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## NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 25

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022

### Notices of Motion

- 28** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Government welcomes the decision by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Hon. Sussan Ley MP, to not emergency National Heritage list the Tarkine, as requested by the Bob Brown Foundation (BBF).
  - (2) Further notes that this attempt by the BBF to lock up 440,000 hectares of the Tarkine has been rejected by Minister Ley as it is already ‘appropriately protected’.
  - (3) Further notes, not only does Tasmania have a world-leading system of Reserves but 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.
  - (4) Acknowledges that the mining and forestry sectors supports over 8,000 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.
  - (5) Further notes these industries are also the lifeblood of many of our regional towns, including Rosebery where the current mine has operated continuously for 85 years.
  - (6) Further notes this decision follows the recent failed attempt by the BBF to challenge the legality of Tasmania’s Regional Forestry Agreement at the Federal and High Courts. (26 August 2021)
- 29** The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that 18 August 2021, was Vietnam Veterans Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who served during the Vietnam War.
  - (2) Notes that this day, originally known as Long Tan Day, commemorates the day in 1966 when the battle of Long Tan was fought by the men of D Company, 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR).
  - (3) Further notes that this day, first commemorated in 1969 with the raising of a cross at the battlefield by the men of 6RAR, has since been adopted to cover all veterans who served in the Vietnam War—the longest conflict in Australia’s history.
  - (4) Pays tribute to the almost 60,000 Australians who served in Vietnam between May 1962 and April 1975, including 521 who paid the ultimate price and more than 3,000 who were wounded.
  - (5) Acknowledges the service of the approximately 1,800 Tasmanians who served in Vietnam, including 17 who died in their country’s service.
  - (6) Further notes commemorative service and wreath-laying ceremonies were held across Tasmania to mark the event, and thanks all the members of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) Tasmania, including State President Terry Roe, for their efforts in supporting Vietnam veterans across the State over the years.
  - (7) Honours the service and sacrifice of all those who fought for freedom in this conflict and remembers the motto of the VVAA: “Honour the Dead but Fight like Hell for the Living.” (26 August 2021)

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- 30** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that Legacy Week is currently underway and runs from 29 August to 4 September 2021.
  - (2) Notes that this 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 43,000 Australians, including 727 widows and 19 children in southern Tasmania and 745 widows and 10 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 and development of the children of our deceased veterans.
  - (5) Acknowledges that Legacy Australia grew out of the Remembrance Club, formed in Hobart in 1923 by First World War hero, Tasmanian Major-General Sir John Gellibrand KCB DSO and Bar—something Tasmanians can be proud of.
  - (6) Congratulates the staff, Legatees and volunteers of Legacy—including the President of Legacy (Hobart), Mr Rob Grey, Friends of Hobart Legacy and the President of Legacy (Launceston), Mr Terry Byrne—for their tireless efforts in supporting the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans.
  - (7) Encourages Tasmanians to dig deep and support this important work. (31 August 2021)
- 31** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that on 22 June 2021, an article was published by ABC online by Journalist, Emily Baker, which stated “Ms White said Integrity Commission Chief Executive, Michael Easton, had told her it had become too costly to continue the investigation because of a legal back and forth between the agency and the Liberals.”
  - (2) Further notes that the Integrity Commission’s Mr Easton confirmed in email advice on email 22 June 2021, that “I can confirm that I did not make the statement used in the article or provide that information to Ms White. It is not correct that the investigation ‘had become too costly to continue’ so I would not have made that statement”.
  - (3) Further notes that during Question Time on 23 June 2021, the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP asked the Member for Lyons, Ms White, to clarify her reported comments, and correct the record.
  - (4) Further notes that subsequently in her personal explanation at the end of Question Time on 23 June 2021, Ms White did not dispute that she misrepresented the discussion with Mr Easton by attributing comments to him that he never made, but did not correct the record.
  - (5) Orders the Member for Lyons, Ms White, to unequivocally withdraw her remarks which misrepresented her discussion with Mr Easton, within three sitting days of the agreement of the House to this Motion. (1 September 2021)
- 32** Ms Dow to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the importance of local representation for our communities and the critical role of local government across Tasmanian communities.
  - (2) Further notes that strong local government is critical to regional economies.
  - (3) Further notes the importance of working with local government to improve and increase services delivered to our communities by local government.
  - (4) Further notes the importance of local government in providing services, but also as major employers, providing good quality, secure jobs for Tasmanians.
  - (5) Further notes that cross party work on the development of the Terms of Reference and Expert Panel to examine the Premier’s Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) Recommendation on local government reform has commenced.
  - (6) Further notes concerns that recommendation 48 of PESRAC inappropriately asks Members “to commit to implementing the recommendations without material modification” without having detail of what the recommendations might be.

