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No. 39

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- 92 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes Huntington's Disease is an inherited neurological condition that affects the brain and central nervous system, leading to progressive loss of mental and physical capacities such as walking, talking, eating, thinking and reasoning, and resulting in death from complications.
 - (2) Understands Huntington's disease affects around 1 in 5,000 Tasmanians, 3 times the Australian average.
 - (3) Further notes with concern Tasmania has the second highest prevalence of Huntington's disease per capita in the world.
 - (4) Recognises:—
 - (a) five to ten per cent of all Huntington's Disease cases are diagnosed between infancy and 20 years, and typically have a faster rate of progression than adults; and
 - (b) services to provide care and support to individuals with symptomatic Huntington's Disease are currently delivered through Older Person's Mental Health Services, which is wholly inappropriate for the majority of people affected.
 - (5) Acknowledges Huntington's Tasmania supports Huntington's Disease families, and has joined with the national body Huntington's Australia.
 - (6) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) consult with the Huntington's Disease community to develop and deliver targeted services for symptomatic Huntington's Disease to actively reduce stigma associated with this disease;
 - (b) align Huntington's Disease Case Managers to Huntington's Tasmania, rather than the Older Person's Mental Health Services;
 - (c) ensure appropriate purpose-built residential care facilities are available to people needing full-time care; and
 - (d) properly resource the justice system to respond appropriately and compassionately to people with symptomatic Huntington's Disease. (21 March 2023)
- 94 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Celebrates the beauty, life-giving complexity and deep intrinsic value of natural forests on International Day of Forests, 21 March 2023.
 - (2) Acknowledges the theme of the United Nations' declared day is forests and health.
 - (3) Recognises the inextricable link between a healthy environment and human health.
 - (4) Notes that the link between forests and human health was recognised by Tasmanian doctors and medical students who have written to government calling for an end to native forest logging.
 - (5) Further acknowledges the 250 doctors and medical students who raised concerns about increased lung and heart diseases, as well as depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions as a result of global heating, and they have correctly described climate change a health emergency.

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- (6) Further notes with shame accelerating native forest logging, burning and woodchipping, and increased carbon emissions under the Tasmanian Liberal Government, and the threats from the Minister for Resources, Hon. Felix Ellis MP to log in the 356,000 hectare Tasmanian Forest Agreement reserves.
- (7) Calls on the Rockliff Government to move past its destructive logging ideology and protect lutruwita/Tasmania's biodiverse and carbon-store forests, and improve community health. (21 March 2023)

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

- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Liberal Party's 2021 Election Policy, titled 'Delivering Affordable, Reliable Clean Energy' stated: "We have successfully de-linked from mainland wholesale market volatility through legislated, capped regulated power prices and the Commercial and Industrial rebate scheme. In the event of future volatility, we retain the ability to re-introduce one or both of these schemes in order to protect Tasmanian households and business from future price hikes."
- (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Liberal Government to deliver on its election commitment and re-introduce these schemes. (21 March 2023)

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

- (1) Calls on the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Hon. Guy Barnett MP, to make a statement to this House to correct the record after he falsely claimed on ABC radio that the Liberal Party 'never had a policy of not being part of the NEM' (National Electricity Market).
- (2) Acknowledges that in 2018 the Tasmanian Liberal Party went to the election with a policy entitled 'NEM Exit', which pledged that a Liberal Government would 'undertake a NEM Exit to set wholesale contract prices based on the Tasmanian system costs'.
- (3) Notes that despite the policy claiming the Liberals would 'de-link' the prices Tasmanian customers get from the volatile Victorian market and enable us to target the lowest prices in the country by 2022 by setting them ourselves', this has not occurred and Tasmanian power prices are soaring as a result. (21 March 2023)

97 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Hamilton Show was held on 4 March 2023, with a beautiful autumn day well supported by locals and tourists alike;
 - (b) highlights of the 2023 event included Shearing and Wool Handling, Wool, Working Yard Dogs, Camp drafting, Dog High-Jump and Equestrian events, together with some newer elements such as the Miniature Goats;
 - (c) the entertainment included face painting, post vintage and classic cars, high tea, and a crowd favourite – chainsaw sculpture;
 - (d) the fantastic support of the gold sponsors, Nutrien Water, Rabobank, Cleveland Pastoral Estate, Australian Wool Network and Nutrien Wool; and
 - (e) The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing was honoured to attend the opening by Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania showing his great appreciation of country shows as a key part of what makes Tasmania great.
- (2) Celebrates that events such as this demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well in the Central Highlands and acknowledges that rural and regional shows are an integral part of rural communities.
- (3) Congratulates the Hamilton District Agricultural Show Society Inc. for organising the festival, with appreciation to President Jack Beattie, Vice Presidents Will Chapman and Angus Denholm along with Secretary Chris Cosgrove. A wonderful community event with thanks to the many Volunteers who support showcasing rural shows. (22 March 2023)

98 Mr *Young* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania has an extraordinary record when it comes to natural resource use, management and conservation.

