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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 5

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- 1 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Understands high quality and accessible healthcare is a fundamental right and a minimum expectation of citizens.
 - (2) Recognises the Liberals have spent seven years making health promises, but have delivered worsening outcomes.
 - (3) Notes with shame and concern that:—
 - (a) despite the best efforts of paramedics, Tasmania has the slowest ambulance response times in Australia;
 - (b) the elective surgery waiting list is at record high levels, with only 56% of patients seen on time, and ‘urgent’ waiting times increasing by 123% since 2018; and
 - (c) the State is short 400 nurses and midwives, causing staff stress, worse patient outcomes and resource inefficiency.
 - (4) Acknowledges ambulance ramping, emergency department wait time and bed block are serious issues, directly impacting on patient safety.
 - (5) Recognises mental health specialists in Tasmania have highlighted shocking patient experiences.
 - (6) Understands preventative health is crucial, with key actions neglected by the Government.
 - (7) Realises Tasmania’s outdated paper-based health records system prevents our ability to provide modern medical care and attract health professionals.
 - (8) Calls upon the Gutwein Government to:—
 - (a) invest in the recruitment, training, and retention of healthcare staff to guarantee patient safety, quality care outcomes and staff wellbeing;
 - (b) significantly increase support for community and preventative health in the State Budget;
 - (c) develop a Statewide Emergency Departments Strategy;
 - (d) immediately progress public Urgent Care Centres;
 - (e) establish an Inquiry into Tasmanian mental health services; and
 - (f) fully fund a digital hospital program over the next two terms. (22 June 2021)
- 2 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges COVID-19 has caused widespread, deep damage to societies and economies around the world, including in *lutruwita*/Tasmania.
 - (2) Further acknowledges the Tasmanian Government listened to expert advice and took decisive action in response to this crisis.
 - (3) Recognises that, as COVID-19 remains a serious issue, the destructive effects of global heating are continuing apace.
 - (4) Accepts the consensus of experts recognise serious climate action must no longer be delayed.

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- (5) Agrees that Tasmania has achieved 'net zero' emissions through protecting carbon-rich native forests under the Tasmanian Forests Agreement, while other sectoral emissions have remained stable or grown.
- (6) Understands the economic recovery from COVID-19 presents a unique opportunity to reshape Tasmania's future in a way that will benefit both our community and the planetary climate system that sustains all life on Earth.
- (7) Further understands this opportunity requires the Government recognise the urgent and serious challenges presented by global heating, and develop a comprehensive action plan.
- (8) Calls on the Gutwein Government to:—
 - (a) declare a climate emergency;
 - (b) establish an independent, statutory Safe Climate Commission;
 - (c) introduce iterative emissions targets for every sector of the economy;
 - (d) prepare a state adaptation plan and support local government adaptation planning;
 - (e) support farmers with emissions' reduction measures;
 - (f) mandate that from 2030 all new cars sold must be electric;
 - (g) commit to a public housing rooftop solar roll out; and
 - (h) end native forest logging and invest in landscape restoration. (22 June 2021)

3 Ms White to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the impact felt by the East Coast community as a result of the closure of the Tasman Highway to undertake repair work at Paradise Gorge.
- (2) Commends the resilience of the community who have been faced with isolation, disruption of services, separation of families, significant impacts on business and employment and increased travel times.
- (3) Calls on the Government to commit to further economic and social support for the community including:—
 - (a) support for employees who have lost hours or jobs;
 - (b) support for community members who have been displaced due to the road closure and now reside away from their normal home so that they can continue work or study;
 - (c) support for individuals who need to travel frequently and are incurring increased wear and tear on their vehicles and higher fuel costs;
 - (d) support to establish a local scheme of vouchers or reimbursement for fuel and other costs associated with the road closure that can be redeemed at East Coast businesses (including Buckland);
 - (e) support for affected sporting clubs; and
 - (f) further support for affected businesses.
- (4) Requires the Government to communicate a detailed plan with timelines for when Wielangta Road will be sealed, as promised by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP.
- (5) Further calls on the Government to provide a date for when the Tasman Highway will be reopened to provide greater certainty to the community. (22 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that the 183rd annual Campbell Town Show was held on 28 and 29 May 2021.
- (2) Further notes that the Show, established in 1838 by a visionary group of landowners, is now the longest continually running Show in the southern hemisphere and is listed by the National Trust as part of our State's living history.
- (3) Recognises that the Show, which boasts of being Tasmania's only 'Sheep Show', has played a leading role in the display of Tasmania's high quality livestock and wool and is a tremendous economic and social contributor for the Northern Midlands and Tasmania more broadly.
- (4) Further notes that back after a reduced COVID-19 2020 Show, 2021 was bigger and better than ever including the iconic AWI Fashion Parade, Equestrian events, Wood Chopping and Yard Dog championships. A great opportunity to recognise and celebrate its growers, producers and people.