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- (7) Further notes that the Labor Party's long held position is not to progress any form of compulsory amalgamation. (1 September 2021)

### 33 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes recent claims by the Tasmanian Greens relating to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and forestry in Tasmania in recent weeks.
- (2) Further notes:—
- (a) the August 2019 IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land, which says: "Sustainable forest management can maintain or enhance forest carbon stocks, and can maintain forest carbon sinks, including by transferring carbon to wood products";
  - (b) the research shows that a mixed strategy of conservation and timber production, is more likely to be optimal for long term atmospheric carbon reduction;
  - (c) the first instalment of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report reinforces findings from the previous IPCC reports, notably the above 2019 Special Report, that are consistent with the Tasmanian Government's approach to sustainable forest management.
  - (d) the IPCC defines deforestation as 'the conversion of forest land to non-forest land'; and
  - (e) that broad scale clearance and conversion of native forest on public land is prohibited under the Tasmanian Government's policy for maintaining a permanent native forest estate, and is regulated by the independent Forest Practices Authority.
- (3) Acknowledges that Sustainable Timber Tasmania does not participate in deforestation, as defined by the IPCC, in the management of our native public production forests. Our native forests are re-grown after harvest.
- (4) Further notes that maintaining a native forest estate is a key commitment of Tasmania's Regional Forest Agreement (RFA).
- (5) Further notes our approach maintains our native forest estate and provides environmental, economic and social benefits, for generations to come. (2 September 2021)

### 34 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
- (a) Tasmanian Timber Awards were held on 10th September 2021, recognising excellence in Tasmanian timber; and
  - (b) Tasmanian Liberal Government is proud of our State's sustainable forestry sector which contributes around \$1.2 billion to the Tasmanian economy and provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs.
- (2) Congratulates the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Network who hosted the Awards, with 14 award categories which recognised their dedication to best practice, excellence, and leadership in the forestry sector.
- (3) Further congratulates all of the 2021 Tasmanian Timber Awards finalists and winners:—
- (a) Cusp Building Solutions (Timber Processing Excellence);
  - (b) Orana Enterprises (Harvesting Excellence);
  - (c) Forico (Regional and Community Development);
  - (d) Malcolm Lerner (Forest Growing and Management Excellence);
  - (e) Denman Marine (Excellence in the Design and/or Use of Tasmanian Timber);
  - (f) Padgett Group (Distribution and Logistics Excellence-Organisation);
  - (g) Bradley Woodfield (Distribution and Logistics Excellence-Individual);
  - (h) Cusp Building Solutions (Innovation and Technology Award-Organisation);
  - (i) Judith Nantongo (Innovation and Technology Award-Individual);
  - (j) MechLog (Workplace Health and Safety Excellence-Small Organisation);
  - (k) Sustainable Timber Tasmania (Workplace Health and Safety Excellence-Large Organisation);
  - (l) North East Bioregional Network (Environmental Excellence-Small Organisation).
  - (m) TimberLink (Environmental Excellence-Large Organisation);

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- (n) Forest Practices Authority (Skill Development and Training Excellence-Large Organisation);
- (o) The Safety Process (Skill Development and Training Excellence-Small Organisation);
- (p) Jillian Aylett Brown & Michael Lee (Outstanding Contribution to the Timber Industry);
- (q) Meeghan Price (Trainee of the Year-Small Organisation);
- (r) Kylie Kemp (Trainee of the Year-Large Organisation); and
- (s) Graham Freeman (Tree Farmer of the Year). (14 September 2021).

