



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2021

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PETITION. – Ms *Haddad* presented an E-Petition from approximately 2,529 citizens of Tasmania, requesting that the House call upon the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to consider more practical and immediate solutions to solve Hobart's traffic congestion including:
 - (a) the immediate re-design and re-construction of the intersections of the Southern Outlet, Macquarie and Davey Streets;
 - (b) the immediate commencement of more effective clearway rules for the whole of Davey and Macquarie Streets and removing the present hindrances to that;
 - (c) the immediate introduction of alternative traffic demand mitigation strategies at their disposal, noting the SOS Hobart residents group has already recommended a number of practical alternative solutions; and
 - (d) immediately cease any plans or attempts to compulsorily acquire land and homes in Dynnyrne. (HA21/2021).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 6 PAPERS. – The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator: Annual Report 2020-2021.

- 7 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020:
 - (a) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Regulations 2021 (Statutory Rules 2021, No. 85); and
 - (b) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Rules 2021 (Statutory Rules 2021, No. 86).
- (2) Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery: Annual Report 2020-2021.
- (3) Workcover Tasmania: Annual Report 2020-2021.
- (4) Legal Aid for Tasmanians: Annual Report 2020-2021.

8 PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) NRM North: Yearbook and Annual Report 2020-2021.
- (2) NRM South: Annual Report 2020-2021.
- (3) Cradle Coast Authority: Annual Report 2020-2021.

9 PAPERS. – The Minister for Heritage laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Tasmanian Heritage Council: Annual Report 2020-2021.

10 BILL NO. 63. – The Minister for Climate Change presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008”.

And Mr *Jaensch* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

11 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: SOUTHERN OUTLET FIFTH LANE. – Ms *Haddad*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Southern Outlet Fifth Lane.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

12 PAPERS. – The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Hobart Southern Projects – Concept Design – Southern Outlet Transit Lane.

13 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: SOUTHERN OUTLET FIFTH LANE. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

14 BILL NO. 50. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 23 November 2021 - That the Criminal Code Amendment (Judge Alone Trials) Bill 2021 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

15 BILL NO. 50. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1924”,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*.

16 BILL NO. 60. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (The Minister for Justice)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Dr *Woodruff* was addressing the Chair.

17 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

18 BILL NO. 61. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Electoral Amendment (Integrity of Elections) Bill 2021.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 12

Dr Broad

Ms Butler

Ms Dow

Ms Haddad

Ms Johnston

Mr O'Byrne

Ms O'Byrne

Ms O'Connor

Ms White

Mr Winter

Dr Woodruff

Ms Finlay (Teller)

NOES 12

Ms Archer

Mr Barnett

Ms Courtney

Mr Ferguson

Mr Gutwein

Mr Jaensch

Ms Ogilvie

Mrs Petrusma

Mr Rockliff

Mr Street

Mr Tucker

Mr Ellis (Teller)

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, I cast my vote with the Noes.'

So it passed in the Negative.

19 ENERGY SECURITY. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) in 2016, the Tasmanian Liberal Government oversaw an unprecedented energy crisis that cost Hydro Tasmania \$180 million, caused disruption and uncertainty for energy consumers and led to disruption for major industrial customers; and
 - (b) the Tamar Valley Power Station (TVPS) Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) unit operated from 20 January 2016 at its full capacity of 208 MW until late May 2016 and was a major contributing factor in getting Tasmania through the 2016 energy crisis.
- (2) Acknowledges the findings of the Government's Energy Security Taskforce and the Public Accounts Committee, which recommended the retention of the TVPS CCGT.
- (3) Notes that:—
 - (a) Hydro Tasmania has advised Tasmanian Gas Pipeline (TGP) that it does not require gas transportation capacity for the CCGT from 1 January 2022, which effectively mothballs the unit;
 - (b) TGP has informed Hydro Tasmania that it will be forced to shut down and remove physical gas transportation access to the CCGT delivery point if there is no Gas Transportation Agreement (GTA) in place; and
 - (c) should the CCGT be needed after the removal of physical gas transportation access, it could take up to two years to be available.
- (4) Calls on the Minister for Energy, Hon. *Guy Barnett* MP, to intervene to ensure the ongoing availability of the TVPS CCGT. (*Mr Winter*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 9

NOES 15

Dr Broad

Ms Archer

Ms Butler

Mr Barnett

Ms Dow

Ms Courtney

Ms Finlay

Mr Ferguson

Mr O'Byrne

Mr Gutwein

Ms O'Byrne

Mr Jaensch

Ms White

Ms Johnston

Mr Winter

Ms O'Connor

Ms Haddad (Teller)

Ms Ogilvie

Mrs Petrusma

Mr Rockliff

Mr Shelton

Mr Tucker

Dr Woodruff

Mr Ellis (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

20 VACCINATION RATES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House notes that:—

- (1) COVID-19 has been one of the greatest health, social and economic challenges that Tasmanians have faced.
- (2) The Government's number one priority is keeping Tasmanians safe and secure.
- (3) On 22 October 2021, the Government announced its 'Reconnecting Tasmania' plan to safely reopen our borders on 15 December 2021, based on advice from public health, the State Health Commander, the State Controller and relevant agencies.
- (4) Tasmania's vaccination program is a vital pillar of our 'Reconnecting Tasmania' plan.
- (5) Getting a COVID-19 vaccine helps protect individuals, families, communities and our hospitals.
- (6) As at 22 November 2021, 92.6% of Tasmanians aged 16 years and older have had at least one dose, and 84.8% are fully vaccinated.
- (7) Between now and 15 December 2021, maintaining our vaccination rates to achieve our overall vaccination target remains the priority and we are making strong progress, but there is still more work to be done, especially in younger age groups.
- (8) By 15 December 2021, the Government is confident that everyone above the age of 12 in Tasmania will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated.
- (9) Tasmania has the opportunity to achieve one of the highest vaccination rates, not just across the country, but across the world.
- (10) This will make Tasmania one of the safest places in the world to live, visit and do business when our borders reopen.

- (11) The Government seeks the support of the Parliament for the continued rollout of its vaccination program, as part of the 'Reconnecting Tasmania' plan to safely reopen our borders on 15 December 2021. (Ms *Ogilvie*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

21 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.