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- (5) Congratulates and thanks the Midlands Agricultural Association organising committee including President, Georgina Pengilley, staff, volunteers, sponsors and community members on another job well done.
- (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to attend the 2022 year's Show, and enjoy the myriad of events with competitions showcasing the best of Tasmania's farm sector and produce. (23 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that Goldwind Australia has been named as a finalist for the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards in the Innovation category, for its cutting-edge eagle detection and collision avoidance technology at the Cattle Hill Wind Farm.
- (2) Acknowledges that the successful implementation of the IdentiFlight system at the Cattle Hill Wind Farm in Tasmania demonstrated that substantial risk reduction to eagles is possible for large-scale wind farm locations where endangered eagles are at high risk of collision with turbines.
- (3) Further notes that, this use of IdentiFlight at Cattle Hill Wind Farm is the first of its kind in Australia and the technology uses high precision optical sensors and artificial intelligence to detect endangered Wedge-tailed Eagles and shut down specific wind turbines to avoid collision.
- (4) Further notes that Goldwind and IdentiFlight modelled and optimised the system over 18 months to determine the layout for the 16 IdentiFlight units by progressively analysing eagle behaviours and refining the control logic and setting to eliminate the risk.
- (5) Further notes that the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards will be presented on 13 July 2021 at the 2021 Australian Clean Energy Summit. (23 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that the Global Right to Information Rating project run by the Centre for Law and Democracy, rates Australia as being 67th down the list of 128 countries, and as a country, we only have a score of 84 out of a total possible 150.
- (2) Acknowledges that in 2020, the Tasmanian Ombudsman found the Tasmanian Government has the worst record in the country for refusing to release information to the public, and that Tasmania was twice as bad as the next highest Australian jurisdiction, with 750% the rate of refusal of the most transparent Australian jurisdiction.
- (3) Recognises that the Office of the Ombudsman can overturn decisions and publish general findings in the Annual Report, but it can't formally sanction agencies if they underperform or systemically misapply the Act.
- (4) Further notes that the Right to Information Act 2009 only captures information relevant to non-government organisations (NGOs) if the information is held by a public authority.
- (5) Agrees some of the most high-profile Tasmanian political controversies in recent history have related to the activities of the NGOs Safe Pathways and the Brahminy Foundation.
- (6) Supports the introduction of an Information Accessibility and Transparency Act, to govern general information accessibility and transparency standards, as well as provide for an enhanced information disclosure framework, and to provide a robust framework for Government-funded NGO transparency. (23 June 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises *takayna*/Tarkine as a place of outstanding natural and heritage value of global significance.
- (2) Further recognises that in a climate emergency and biodiversity crisis, native forest logging is unscientific and cannot be justified.
- (3) Notes that Chinese-state owned mining giant MMG (Australia) Ltd's tailings dam at Rosebury is close to capacity and MMG has plans to clear 285 hectares of forested wild lands to pump toxic mine waste across the Pieman River in to a currently forested valley.
- (4) Understands the area MMG plan to clear includes pristine rainforest.