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

- (1) Recognises that 15 September 2021 was 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:—
  - (a) 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; and
  - (b) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Acknowledges a memorial service commemorating the Battle held at St David's Cathedral on 11 September 2021 and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence Force, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending. (15 September 2021)

**37** Mr *Street* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic Tasmania's economy and business confidence continues to strengthen.
- (2) Acknowledges that the recent Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook for the September 2021 quarter said "Overall, a lot continues to go right for Tasmania, thanks to strong COVID control and effective government support when it matters most."
- (3) Further notes that:—
  - (a) as the economy is strengthening, confidence is returning to the Tasmanian community with retail trade figures higher than 2020; and
  - (b) Tasmanian exports are booming, having exceeded \$4 billion for the first time in August 2021.
- (4) Recognises that the significant investment in the recent State Budget will continue to support our economic and community recovery as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic to secure Tasmania's future. (12 October 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that the Deloraine Bowls Club officially opened their 2021 Pennant Season on 3 October 2021 and thanks the Club for their patience in tutoring me on the green.
- (2) Recognises that the Club, that has been in operation since 1926, provides a wonderful community facility for local events.
- (3) Further notes President Keith Davis' continuing commitment to the Club together with his hardworking team.
- (4) Encourages locals in the Deloraine area and beyond, to visit and support this wonderful Club. (12 October 2021)

**39** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—

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- (a) the Tasmanian Government was proud to support our exporting community at the Tasmanian Export Awards 2021, held on 24 September 2021, in Devonport;
  - (b) the Tasmanian Export Awards are held annually to celebrate the success of Tasmania's top exporters, with State winners going on to be finalists in the Australian Export Awards Program; and
  - (c) the Tasmanian Liberal Government is proud of our exporting community, including during COVID-19 and trading challenges, with the State's exports reaching over \$4 billion for the first time, for the year to August 2021.
- (2) Congratulates all category entrants, the organiser the Department of State Growth, and the Awards Partner TasPorts, with 11 award categories which represent Tasmania's leaders in overseas exports based on their levels of success and ingenuity.
- (3) Further notes that many of the 2021 winners are from regional Tasmania and with a majority of the awards being accepted by leading businesswomen.
- (4) Congratulates all of the 2021 winners:—
- (a) Advanced Technologies – Lightning Protection International;
  - (b) Agribusiness Food and Beverages – Tasmanian Oyster Co.;
  - (c) E-Commerce – Scoot Boot;
  - (d) Emerging Exporter – Lawrenny Estate Distilling;
  - (e) International Health – Selborne Biological Services;
  - (f) Manufacturing and Advanced Materials – Ignite Digi;
  - (g) Regional Exporter – Blue Hills Honey;
  - (h) Small Business – Hill Farm Preserves;
  - (i) Sustainability – True South Seafood;
  - (j) Minister's Award for Young Exporter of the Year 2021 – Ms Jelina Bennett (Aqua Clean Tas); and
  - (k) Minister's Award for Export Leadership 2021 – Ms Beth Mathison (True South Seafood). (12 October 2021)
- 41** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the passing of theatre legend Graeme Paine OAM, who passed away on October 10, 2021 after his long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy.
  - (2) Further notes:—
    - (a) Graeme was awarded the Order of Australia medal for his contribution to performing arts;
    - (b) the Tasmanian Theatre Council have paid tribute to Graeme Paine as a 'much loved and hugely influential member of Tasmania's theatre community' who will be 'particularly remembered for his extraordinary contribution over many decades to the Old Nick Company';
    - (c) the Old Nick Company have said his 'legacy is nothing short of extraordinary'; and
    - (d) Graeme was a talented and committed thespian and a genuinely lovely human who will be sadly missed by all who knew him, worked with him, were mentored by him and loved him.
  - (3) Passes on its sympathy to Mr Paine's wife Christina, his children Christopher, Ben, Nick, Imogen and Mathew and their families as they mourn a much loved husband, father and grandfather. (12 October 2021)
- 43** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Resources for the following reasons:—
- (1) On 10 August 2021, the Minister approved a mining lease application made by Chinese State-owned company, MMG Australia, over 5 kilometres of Helilog Road and an area of rainforest near Rosebery.
  - (2) MMG Australia's application specified its purpose as mining for gravel.
  - (3) The company's intention for the area subject to the Minister's approval was not to mine gravel.
  - (4) MMG was undertaking testing works for its plan to pump mine tailings across the Pieman River into a cleared rainforest gully off Helilog Road.
  - (5) The application approved by the Minister had the effect of preventing public access to public land in Takayna, including beekeeping sites and the Forest Walk tourist site.