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- (2) Notes that more than 50 per cent of the State is in formal reserves—one of the highest proportions in the world.
- (3) Further acknowledges:—
 - (a) that the Tarkine stands as a prime example of sustainable multiple land-use management, where recreation, conservation, resource utilisation and tourism have co-existed successfully for generations; and
 - (b) that mining and forestry supports over 8000 jobs in North-West Tasmania, contributing approximately \$1.6 billion in direct gross revenue, and over \$650 million in value added, per annum, and state-wide makes a significant contribution to Tasmania with a \$3.5 billion contribution in direct gross revenue to the State's economy overall.
- (4) Further Notes:—
 - (a) that these industries are the lifeblood of many regional towns and provide minerals needed for defence manufacturing and renewable energy, and sustainably produced timber to build homes; and
 - (b) that the Australian Government has twice resisted radical environmentalists' attempts to lock the region up under Labor in 2013 and the Coalition in 2021.
- (5) Calls on the Federal Labor Government to rule out further land lock ups, particularly in the Tarkine, and side with Tasmanian workers rather than radical Greens. (22 March 2022)

100 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Honourable William Cox AC conducted a thorough review of the Tasmanian Integrity Commission in 2016;
 - (b) that to date, the Liberal Government has implemented just six of the 55 recommendations made by Mr Cox; and
 - (c) that the Tasmanian Integrity Commission has some of the weakest powers of equivalent bodies around the country.
- (2) Recognises the need for better funding for the Integrity Commission and the implementation of recommended improvements to uphold integrity in our public institutions.
- (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Integrity Commission has the second lowest funding per capita of all integrity bodies in the country and complete less than ten per cent of the number of investigations completed by mainland integrity bodies.
- (4) Further notes:—
 - (a) that trust in politics is at an all time low and that well-functioning integrity bodies are an integral part to restoring trust in public institutions; and
 - (b) that the Government stubbornly refuses to progress work to implement the recommendations of the Cox review, or even give timelines for full implementation, and that there have been just a measly six implemented to date.
- (5) Calls on the Government to progress this work as a matter of urgency. (28 March 2023)

104 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Racing, the Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP for the following reasons:—

- (1) The Minister breached section 9.6 of the Code of Conduct for Ministers by issuing a false statement that the CEO, TasRacing had moved to Sydney to spend more time with his family. The real reason he left the role was that he had been sacked.
- (2) The Minister repeated these mistruths before a Parliamentary Committee.
- (3) The Minister ignored serious allegations in relation to harness racing integrity for months.
- (4) The Minister in reaction to media attention about the failures of the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) in investigating such allegations, tasked ORI with investigating itself.
- (5) The Minister has lost the confidence of the Tasmanian racing industry. (28 March 2023)