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- (5) Further notes the area is also habitat for threatened and endangered species, including the Tasmanian devil, wedge-tailed eagle, swift parrot, masked owl, curlew sandpiper, and Tasmanian azure kingfisher.
- (6) Accepts that MMG has alternative sites for their new toxic mine waste dump.
- (7) Commends the more than 30 brave Tarkine defenders who have been arrested defending this forest, and their support crews.
- (8) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP – and first Liberal Minister for Climate Change to intervene, work with the company and save the takayna/Tarkine forests threatened by MMG's toxic waste dump. (23 June 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises Tasmania is in the grip of a housing crisis.
- (2) Acknowledges the public housing waiting list was at a ten year low under a Green Housing Minister and it has increased by 84% since the Liberals took government in 2014, and now sits at over 4000 people.
- (3) Understands Tasmania has an estimated deficit of 11,000 social and affordable homes, meaning thousands of Tasmanians are living in insecure or crowded housing, or are homeless.
- (4) Notes weekly Tasmanian home rents have increased by 34% in the last four years, with the average Tasmanian tenant now living in rental stress.
- (5) Further notes that 55% of Tasmanians who borrowed to buy their home are in mortgage stress.
- (6) Agrees the proliferation of unregulated short stay accommodation has reduced private rental availability and affordability.
- (7) Further understands homelessness services are struggling to meet demand, and Tasmanians experiencing homelessness will likely face long-term challenges if not provided with secure accommodation and wrap-around support.
- (8) Further recognises the Liberals' refusal to prioritise housing has significantly contributed to the housing crisis.
- (9) Further agrees a secure place to call home is a basic human right, yet it's one, thousands of Tasmanians are denied because of misplaced Government priorities.
- (10) Calls on the Gutwein Government to adopt the Greens' State Election platform to:—
 - (a) strengthen the Residential Tenancy Act;
 - (b) regulate short stay accommodation;
 - (c) adopt Finland's 'Housing First' approach to homelessness; and
 - (d) commit to building 8,000 new homes by 2030. (23 June 2021)

9 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the informative and catalytic effect on salmon consumers of Richard Flanagan's 'Toxic: The Rotting Underbelly of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry'.
- (2) Acknowledges coastal communities have witnessed extensive marine biodiversity loss, and are impacted by noise and light pollution, from salmon farming operations.
- (3) Realises the salmon industry uses large quantities of freshwater, and major drinking water catchments continue to receive salmon hatchery outflows.
- (4) Notes the threat to human life and marine organisms from salmon farming pollution.
- (5) Condemns the systemic cruelty and deaths of protected fur seals caused by salmon companies' use of deterrent devices.
- (6) Understands nutrient pollution from a projected 80,000 tonne salmon biomass in Storm Bay risks re-suspending heavy metals and causing algal blooms in the Derwent Estuary.
- (7) Further recognises independent assessment and monitoring, and enforcement of breaches is essential for marine environment protection and industry sustainability.
- (8) Further acknowledges the Environment Protection Authority is not independent of Government policy and direction, and cannot prioritise environment protection.
- (9) Calls on the Gutwein Government to:—
 - (a) acknowledge the risk to Tasmania's clean green brand from their failure to regulate the salmon industry;
 - (b) abandon the goal to double the size of the salmon industry in public waters;
 - (c) establish a statutorily independent EPA;
 - (d) enable the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel to reject developments;

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- (e) review stocking-levels and environmental licence conditions of existing farms;
- (f) strengthen wildlife protection and control marine debris; and
- (g) facilitate the salmon industry's transition to land-based, closed-loop farms. (23 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that according to Australia's ESafety Commission the practice of catfishing is when 'someone pretends to be someone they're not by using social media to create a false identity, usually to defraud or scam someone else'.
- (2) Further notes the significant psychological impact on people who are subjected to catfishing.
- (3) Further notes that other jurisdictions are investigating the criminalisation of catfishing.
- (4) Calls on the Attorney-General, Hon. Elise Archer MP to investigate the introduction of such legislation in Tasmania.
- (5) Condemns actions intended to deceive people who genuinely believe they are in a relationship. (23 June 2021)

11 The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Perth Bicentenary was celebrated on 29 and 30 May 2021.
- (2) Acknowledges that 30 May 2021 marked 200 years to the day of when Governor Lachlan Macquarie visited Tasmania, staying with pardoned convict David Gibson near the town. David Gibson came from Perth in Scotland, so in honour of his home town, they decided to name this town Perth.
- (3) Notes celebrations included a bonfire at Adams Distillery on 29 May 2021, a Thanksgiving service at the Perth Tabernacle on 30 May 2021 and a history celebration and afternoon tea at the Perth Community Centre on Sunday afternoon 30 May 2021.
- (4) Further notes that Bicentennial murals were painted by local artists and installed across the town.
- (5) Congratulates the Bicentennial coordinator Russel MacKenzie and Bicentenary history coordinator Sue Field, organising committee, historians and volunteers for organising such a great weekend of celebrations. (24 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) now requires that person in a rowing shell must wear an approved life jacket unless accompanied by a powered craft which is at all times within 200 metres of the rowing shell and is carrying sufficient Level 50 life jackets (or higher) for each person on the rowing shell.
- (2) Further notes that wearing a life jacket in a rowing shell is completely impractical and will:—
 - (a) restrict movement;
 - (b) cause discomfort;
 - (c) inhibit rowers getting back into a capsized boat; and
 - (d) is not required anywhere else in Australia.
- (3) Further notes that it is impossible for most coaching craft to carry the required number of life jackets when coaching multiple crews.
- (4) Further notes that enforcing the Regulations during regattas is impractical and would require umpires following an eights race at Lake Barrington to carry life jackets for eight crews or 72 life jackets in total.
- (5) Further notes that rowing shells have sealed compartments and can be classified as floatation devices.
- (6) Further notes that rowing clubs and schools are very conscious about safety.
- (7) Further notes that there have been no drownings from rowers capsizing rowing shells in at least the last 50 years, if ever.
- (8) Calls on the Government to exempt a person in a rowing shell from any requirement to wear an approved life jacket. (29 June 2021)