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- (6) Between early May and late July, prior to the Minister's mining lease approval for MMG, 71 peaceful protestors were arrested under dubious charges. They were people of all ages and from across the Tasmanian community, who stood up to defend the Tarkine's rainforest.
- (7) On 27 August, the Minister received a formal request from Bob Brown Foundation to provide a statement of reasons for granting this mining permit.
- (8) On 24 September, the Minister replied in writing that he was not empowered to make this decision, and that therefore, there had been no valid grant of the mining lease.
- (9) In his apparent haste to prevent peaceful protest on the site, the Minister signed an approval in breach of the *Mineral Resources Development Act (1995)*, an Act he administers.
- (10) The Minister broke the law, a fact that would not have come to light but for the Bob Brown Foundation.
- (11) After his lawlessness that worked to advantage a foreign-owned multinational corporation was exposed, the Minister refused to admit he had broken the law, and sought to mislead Tasmanians by blaming a "lodgement error" on the part of the applicant, and an "oversight" on the part of Mineral Resources Tasmania.
- (12) This explanation defies credibility.
- (13) The Minister's public statement did not address his involvement in this matter, and ignore one of the fundamental principles of the Westminster system of government – that a Minister doesn't blame others, but holds responsibility for their decisions.
- (14) Minister Barnett's conduct in this matter again brings his competence and integrity into question.
- (15) Since being elevated to Cabinet, Minister Barnett has shown no respect for transparency, has degraded accountability mechanisms through his constant misleading and obfuscation, and worked against the public, and the planet's, interests.
- (16) Across portfolios, Minister Barnett has long track record of secrecy, misleading Tasmanians, and enacting highly questionable decisions, and it's well past time for Parliament to finally hold him accountable.
- (17) He is unfit to be a Minister of the Crown. (12 October 2021)

### 44 The Minister for Energy and Emissions Reductions to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Entura's Spatial and Data Services Team has received top accolades at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards for their work on Hydro Tasmania's 'Battery of the Nation' initiative.
- (2) Notes that:—
  - (a) the team won the Spatial Industries Business Association and Geospatial Information & Technology Association (SIBA/GITA) Award for Spatial Enablement;
  - (b) the team has been involved in 'Battery of the Nation' since its inception, using spatial tools and technologies to support the initiative through pre-feasibility, feasibility and project design stages;
  - (c) 'Battery of the Nation' aims to harness Tasmania's hydropower through new pumped hydro development, optimising existing assets and redeveloping the Tarraleah hydropower scheme;
  - (d) alongside further interconnection through Marinus Link, this will enable Tasmania to play a significant role in the National Electricity Market and support Tasmania's accelerating renewable energy transition. (13 October 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises that Veterans' Health Week is being held from 16 October – 24 October 2021.
- (2) Notes that:—
  - (a) the Week—an annual national week—raises awareness of, improving health and wellbeing for former and current serving Australian Defence Force personnel, their families and carers; and
  - (b) the Week also highlights the key role played by the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs, ex-serving organisations and community groups in supporting our veterans and ex-serving personnel.

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- (3) Acknowledges that:—
  - (a) the theme for Veterans' Health Week in 2021 is 'Get Moving'—a reflection of the impact that physical activity has on health and wellbeing; and
  - (b) support provided by the Tasmanian Liberal Government to Tasmania's more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel, which includes more than \$1.4 million in additional funding over the next four years.
- (4) Encourages Tasmanians, particularly our veterans and ex-serving personnel, to participate in events and support mental wellness. (13 October 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises Tasmania's seafood industry and the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council (TSIC) for all that they do to produce world class seafood and provide economic and social benefit for Tasmanians.
- (2) Congratulates:—
  - (a) the 12 winners and all finalists at the Tasmanian Stay Afloat Seafood Awards that were held on 8 October 2021;
  - (b) the further four recipients of recognition awards, and also notes TSIC's important partnership on the evening with the Nayri Niara, an Aboriginal owned and operated social enterprise highlighting the strong connection between the 40,000 year old Aboriginal connection with Sea, Country and seafood, and the modern Tasmanian seafood industry; and
  - (c) TSIC CEO Julian Harrington, TSIC Chair Lindsay Newman and their teams for their leadership and ongoing advocacy for members.
- (3) Further congratulates:—
  - (a) the Cameron Family - Industry Ambassador Award;
  - (b) Allen Duke - Young Achiever Award;
  - (c) True South Seafoods - Large Business Award;
  - (d) Tasmanian Gourmet Seafoods - Fish and Chips Award;
  - (e) Pearl & Co - Eat More Seafood Dining Award;
  - (f) Tasmanian Seafood Adventure - Eat More Seafood Experience Award;
  - (g) Kyeema Seafood - Small Business Award;
  - (h) Huon Aquaculture - Safety Award;
  - (i) Alison Turnbull - IMAS RD&E Award;
  - (j) Brendan "Squizzly" Taylor - Promotion Award;
  - (k) True South Seafood - Environmental Stewardship Award;
  - (l) Peter Cheesman - People Development Award;
  - (m) John Sansom and Clive Perryman for receiving Recognition Awards for their contribution to industry; and
  - (n) Lindsay Newman and Rodney Herweynen for receiving the service to TSIC Recognition Award. (14 October 2021)

