution of the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild and Men's Shed and the connections it provides the community.
- (2) Recognises that Tasmania's Men's Sheds provide a safe, supportive environment where men can form friendships, learn and share skills, seek support and advice regarding health and wellbeing issues and participate in projects that benefit the broader community.
- (3) Further acknowledge the support of the Hodgman Liberal Government to the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild and Men's Shed with a \$4,482 grant under the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Grants Program to purchase tools and equipment.
- (4) Congratulates Reon Johns, the committee and all those involved for their continued outstanding efforts in providing this much needed, and much appreciated community centre. (17 October 2019)

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

- (1) Congratulates Gerard and Susan Daly of the Daly Potato Company, for being named the Australian Farmer of the Year 2019.
- (2) Notes that since the award was established 10 years ago the prestigious Australian Farmer of the Year Award has been won by Tasmanian farmers 4 times, Daly Potato Company 2019, Peter and Frances Bender 2018, Matt Dunbabin 2015 and Tim Reid AM 2014.
- (3) Recognises the Daly Potato Company also received the 2019 Award for Excellence in innovation, sponsored by Telstra.

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- (4) Further notes, the Daly Potato Company has been using premium fresh potatoes for over 30 years including more recently potato salads and other value added potato products through the Daly Potato Company and vodka through Hellfire Distillery.
- (5) Acknowledges the Hodgman Liberal Government's support of the Daly Potato Company through initiatives such as Find Food Sydney 2019, and inward buyer delegations, including the recent JA Biei delegation from Japan.
- (6) Further recognises Tasmania agriculture, led by innovative farmers like the Daly family, is going from strength to strength with the latest Agri-Food scorecard showing ongoing growth in the primary industry sector.
- (7) Further notes we are on target to grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion by 2050, with Tasmania's agricultural production increasing in value in 2017 – 2018 to \$1.60 billion, an increase of 9.1 percent.
- (8) Further congratulates Sally Murfet of Inspire AG who was named the Rural Consultant of the Year. (17 October 2019)

211 Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the community is becoming increasingly frustrated with traffic congestion and delayed road safety upgrades.
- (2) Further notes the former Minister for Infrastructure, Rene Hidding, convened a crisis meeting to deal with traffic congestion in February 2016 to identify projects to be fast-tracked to alleviate congestion in Hobart and to finalise a long term plan.
- (3) Further notes the Government's 30 year infrastructure plan contains no projects, no recommendations and no development timelines.
- (4) Condemns the Government's use of expensive consultants as a strategy to delay action on vital infrastructure projects.
- (5) Further notes revelations in the recent Senate Estimates Hearings that the majority of the funding promised for Bass Highway upgrades will not become available until after the next State and Federal elections in 2022 and will stretch out until at least 2028.
- (6) Further notes that after six years of broken promises the Bridgewater Bridge project still does not have an approved business case or design.
- (7) Further notes \$90 million to improve traffic between Hobart and Sorell won't be spent until after the next election.
- (8) Further notes the continually delayed Hobart Airport Interchange project cost has blown out by \$20 million.
- (9) Further notes there has been no action on building a fifth lane on Hobart's Southern Outlet or the underground bus mall.
- (10) Recognises the Liberal Government has no intention of building the promised bridge over the Tamar River.
- (11) Further condemns the Government's continued failure to deliver on their infrastructure election promises. (29 October 2010)

212 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the success of the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards held in Launceston on 26 October 2019.
- (2) Further notes that the night showcased some exciting innovation and practice from local businesses.
- (3) Congratulates all nominees for their hard work.
- (4) Recognizes the following businesses for their outstanding success in winning the following categories:—
 - (a) Building Communities – Harvest Launceston Community Farmers Market;
 - (b) Design Excellence – ARTAS Architects;
 - (c) Environmental Excellence - Star Theatre;
 - (d) Excellence in Agribusiness – Casalinga Gourmet Meats;
 - (e) Excellence in Community Service – Launceston City Mission;
 - (f) Excellence in Customer Service – NBC Auto Parts and Engineering;
 - (g) Excellence in Export - Bell Bay Aluminium;
 - (h) Excellence in Health - Mental Health Nurse Program North operated by Prospect Medical Centre;
 - (i) Excellence in Innovation & Technology - EB Solar;
 - (j) Exceptional Workplaces - The Metz;

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- (k) Manufacturing Excellence - Tasman Metal Industries;
 - (l) Marketing Excellence - Kingthing Marketing;
 - (m) Outstanding Event - St Helens One Night Stand - Break O'Day Council;
 - (n) Outstanding Visitor Experience - On Your Bike Tours Launceston;
 - (o) Professional Services Excellence - Launceston Dental Group;
 - (p) Retail Excellence - Capri Launceston;
 - (q) Start-up - Leisure Rent Pty. Ltd.;
 - (r) Tourism Excellence - Overland Track Transport; and
 - (s) Young Professional of the Year - Dr Joey Crawford.
- (5) Applauds local business owners Rebecca and Rod King and their team from Kingthing Marketing on winning the Business of the Year Award.
 - (6) Further congratulates long term business leader Don Pitt for being inducted as a Life member of the Chamber.
 - (7) Further congratulates local businessman and inspiring member of the Launceston community Rod Patterson on his Hall of Fame Award. (29 October 2019)