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

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- (1) Notes that Motor Neurone Disease (MND) affects over 420,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, which is more than 380 new cases every day.
- (2) Further notes that over 2,000 Australians are living with MND, including more than 40 Tasmanians, with MND Australia reporting more than 2 people per day die from MND.
- (3) Further notes that “The Big Freeze 7 at the G” at the MCG fundraiser, coordinated by FightMND, in 2021 raised a record \$14.6 million allowing more funds to be made available for research into finding an eventual cure for MND.
- (4) Thanks Neale Daniher, football great and former Essendon and Melbourne player - as well as coach of Melbourne Football Club from 1998 to 2007 - for his courage in living with MND and supporting fundraising efforts for research and advocacy.
- (5) Recognises that 21 June 2021 was MND Global Day, a global day of recognition for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and MND—a disease that affects every country on the globe.
- (6) Congratulates and thanks both MND Australia and MND Tasmania, who for more than twenty years, have proved an effective advocate, promoted optimal care and support options for those living with MND and tirelessly raised funds for research into the cause and, ultimately, cure for MND. (29 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that Hydro Tasmania has been named as a finalist for the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards in the Community Engagement category for their COVID-19 Recovery Program to assist Tasmanian communities in overcoming the challenges associated with the pandemic.
- (2) Further notes that Hydro Tasmania’s program had two phases: the Sustain phase reassured Tasmanians that essential energy generation would continue, while the Recovery phase partnered with community organisations to deliver initiatives to assist hard-hit sectors and vulnerable groups.
- (3) Acknowledges that the program enabled community organisations to help more people affected by the pandemic and delivered a range of positive community initiatives across Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards will be presented on 13 July 2021 at the 2021 Australian Clean Energy Summit. (29 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that the Boer War Day was commemorated in Launceston on 20 June 2021.
- (2) Further notes 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.
- (3) Acknowledges that Boer War Day is held on or around 31 May, the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging that ended the Boer War in 1902.
- (4) Further notes that around 16,000 Australians were sent to South Africa including a group of Tasmanians referred to as a ‘Tasmanian’ contingent.
- (5) Further notes that six Australians who served in the Boer War were awarded the Victoria Cross, including two Tasmanians, John Hutton Bisdee and Guy Wylly.
- (6) Understands that Hobart was the first major centre in Australia to hold a Boer War Commemorative Day, which now occurs in cities across the country.
- (7) Congratulates and thanks Reg Watson OAM, Tasmanian historian and author, and Dr Frank Madill, 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. (30 June 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that the mining and minerals processing sector, in the 12 months to the end of February 2020, employed more than 5,100 people and produces over 50 percent of the State's mercantile export value—more than \$2.8 billion in the 2019-20 year.
- (2) Further notes that the sector also contributes millions in royalties and other payments—over \$31m in 2019/20—which go to support the provision of essential services in Tasmania.

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- (3) Recognises the importance of the sector to the Tasmanian economy and community seen in the Government's commitment of over \$3.5 million in new support to the sector including:—
 - (a) \$1.5 million to extend our co-funded Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) to 2025;
 - (b) \$2 million towards a new Geoscience Initiative, which will be supplemented by up to \$3 million by the Australian Government; and
 - (c) \$150,000 to TMEC to establish a Diversity Action Plan for the sector.
- (3) Supports further growth in the sector including the future-proofing of the Rosebery Mine, subject to the appropriate assessment and approvals process, which will help secure around 500 direct jobs, many of which are in regional Tasmania.
- (4) Condemns the actions of radical protestors and the Bob Brown Foundation in invading workplaces, creating safety risks and preventing Tasmanian workers from going about their everyday jobs. (30 June 2021)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*