### 47 Ms Haddad to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Gutwein Liberal Government seems intent on pushing ahead with their proposal to build a fifth lane on the Southern outlet despite community opposition and serious questions about whether it will do anything at all to improve traffic congestion.
- (2) Acknowledges that during the 2021 State election, candidates for Clark including now Liberal Member for Clark, Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP, attended a meeting with residents of Dynnyrne to listen to their concerns.
- (3) Recognises that the Gutwein Liberal Government's plan for a fifth lane on the Southern outlet will require the demolition of homes and the acquisition of land from the yards of properties bordering the highway.
- (4) Further notes that a Parliamentary E-petition calling for the Government to scrap the project and look instead at practical alternative solutions has already gathered more than 2,470 signatures.
- (5) Agrees that the Gutwein Liberal Government should abandon their current proposal for a fifth lane on the outlet due to the lack of evidence it will ease traffic congestion and look instead at practical alternative solutions. (26 October 2021)

### 48 Ms Haddad to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—

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- (a) that on 25 October 2021 the Tasmanian Integrity Commission released a Paper entitled ‘Tasmania’s Electoral Act Offences and Campaign Conduct’; and
- (b) the Paper is the first in a Research Paper Series named ‘Ethical Conduct and Potential Misconduct Risks in Tasmanian Parliamentary Elections’.
- (2) Welcomes the fact that the Integrity Commission is pursuing this work and adding to the important conversation about democracy in Tasmania.
- (3) Further notes the Paper exposes serious issues in our electoral system which should be taken seriously by the Government and the Parliament.
- (4) Recognises it is vital that Tasmanian elections are fought on a fair and level playing field.
- (5) Refers the Paper entitled ‘Tasmania’s Electoral Act Offences and Campaign Conduct’ to the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity pursuant to section 24(1)(d) of the ‘Integrity Commission Act 2009’, for inquiry, such enquiry to include public hearings, and report with specific reference to the matters raised in the paper. (26 October 2021)
- 49** Dr *Broad* to move—That the House Notes:—
- (a) the Department of Treasury and Finance’s Financial Sustainability Report 2021 predicts General Government Net Debt of between \$16 and \$30 billion in by 2035. The 2021-22 Tasmanian Budget shows net debt will continue to grow by \$2 million per day for four years;
- (b) the Premier’s GST deal with the Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison MP, sold Tasmania out, it will cost Tasmania billions of dollars and put public services at risk; and
- (c) Premier Gutwein should hand down his next Budget in May 2022, to avoid further budget uncertainty. (26 October 2021)
- 50** Ms *O’Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the many nominees and finalists in the George Town Chamber of Commerce Awards 2021.
- (2) Notes the difficult economic circumstances due to CoVid and the great support provided during the pandemic and commends Chamber President, James Cameron and the team and Board.
- (3) Further congratulates the 2021 award winners:—
- (a) Best New Business – Tas Fix Pty Ltd.;
- (b) Best Marketing and Advertising Campaign – Don Mario’s Ristorante;
- (c) Community Contribution – George Town Neighbourhood House;
- (d) Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Judges Award - Wian Dekker, Temtrol Technologies;
- (e) Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Winner - Bradley Duck, Bell Bay Aluminium;
- (f) Excellence in Sustainability – George Town Football Club;
- (g) Agricultural Award Judges Award - Sinapius Vineyard;
- (h) Agricultural Award Winner – Hillwood Berries;
- (i) Excellence in Customer Service Judges Award – Angela Riseley, Australia Post;
- (j) Excellence in Customer Service Award Winner – NewsXpress George Town;
- (k) Excellence in Tourism - Low Head Pilot Station Museum;
- (l) Business Achievement Judges Award – Gray’s Hotel;
- (m) Business Achievement Winner – Minh Lamb, Your Pharmacy; and
- (n) Excellence in Workplace Response to CoVid 19 Winner - George Town Medical Centre. (26 October 2021)
- 51** Ms *O’Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the Flinders Island Show Committee for their excellent work in planning and holding the Show on 18 October 2021.
- (2) Notes:—
- (a) the show has been running since 1934 and is a key feature of the Islands calendar;

