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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 79

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Notices of Motion

404 Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that 'Interim Planning Directive 4' was issued by the Minister for Planning, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP without consultation with Local Government and the community.
- (2) Recognises the Minister for Planning's unilateral issuance of this Directive to bring forward planning standardisation is a concerning departure from the legislated process and the understanding of Tasmanians.
- (3) Notes the Local Provision Schedules' process is designed to meet local needs and objectives, but is still being undertaken by most councils.
- (4) Further acknowledges the fast-tracking of provisions contained within 'Interim Planning Directive 4' undermines the process of transferral to a state-wide planning scheme and the role of the Tasmanian Planning Commission in accessing Local Provision Schedules prior to a Council's adoption of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for Planning to re-commit to the reform process, as previously iterated, and rule out further Interim Planning Directives issued without consultation and community support. (2 March 2021)

405 Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Liberal Government's unsustainable salmon industry growth plan will continue the negative impacts of fin-fish farming operations on the environment and the quality of life of nearby residents.
- (2) Understands communities including those from the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Huon River, Bruny Island, Nubeena, White Beach, Port Arthur and Okehampton Bay are being affected by noise pollution and the extensive degradation of their marine waterways caused by fish farming operations.
- (3) Notes the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel's process for approving new fish farming operations has been widely criticised, including by previous 'sitting members' who have described the panel as 'inherently compromised'.
- (4) Further notes the contentious Storm Bay fish farm expansions were approved by only three Members of a nine person panel, and no Members present had environmental or biosecurity expertise.
- (5) Recognises the threat to human life posed by fish farming marine debris, and that this pollution is routinely discovered along Tasmania's coast lines.
- (6) Further understands that without independent and rigorous environmental monitoring and regulation the fin-fish farming industry will remain unsustainable and environmentally damaging.
- (7) Further recognises the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is not independent of Government direction, and is incapable of protecting the environment while it is constrained by the Minister's Statement of Expectations.

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- (8) Calls on the Government to implement a moratorium on the expansion of fin-fish farming in Tasmania until such time as we have laws which protect the environment and the amenity of coastal communities. (2 March 2021)

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

- (1) That since the Liberal Government took office in 2014:—
- (a) the proportion of child safety investigations completed within 28 days has decreased from 31.9% to 6.8%;
 - (b) the housing waitlist has increased from 2,465 applicants to 3,373;
 - (c) average wait time for those housed has increased from 35.7 weeks to 61.8 weeks;
 - (d) the number of public housing dwellings has decreased from 8,413 to 7050;
 - (e) the elective surgery waiting list has grown by more than 4,000 patients, or 56%;
 - (f) average overdue time waiting for Urgent elective surgery patients increased from 15 days to 99;
 - (g) ambulance emergency response times have increased from 11.3 minutes to 13.8 minutes;
 - (h) the daily average prisoner population has increased from 472 in to 664;
 - (i) the imprisonment rate for Aboriginal Tasmanians compared to non-Aboriginal Tasmanians has increased from 3 times higher to 4 times higher;
 - (j) youth offender diversion has decreased from 53% to 46% for the general population and from 40% to 23% for Aboriginal Tasmanians; and
 - (k) youth recidivism has increased from 29.8% to 58.3%, and adult recidivism has increased from 39.1% to 47.1%.
- (2) Condemns the Liberal Government for their seven years of mismanaging the State. (2 March 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises that in a climate and biodiversity crisis, carbon stores and critical habitat for wildlife must be protected.
- (2) Notes that old growth forests, once home to endangered and threatened Tasmanian species, are being clearfelled and burned across lutruwita/Tasmania, with most of it ending up as woodchips.
- (3) Further notes that under the Liberal Government, native forest logging for woodchips is intensifying, and is being cheered on by the Labor Opposition.
- (4) Understands young Tasmanians will look at the decisions political leaders make now and judge them harshly for the failures to end deforestation slow global heating.
- (5) Applauds the brave forest defenders at the Bob Brown Foundation who are protecting Tasmania's globally significant, carbon-rich old forests.
- (6) Supports the right of all Tasmanians to peaceful protest.
- (7) Calls on the Government to take real climate action and end native forest logging in Tasmania. (2 March 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises 2021's International Women's Day theme is #ChooseToChallenge.
- (2) Agrees every woman has the right to be safe wherever she is, whether in public, her home or the workplace.
- (3) Congratulates Tasmanian, Grace Tame, for her courage and on becoming the first Tasmanian to be awarded Australian of the Year.
- (4) Notes with pride Ms Tame's strength and ferocity has opened up a national conversation on sexual abuse and inspired other women to speak out.
- (5) Applauds Brittany Higgins for her bravery in calling out the poisonous culture in the Australian Parliament and speaking publicly about her own abuse.
- (6) Acknowledges for every survivor that speaks out, many more remain silent and that silence is fostered by leaders who fail to stand up for them, or by them.
- (7) Condemns Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison MP and Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Peter Dutton MP for their disgraceful and out of touch comments in response to Ms Higgins' rape allegations.