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- 105** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP for the following reason:— He has failed to sack his incompetent Minister for Racing. (28 March 2023)
- 106** Mr *Winter* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Racing, Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP for the following reasons:—
- (1) The Minister breached section 9.6 of the Code of Conduct for Ministers by issuing a false statement that the CEO of TasRacing had moved to Sydney to spend more time with his family. The real reason he left was that he had been sacked.
 - (2) The Minister repeated these mistruths in a Parliamentary Committee.
 - (3) The Minister ignored serious allegations in relation to harness racing integrity for months and did nothing until they were public.
 - (4) The Minister, in reaction to media attention about the failures of the Office of Racing Integrity in investigating such allegations, tasked it to investigate itself.
 - (5) The Minister has made no changes to ensure racing is a safe workplace since the crash that claimed the lives of four horses and injured five young Tasmanians.
 - (6) Massive failures of integrity, including evidence of race fixing, on her watch mean the Minister has lost the confidence of the Tasmanian racing industry. (29 March 2023)
- 107** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the invaluable work provided by the eighteen community managed Online Access Centres (OAC) across rural/regional Tasmania.
 - (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) community managed OAC's provide services unique to individual community needs, often meeting gaps in Government services; and
 - (b) OAC's provide a diverse range of services such as MyGov ATO (Australian Tax Office), Judicial, Medicare, online banking, setting up new mobile phones, iPad/ tablet, set up/sending emails, online shopping, secretarial services, digital literacy, accessing medical services, online passport & visa applications, family violence orders, high quality printing services, email access, physical printing of documents, digital access, digital instruction and digital advocacy.
 - (3) Recognises:—
 - (a) community run OAC's are reliant on Government funding from the Government's Digital Connections Grant; and
 - (b) current OAC funding arrangements have not increased, are not indexed and are largely inadequate with a number of OAC's cutting services. Unless current grant funding arrangements are changed, many OAC's will be forced to shut.
 - (4) Further notes recommendation 34 of the PESRAC (The Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council) Report acknowledges the importance of OAC's in closing the digital divide and improving digital inclusion by utilising existing facilities, which provide digital capability.
 - (5) Calls on the State Government to appropriately fund and expand the OAC network to improve digital literacy and access to Tasmanian regional and rural communities.
 - (6) Further notes OAC's provide different services than Libraries Tasmania.
 - (7) Further calls on the Government not to amalgamate OAC's into Libraries. (30 March 2023)
- 108** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House out of deep abiding respect for Tasmanian Aboriginal people, has no confidence in the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP, because he has failed in his sworn duty to recognise and represent the Tasmanian Aboriginal people. (30 March 2023)
- 109** Ms *White* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, for the following reasons:—
- (1) The Premier has allowed his Minister for Racing, Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP to mislead the Tasmanian people and the Parliament without consequence, in direct contravention of his Ministerial Code of Conduct.

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- (2) The Premier is running protection for the Minister for Racing.
- (3) The Premier through his actions has condoned the conduct of his Minister for Racing which has included exposing of the identity of whistleblowers and failing to provide proper Ministerial oversight of the Office of Racing Integrity.
- (4) The Premier promised to lead a Government with integrity, and has failed. (30 March 2023)

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

- (1) Agrees Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and his colleagues have betrayed Tasmanians desperate for an affordable home, and those who are being tragically let down by our failing health system.
- (2) Condemns the Rockliff Liberal Government for signing us up to a billion-dollar stadium the State doesn't want or need and saddling future generations with the debt.
- (3) Calls on the Premier to release the contract he signed with the Australian Football League (AFL), and all supporting documents, so Tasmanians can fully understand what he agreed to with their money and future. (9 May 2023)

113 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Liberal Party promised a \$580 million investment into the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) at the 2021 election, including:—
 - (a) a new purpose-built mental health precinct;
 - (b) a new seven-storey tower block providing space for up to seven new hospital wards as well as expansion and refurbishment of existing wards, to provide more single rooms;
 - (c) a redesigned ambulance and patient drop-off zone and a new and bigger Emergency Department (ED) waiting room, including separate areas for children, adults and people in acute psychological distress;
 - (d) the new Ward 3D to be designed and fitted out as a dedicated Older Persons unit, to enable best practice care for our most vulnerable patients;
 - (e) a full refurbishment of the adjacent 39 Frankland Street as a dedicated administration and learning hub; and
 - (f) a new 10-bed, five-recliner coronary care unit, as part of an expansion of medical imaging.
- (2) Further notes that despite that promise, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP has not secured the funding for the upgrade and it appears unlikely any of the promised upgrades will be delivered before the next election in 2025.
- (3) Calls on Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to prioritise the rebuild of the LGH, rather than building an unnecessary stadium in Hobart. (9 May 2023)

115 Mr *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the number of applications on the social housing register has reached a record high, with 4,603 vulnerable Tasmanians and families in desperate need of housing;
 - (b) the average wait time for priority social housing applicants has risen and is now in excess of 20 months;
 - (c) more than one fifth of public housing properties have less than four working facilities or more than two major structural problems; and
 - (d) homelessness is increasing faster in Tasmania than in any other state or territory.
- (2) Acknowledges that there were 569 Tasmanian children under the age of 18 who were homeless on Census night, which includes 325 children who were under the age of 12.
- (3) Recognises that the Government has chosen to do nothing to limit or curb the growth in the short stay accommodation market, which is negatively impacting Tasmanian renters.
- (4) Further acknowledges the breathtaking hypocrisy of Housing Minister, Hon. Guy Barnett MP for calling on the Federal Labor Government to 'get on with the job' of building homes when this Government has consistently failed to build its own modest housing targets.