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- (b) the significant challenges in providing a CoVid safe environment and commends the Society and its volunteers on its execution of the CoVid safe plan;
- (c) that the 2021 theme was aviation; and
- (d) congratulates Donald Withers on his excellent job of opening the show and his well researched history of island aviation.
- (3) Congratulates:—
- (a) all competitors and prize winners in the many competitions hosted at the show; and
- (b) the committed and hardworking volunteers who were made life members of the Flinders Island Show Society; Lois, Robyn, June, Aidy, Jan, Anne and Peter. (26 October 2021)
- 52** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges and pays tribute to the thousands of Tasmanian women who contribute to our vitally important agricultural sector and rural communities.
- (2) Notes that the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award is the pre-eminent award for rural women which recognises past achievements and supports further development of outstanding women in Tasmania’s vibrant agricultural sector.
- (3) Recognises that in 2020 there was an excellent and diverse field for the Tasmanian AgriFutures Awards and this is testament to the strength and vibrancy of Tasmania’s rural women.
- (4) Congratulates the Tasmanian winner of the 2020 AgriFutures Award, Karen Brock, who recently represented Tasmania at the national awards with her project based around plant tissue culture and food security production systems.
- (5) Further notes that Tasmanian Women in Agriculture provide bursaries for our finalists for training and development opportunities, and acknowledges their support in providing opportunities for our rural women to shine.
- (6) Further congratulates the recipients of the awards sponsored by the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture - Louise Morris, the winner of the Encouragement Award and a \$2,000 training bursary, and Robyn Eversole and Celia Leverton who were each awarded \$1,000 Development Awards.
- (7) Further recognises that the Tasmanian Government is a strong supporter of the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award, and is proud to provide this support in partnership with AgriFutures, Westpac, the ABC and other major sponsors. (27 October 2021)
- 53** Ms Dow to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledge that:—
- (a) the Tasmanian Government released its Roadmap to Reopen, ‘Reconnecting Tasmania: our safe border reopening plan’, on 22 October 2021; and
- (b) quarantining remains an important part of the plan to reopen our borders.
- (2) Notes:—
- (a) the recent breach of Home Quarantine in Launceston and Hotel Quarantine in Hobart;
- (b) that the breach of Hotel Quarantine by a COVID-19 positive man led to a 3 day lockdown of Southern Tasmania; and
- (c) that the Tasmanian Government undertook a home quarantine trial for travellers returning from regional NSW for one month starting Friday 24 September 2021.
- (3) Calls on the Premier to:—
- (a) table the reports of the reviews into the breaches and the home quarantine trial; and
- (b) provide a detailed update to Parliament on steps taken to address the findings of the reviews of quarantine breaches and the outcomes of the home quarantine trial for travellers returning from regional NSW. (27 October 2021)
- 54** Ms O’Byrne to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—

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- (a) with concern plans by the Flinders Island Bureau of Meteorology to reduce its 24 hour service to the Island Terminal Aerodrome to a 12 hour (daylight saving) service;
  - (b) that the Island's remote geographical location combined with frequent rapidly changing adverse weather, places the Island at some vulnerability in relation to accurate forecasting;
  - (c) that this decision has caused significant concern to the local community, aviation services and to the local fishing industry;
  - (d) it may have impact on the availability of aero-medical retrievals and for rescue services, in particular to the deployment of roto wing search and rescue aircraft; and
  - (e) it is unlikely to produce significant cost savings to the Bureau.
- (2) Calls upon the Tasmanian Government to make urgent representations to their Federal counterparts to reverse this decision. (28 October 2021)