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- (8) Further condemns the Prime Minister for failing to stand down the senior Cabinet Minister who has been accused of historical rape of a minor.
- (9) Calls on all Members to mark International Women's Day by 'choosing to challenge' sexist behaviour.
- (10) Agrees to challenge and stamp out rape culture wherever it is present, even in the country's Parliaments. (2 March 2021)

409 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Australian of the Year 2021 winner, Grace Tame, for the well-deserved recognition for her hard work and enormous bravery in shining a light on child sexual abuse, the impacts of this trauma and the warning signs of grooming.
- (2) Proudly notes that Grace Tame is the first Tasmanian to win the top honour in the awards' 61-year history.
- (3) Wishes Grace Tame the very best as she embarks on making a powerful difference at a national level, highlighting 'education as a means of prevention over the next year and beyond'.
- (4) Further notes that it takes immense courage for survivors to speak out about their experience, and in recognition of this the Tasmanian Government amended section 194K of the 'Evidence Act 2001' to provide victims the right to speak out publicly. (2 March 2021)

410 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Agrees that the Tasmanian Liberal Government has clearly established its law and order credentials with its extensive law reform agenda, prioritising victims and community safety.
- (2) Further agrees that the Tasmanian Liberal Government's policy to modernise Tasmania's bail laws to better reflect community expectations is an important measure to ensure community safety from high –risk offenders.
- (3) Further agrees that legislating a presumption against bail in circumstances when offenders are accused of committing a crime such as murder or serious drug trafficking, or deemed a high risk, is the right thing to do.
- (4) Further agrees that these changes now being prioritised by the Government are needed to restore community confidence in the justice system. (2 March 2021)

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

- (1) Notes Deloraine resident Graeme Davis OAM has recently released the latest edition of his book "In Pioneers Footsteps". I was honoured to be asked by Graeme to officially launch the second edition and did so gratefully.
- (2) Recognises the valuable contribution in chronicling the Meander Valley's history that Graeme has provided.
- (3) Further notes Graeme's own personal contribution to Deloraine and the wider Meander Valley community during his 95 years as a farmer, a member of the Rotary Club of Deloraine, the Young Liberals, local sports and church groups, the Farmers' Federation and the local Show Society.
- (4) Congratulates Graeme and his wife Bev on their 66 years of marriage, noting Graeme credits Bev's patience and support has enabled his success.
- (5) Further congratulates Graeme on another wonderful edition of "In Pioneers Footsteps". (2 March 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises that *kunanyi* is a place of immeasurable cultural significance to the palawa people – both in the past, and now.
- (2) Agrees a cable car on *kunanyi* is anathema to the protection of the mountain's cultural and natural values.
- (3) Welcomes the Resource Management Planning Appeal Tribunal's rejection of the appeal by the Mount Wellington Cableway Company (MWCC) which sought to minimise assessment of the impact a cable car would have on Aboriginal heritage.

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- (4) Notes that MWCC shamelessly bought up domain names that include the title '*kunanyi*' without consulting the Aboriginal community and since refused to do a comprehensive on-site heritage survey.
- (5) Understands MWCC's cable car proposal is just one of dozens of deals being done behind closed doors, through the Office of the Coordinator General.
- (6) Further recognises that MWCC's disregard for Aboriginal heritage has been, in large part, fostered by the Liberal Government facilitation of their divisive, destructive cable car proposal – supported by the Labor Opposition.
- (7) Agrees *kunanyi* should be protected for its outstanding natural and cultural values, not exploited by private developers. (3 March 2021)

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

- (1) Notes Mr John Sansom recently retired from his position as CEO of the Tasmanian Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association (TRFLA).
- (2) Recognises that Mr Sansom was the President of the TRFLA from October 2003 before becoming the CEO on 5 June 2014.
- (3) Further recognises that Mr Sansom has been a member almost since the inception of the (TRFLA) in 1985.
- (4) Further recognises that Mr Sansom was the TRFLA representative on the Scalefish Fisheries Advisory Committee for the past seven years.
- (5) Further recognises that Mr Sansom was on the Crustacean Fisheries Advisory Council since its inaugural meeting over 20 years ago.
- (6) Further recognises the significant contribution Mr Sansom has made over the decades to the rock lobster industry, including working closely with government on a range of matters.
- (7) Wishes Mr Sansom a fruitful retirement. (3 March 2021)

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

- (1) Notes the work done by Hydro Tasmania to reopen and refresh the Waddamana Power Station Heritage Site.
- (2) Further notes that, Waddamana Power Station, commissioned in 1916, is the birthplace of Hydro Tasmania and the original centrepiece of the heritage-listed Great Lake Power Scheme, which helped bring Tasmania into an age of 'hydro-industrialisation'.
- (3) Acknowledges that with COVID-19 impacts on tourism that our Government energy businesses can play an important role in supporting the broader community.
- (4) Further notes that the Waddamana site which brings in brings around 7,000 visitors to the Central Highlands each year closed temporarily in March 2020 due to COVID-19, and re-opened again in late 2020, when safe to do so, providing tourism support for the local community.
- (5) Further notes the 'New Way of Living' exhibit which opened in late 2020, showcases how a reliable supply of renewable energy has changed the domestic lives of ordinary Tasmanians.
- (6) Further acknowledges that Tasmania has long been seen as having a world class electricity system and the re-opening and refreshing of the Waddamana Power Station Heritage Site is further evidence of Tasmania's reputation as the renewable energy powerhouse of Australia. (3 March 2021)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*