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- (5) Condemns the Liberal Government for its nine years' of unsuccessful housing policy that has completely failed to address the worsening housing crisis and the needs of vulnerable Tasmanians. (9 May 2023)

116 Mr *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) Metro has cancelled over two thousand bus services since the beginning of 2023;
 - (b) ongoing disruptions to public transport are negatively impacting Tasmanians including those who rely heavily on these services; and
 - (c) Metro bus drivers were raising concerns about their own safety and the safety of their passengers for over a year, but these concerns were repeatedly ignored.
- (2) Further notes the various public transport commitments that this Liberal Government has announced but has so far failed to deliver, including but not limited to:—
- (a) the underground bus mall announced in 2018;
 - (b) the new common ticketing system announced in 2018;
 - (c) the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor first announced in 2018; and
 - (d) the Hobart Bus Transit Centre announced in 2019.
- (3) Calls on the Liberal Government to make transit officers on public transport permanent, rather than offering a limited, temporary trial.
- (4) Condemns the Liberal Government for its management of public transport in Tasmania. (9 May 2023)

117 Mr *White* to move—That the House refers Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to the Committee of Privileges and Conduct given his breach of the Standing Orders. (9 May 2023)

119 Mrs *Alexander* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the partnership between the Federal and Tasmanian Governments to improve access to General Practitioners (GPs) through initiatives including Urgent Care Centres and the Single Employer Model.
- (2) Notes in addition to this partnership, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has established our own \$8 million GP 'After Hours Support Initiative', offering financial assistance to GPs allowing them to provide after-hours and urgent care type services.
- (3) Recognises:—
- (a) that despite the best efforts of hard-working GPs, Tasmanians face increasing difficulty in accessing GP appointments, especially in rural and remote parts of Tasmania; and
 - (b) the difficulty accessing affordable, bulk-billing GP healthcare significantly impacts our Emergency Departments and our hospitals.
- (4) Calls on the Federal Government, who has responsibility for primary healthcare funding, to do more to improve access to timely and affordable GP care. (9 May 2023)

121 Ms *White* to move—That the House censures the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP for:—

- (1) His weak negotiation with the Australian Football League (AFL), during which he committed Tasmania to build a new stadium in Hobart and to assume full responsibility for highly likely and significant cost overruns.
- (2) Failing to secure an exemption for the Federal Government funding from calculations of Tasmania's GST entitlements.
- (3) Therefore committing to build a new stadium at a likely cost to Tasmanian taxpayers of more than \$1 billion, when:—
- (a) the stadium's business case shows a loss of \$306 million over 20 years;
 - (b) Tasmania is in record debt and all the funds will need to be borrowed; and
 - (c) the likely annual interest repayment on \$1 billion of new debt will be approximately \$50 million per year. (9 May 2023)

122 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 2022 Seek Talent Acquisition Recognition (STAR) Awards which recognises excellence in talent acquisition in Australia and celebrates the integral role

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that individuals and talent teams play in the success of their organisations were held in April 2023.

- (2) Congratulates the TasNetworks Talent Acquisition and People Experience teams who have been recognised as the National Winners under the category of Best Candidate Experience Initiative.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that TasNetworks was selected from a high level of candidates Australia wide and the award recognises the incredible work, innovation and support offered to candidates when they apply to work at TasNetworks; and
 - (b) that TasNetworks' initiatives to improve the candidate experience included providing candidates with coaching to improve their CV and interview skills as well as complete psychometric testing leading to a considerable uplift in the candidate experience.
- (5) Congratulates all other recipients of STAR awards across Australia. (10 May 2023)

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

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania has the highest business confidence in the country, and ranks as Australia's economic leader and best performing economy.
- (2) Recognises that a strong Tasmanian economy allows Government to invest into the things Tasmanians care about like health, housing and easing cost of living pressures.
- (3) Agrees that our small business sector has the greatest potential to contribute to economic growth in Tasmania, particularly in regional and remote areas. (10 May 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that this Government has adopted Right to Information Act 2009 processes known as a "Quality Assurance Process" and "Ministerial noting";
 - (b) that these processes occur subsequent to final decisions being made by delegated officers; and
 - (c) that this is an unlawful infringement on the authority of delegated officers.
- (2) Acknowledges that section 15(1) of the Right to Information Act 2009 requires that all reasonable steps be taken to enable an applicant to be notified of a decision on an application for an assessed disclosure of information as soon as practicable.
- (3) Agrees that subjecting a final decision to a lengthy "Quality Assurance Process" or "Ministerial noting" is not releasing information as soon as practicable.
- (4) Recognises that the "Quality Assurance Process" and "Ministerial noting" are unlawful, political obfuscation.
- (5) Condemns this Government for embedding wilful, unlawful practices in their Departments to avoid releasing documents to the public that they are lawfully entitled to.
- (6) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to issue an apology to the House and the people of Tasmania for his Government's decade-long unlawful obfuscation of the Right to Information Act 2009. (11 May 2023)