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

- (1) Congratulates the five TasTAFE trained apprentices and former apprentices that won medals, including three gold medals, at Australia's biggest vocational skills competition.
- (2) Notes that the WorldSkills Australia National Championships sees vocationally-trained competitors compete against their industry peers from around the country in practical skills challenges across a range of industry areas.
- (3) Acknowledges that:—
  - (a) Team Tasmania competed across eight categories and that all medallists and team members were trained at TasTAFE as well as in their workplaces, and TasTAFE teachers also acted as mentors and national judges for the competitions;
  - (b) acknowledges TasTAFE has above national average satisfaction rates and the highest completion rates; and
  - (c) acknowledges in recent times TasTAFE students have won National Apprentice of the Year and Vocational Student of the Year awards.
- (4) Accepts the Liberal Government doesn't understand the public provision of structured, high quality, industry accredited training.
- (5) Condemns the Liberal Government for its misguided reform to devalue and de-skill the public provider of skills and training. (9 November 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) the 2021 East Coast Tasmania Tourism Awards were held in Triabunna at the Spring Bay Mill on 30 October 2021, with radio host Ryk Goddard as MC and (virtual) guest speaker Phillipa Harrison the Managing Director of Tourism Australia; and
  - (b) the Awards acknowledge business excellence and innovation, and reward exceptional customer service in the industry.
- (2) Recognises the exceptional quality and diversity of businesses on the East Coast is testament to the strength and vibrancy of this sector that supports many thousands of Tasmanians.
- (3) Congratulates all Gold, Silver and Bronze winners of each of the ten categories, with special mention to Gold winners as follows:—
  - (a) Category 1: Accommodation-Caravan or Holiday Park  
GOLD – Swansea Holiday Park;
  - (b) Category 2: Accommodation – Self Contained  
GOLD – Sandpiper Ocean Cottages;
  - (c) Category 3: Accommodation – Standard  
GOLD - Bayside Hotel St. Helens;
  - (d) Category 4: Accommodation – Deluxe  
GOLD – Picnic Island;
  - (e) Category 5: Visitor Experience  
GOLD – Oyster Bay Tours;
  - (f) Category 6: Food, Wine, Retail

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- GOLD – Me & Mums;  
(g) Category 9: Event of the Year  
GOLD – Rockpool – Bicheno Lions Club; and  
(h) Category 10: 2021 East Coast Tasmania Tourism Awards – Individual Contribution Award  
WINNER – Lester Donges.
- (4) Congratulates Chief Executive Officer Rhonda Taylor, Chair Jen Fry and the entire Board on another wonderful event showcasing the many, many excellent businesses the East Coast has on offer. (11 November 2021)
- 59** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges that the annual Blessing of the Fleet service occurred in St Helens on 31 October 2021.
- (2) Recognises that the St Helens service is the longest continuous Blessing of the Fleet service in Australia.
- (3) Notes that:—
- (a) as an island, the Tasmanian population was entirely reliant upon the sea for all physical contact with the outside world, until the development of links by air; and
- (b) our waterways continue to be vital trade routes with 99% of Tasmanian freight transiting through our multi-port system.
- (4) Thanks:—
- (a) to our Marine Rescue services who support our commercial and recreational fishers in times of need; and
- (b) John Denman and the Combined Churches of Break O’Day for their continuing commitment and support to those who serve us on our seas.
- (7) Notes that, with our stunning coastline and pristine waters, fishing is a way of life and enjoyed by many. (11 November 2021)
- 60** Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that:—
- (a) many business operators around Tasmania are still paving the way through unfamiliar territory in respects to COVID-19 and will continue to do so when the border reopens on 15 December 2021’ and
- (b) many have been and continue to be adversely affected – emotionally and financially.
- (2) Notes that:—
- (a) we cannot become complacent, must remain vigilant with the use of COVID-19 check-in app, by being vaccinated and adhering to good hand hygiene and social distancing practices;
- (b) there are concerns from tourism and hospitality operators about attracting new and former employees back to industry; and
- (c) that many small businesses, who have been impacted by COVID-19, cannot afford to close again during their peak season of summer 2021-2022.
- (3) Calls on the Government to provide clarity and clearer guidelines to operators around what will happen if we are forced into localised lockdowns. (23 November 2021)
- 61** Ms *O’Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the:—
- (a) decision of the Attorney-General, Hon. Elise Archer MP to only raise the age of criminal responsibility to 12, instead of 14; and
- (b) the ACT has decided to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14.
- (2) Understands that raising the age of criminal responsibility is designed to prevent the incarceration of children, who have not developed adult decision-making capabilities.
- (3) Notes that contemporary evidence shows children under 14 have immature brain development in terms of decision-making, impulse control, and moral awareness – as recognised by the United Nations Child Rights Committee and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.
- (4) Recognises that:—