214 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House declares a climate emergency. (29 October 2019)

215 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Standard and Poors Global Agency (S&P) has once again endorsed the Hodgman Liberal Government's fiscal management with AA+ (Stable) credit rating, its second highest rating.
- (2) Recognises this Government's experienced management team has received a resounding endorsement from the Agency who stated that our "disciplined approach to containing expenditure will continue to gradually widen operating surpluses....and that "Tasmania's experienced management team and exceptional liquidity coverage continue to underpin the State's credit worthiness."
- (3) Further acknowledges S & P Global expects Tasmania will maintain its "solid fiscal position" and that: "The stable outlook reflects our expectation that Tasmania's strong operating position will offset its larger capital program spend. We expect the State's debt level to remain low compared with its peers."
- (4) Notes S & P Global projects that our economic growth will remain high at 2.75 per cent over the next two years, in line with forecasts in the 2019-20 Budget.
- (5) Further recognises Tasmania is currently the fastest growing economy in Australia and it doesn't just happen by good luck.
- (6) Understands a strong economy is the key to Tasmanians enjoying a better quality of life and our State cannot afford the uncertainty and instability of another Labor-Green deal.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for maintaining the momentum and investing for further growth, ensuring we can deliver our plan to grow the economy, create jobs, invest in essential services, keep Tasmanians safe and protect our Tasmanian way of life. (29 October 2019)

216 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges agriculture is a key pillar of the Tasmanian economy, with the latest Agri-food scorecard confirming 2017-18 was an exceptional year, growing 9.1 per cent to an annual value of \$1.6 billion.
- (2) Recognises 'Tasmania's Agri-Food Scorecard 2017 – 2018' shows we have what the world wants and the Tasmanian brand is delivering real business outcomes, with record overseas food exports of \$740 million.
- (3) Notes the report shows we are on track to grow the value of Tasmania's agriculture sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050, driving investment in regional areas and creating local jobs.
- (4) Further recognises key contributors include dairy, beef, fruit, and major vegetable crops all recording strong export growth. Each of these products is benefiting from Tasmania's continued GMO free status, which provides access to premium markets across the Globe.
- (5) Further notes we recently launched our Sustainable Agri-Food Plan 2019-23, our blueprint for continued growth, to ensure Tasmania's agriculture sector continues to thrive.

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- (6) Understands this Government is continuing to work closely with farmers and rural communities in drought affected areas.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for backing agriculture with \$100 million in the 2019-20 Budget to boost border biosecurity, research and innovation, farm productivity, new market development, reducing on-farm energy costs and the roll out of Tranche 3 irrigation schemes across the State. (29 October 2019)

217 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes in 2020 a new nation leading disability funding approach will be rolled out across Tasmanian Government schools.
- (2) Recognises the approach, Educational Adjustments, comes as a part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to providing high quality inclusive education for students with a disability.
- (3) Further notes the initiative will make a huge difference for our students by aligning resourcing to individual needs.
- (4) Further recognises approximately 2,000 additional students will now be supported under the new model, and it will also mean more Support Teachers will be available to directly help our students.
- (5) Further notes the move to a needs-based funding model was identified through the 2014 Ministerial Taskforce to support children and young people with disability.
- (6) Understands the needs-based funding will continue to be progressed with an additional \$34 million allocated over the next four years.
- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for its commitment which is building inclusive school communities focused on ensuring all students with disabilities are supported to learn, contribute and participate. (29 October 2019)

218 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the 'Tasmanian Government Fiscal Sustainability Report', released by Treasury, confirms our finances are strong and the Hodgman Liberal Government long term Plan is working.
- (2) Recognises this Government's Budget is on track to deliver our election commitments, with forecast surpluses across the forward estimates to ensure we have the flexibility to manage cost pressures, such as Health, or unforeseen events.
- (3) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for living within its means and spending less than we earn.
- (4) Further recognises this is in stark contrast to Labor's last four years of government, where expenditures significantly outstripped revenues and the budget was in red.
- (5) Notes 13,500 jobs have been created, since March 2014, and Tasmania is now leading the nation in many key indicators, including having the fastest growing economy in the country, for the first time in 15 years.
- (6) Further recognises these results do not happen by accident, they are a direct result of this Government's long-term Plan to responsibly manage our Budget, and ensure the right economic conditions are in place for Tasmanian businesses to create jobs.
- (7) Further acknowledges the Hodgman Government's number one priority is to create jobs, grow the economy and protect the Tasmanian way of life. We have a plan to achieve this and it's clear that plan is working. (29 October 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*