127 Ms *O'Connor* to move— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 128 from being debated forthwith. (23 May 2023)

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

Calls on the Government to amend the 'State Policies and Projects Act 1993' to require an order under section 26(6) to be of no effect until it has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, and to refrain from having the Macquarie Point stadium declared a project of State significance until such an amendment has been dealt with by the Parliament. (23 May 2023)

129 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) that the HIA – CSR Australian Housing Awards 2023 were held on 20 May 2023, at Hamilton Island which included a three day conference featuring world class speaker presentations with business learning outcomes, interactive workshops and networking opportunities; and

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- (b) the Lane Group Construction nominated for several awards in the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards including the construction of a cliff-hugging Tinderbox Residence.
- (2) Notes Lane Group Construction for the winning nomination of the cliff-hugging Tinderbox Residence which include:—
- (a) 2023 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year;
- (b) 2023 HIA Australian Custom Built Home; and
- (c) 2023 HIA Australian Outdoor Project.
- (3) Further notes and congratulates Mr Stuart Wilson, who was awarded the Housing Industry’s highest accolade, the Sir Phillip Lynch award for excellence in the industry. This award recognises exceptional individuals who have provided innovative and valuable contributions to the housing industry.
- (4) Congratulates Michael Lane and Stuart Wilson for their important contribution to the building and construction industry in Tasmania. (24 May 2023)
- 130** The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises:—
- (a) that 2023 is the 108th Returned Service League (RSL) Tasmania State Conference; and
- (b) Mr Barry Quinn RSL TAS President and his committee for their enduring hard work that contributes to its ongoing success.
- (2) Acknowledges the importance of the RSL TAS State Conference as an important opportunity for delegates to come together and discuss issues relevant to Veterans in Tasmania.
- (3) Notes that the 2023 event was well-attended in the Tamar Valley with many members representing RSL Tasmania Sub Branches from around the state.
- (4) Congratulates RSL Tasmania on putting together another significant event which highlights the needs of the over 17,500 Veterans health and wellbeing in Tasmania. (24 May 2023)
- 131** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Does not support the expenditure of public funds on a new stadium at Macquarie Point.
- (2) Calls on the Government to invest in a rapid increase in social and affordable housing.
- (3) Further calls on the Government to renegotiate the deal with the Australian Football League (AFL) to retain the team without a stadium. (24 May 2023)
- 132** Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House orders the Government to table:—
- (1) The funding agreement for Marinus Link between the Tasmanian, Victorian, and the Australian Governments announced in October 2022, including the total dollar figure for Tasmania’s share of the equity in the project and the concessional interest rate agreed for the loan between the Commonwealth and Tasmania.
- (2) Any other agreements in relation to Marinus Link where the Tasmanian Government or a Tasmanian Government Business Enterprise is a signatory.
- (3) The most recent projected costings for each of Battery of the Nation, Marinus Link and the NW transmission extension.
- (4) The timetable for investment decisions and contracts on the tenders for the cables and convertor stations associated with Marinus Link. (24 May 2023)
- 133** Ms *O'Connor* to move— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 131 from being debated forthwith. (25 May 2023)
- 134** Mr *Tucker* to move—That the House:—
- Calls on the Government to amend Section 26(9) of the State Policies and Projects Act 1993 to provide that “an order under subsection (8) or (6) is to have no effect until approved by resolution of each House of Parliament,” and to refrain from having the Macquarie Point stadium declared a project of State significance until such an amendment has been dealt with by the Parliament. (30 May 2023)
- 135** The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes that the Boer War Commemorative Day was held in Launceston on 28 May 2023.
- (2) Recognises the 121st year of the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging that ended the Boer War in 1902, acknowledging that the Boer War Commemorative Day is held on around 31 May.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that the Boer War was the first conflict in which Australia fought as a nation and the first in which Australians fought alongside New Zealanders;
 - (b) that around 16,000 Australians were sent to South Africa including a group of Tasmanians referred to as a ‘Tasmanian’ contingent;
 - (c) in total 860 Tasmanians served across seven contingents with 41 Tasmanians losing their lives in the Boer War; and
 - (d) that six Australians who served in the Boer War were awarded the Victoria Cross, including two Tasmanians, Trooper John Hutton Bisdee from Melton Mowbray and Lieutenant Guy Wylly from Hobart.
- (4) Congratulates and thanks the committee for their efforts over the years in drawing attention to the Boer War and Australia’s contribution to it and ensuring that these servicemen and women are remembered. (31 May 2023)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*