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- (a) experts and advocates have called for the age of criminal responsibility to be raised to 14, including the Tasmanian Commissioner for Children and Young People, who described the Attorney-General's recent decision as a "huge, missed opportunity"; and
  - (b) the earlier a child becomes involved in the criminal justice system, the more likely they are to become entrenched in that system.
- (7) Calls on the Attorney-General to reverse her decision, and to commit to raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14 (23 November 2021)

**62** Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that:—
- (a) the current Burnie Court site is not fit for purpose;
  - (b) at the 2018 State Election the Liberal and Labor parties committed \$15 million to redevelop the Burnie Court on the current site;
  - (c) in 2020 the Liberal Government announced it was relocating the court to the old University of Tasmania campus in a residential and educational precinct in West Burnie; and
  - (d) the Labor party at the 2021 State Election committed to redeveloping the current site or to rebuild the Burnie Court on another site in the Burnie CBD.
- (2) Notes:—
- (a) there has been no consultation with local residents about the relocation of the Court to their neighbourhood;
  - (b) the ongoing concerns raised by the business community;
  - (c) the ongoing concerns raised by the Law Society;
  - (d) the ongoing concerns of local residents;
  - (e) the ongoing concerns of the Burnie City Council; and
  - (f) the project has now blown out to \$40 million.
- (3) Calls on the Attorney-General, Hon. Elise Archer MP to listen to residents and stakeholders, adopt Labor's position and keep the Burnie Court in the Burnie CBD. (23 November 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that:—
- (a) Tasmania has the worst electoral donation laws in the country;
  - (b) the lack of electoral reform adds to the community's cynicism about government and politics;
  - (c) it is imperative that trust in Tasmanian politics is restored and believes that electoral donation law reform is a vital part of restoring trust;
  - (d) after the 2018 election, the Tasmanian Liberal Party committed to introducing electoral donation law reform but has so far failed to deliver;
  - (e) after pressure the Liberals finally developed a discussion paper for public consultation but then failed to release the final report for months;
  - (f) it was only after the Labor Party tabled a private members bill that the Government finally released the final report;
  - (g) after the 2021 election, the Liberals finally released draft legislation, which contains some good elements albeit it requires significant changes to be best practice;
  - (h) in 2021, only 20 bills have received Royal Assent, compared an average of 50 bills in previous years; and
  - (i) in light of this poor parliamentary performance, there is no excuse for the Government not having progressed these important laws.
- (2) Calls on the Liberals to act on their promise and bring on their legislation for debate so Tasmania can finally have faith in our electoral systems. (23 November 2021)

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

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) Federal Attorney-General, Hon. Michaelia Cash MP, has indicated a Religious Discrimination Bill will be introduced to the Federal Parliament in 2021; and

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- (b) two previous iterations of such a Bill have included provisions that effectively override section 17(1) of the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998.
- (2) Recognises that:—
  - (a) the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 protects people from discrimination on a range of grounds including protecting people from being discriminated against based on their religious belief;
  - (b) the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 represents best practice and provides a model for the nation;
  - (c) the wording of the Act is echoed in a range of government and non-government anti-bullying policies; and
  - (d) the majority (around one third) of complaints made under section 17 of the Act are made by people with disability, followed by race based complaints made by people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and that 5-10% are made by members of the LGBTIQ+ community.
- (3) Notes the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP has made comments recently to indicate that he would not support a Federal override of the Anti-Discrimination Act.
- (4) Recognises the importance of Tasmania standing up to strongly defend Tasmania's state based laws.
- (5) Calls on the Premier and Attorney General, Hon. Elise Archer MP, to write to their Federal counterparts to demand the removal of any provision from the Federal Bill that would override Tasmania's Anti-Discrimination Act. (23 November 2021)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*