



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice commenced.
- 5 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued.
- 7 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Lyons, Ms *White*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 8 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued.
- 9 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms *O'Byrne*, to withdraw from the House for one hour owing to repeated interjections.
- 10 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued.
- 11 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms *Houston*, to withdraw from the House for one hour owing to repeated interjections.
- 12 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 13 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That Ms *O'Connor* have leave to make a motion without Notice. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A Debate arose thereupon.
- 14 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, to withdraw from the House for one hour owing to repeated interjections.
- 15 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 2

Ms O'Connor

Dr Woodruff (Teller)

NOES 21

Ms Archer

Mr Barnett

Dr Broad

Ms Butler

Ms Courtney

Ms Dow

Mr Ferguson

Mr Gutwein

Ms Haddad

Ms Hickey

Mr Hodgman

Mr Jaensch

Mr O'Byrne

Ms O'Byrne

Mr Rockliff

Mrs Rylah

Mr Shelton

Ms Standen

Mr Tucker

Ms White

Ms Houston (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

16 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: STRONG ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT. - Mr *Tucker* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Strong Economic Management.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

17 HOUSING LAND SUPPLY ORDER - HUNTINGFIELD. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Huntingfield Housing Land Supply Order made under section 4 of the Housing Land Supply Act 2018.

- (2) Acknowledges that Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy, which includes the critical release of more land, is responding to the current challenges in the housing market by boosting supply across the housing spectrum.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Affordable Housing Action Plan 2 and the additional investment in funding is another positive step towards continuing this momentum.
- (4) Supports the Tasmanian Government's \$1.6 billion investment in infrastructure of roads and bridges, including \$30.8 million over four years for congestion busting projects in Greater Hobart. (The Minister for Housing)

A debate arose thereupon.

18 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

19 HOUSING LAND SUPPLY ORDER - HUNTINGFIELD. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

An Amendment was proposed by Ms *Dow* by leaving out all words after "That the House" and inserting instead:

- (1) Supports further investment in increased supply of Affordable and Social Housing in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that the Government failed to consult with the community on the Huntingfield Land Supply order made under section 4 of the Housing Land Supply Act 2018.
- (3) Notes the attendance of over 300 people at a community meeting in July who voiced their concerns regarding this development and the Government's mishandling of the consultation and planning process.
- (4) Acknowledges the notable absence of the Minister and Premier despite this being the Premier's electorate at the meeting held in July.
- (5) Notes the significant missed opportunity to work with the local community, business community and local Council to plan and develop a state of the art housing development.
- (6) Notes the Liberal Government's failure to achieve a faster, cheaper, simpler, fairer planning scheme in Tasmania.
- (7) Acknowledges the Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy, which includes the release of government owned land, is making a contribution to increasing housing supply but much more is needed to meet current and projected demand.
- (8) Acknowledges that the Government's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-2025 and Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (AHAP2) were developed on the basis of market conditions at the time, that have since deteriorated significantly; and based on resources available at the time rather than a real assessment of market demand.
- (9) Recognises that underinvestment of the Hodgman Liberal Government in affordable housing supply over 5 years has contributed to the widening gap between social housing demand and supply in Tasmania.
- (10) Recognises that while the AHAP2 and associated funding is welcome, much more is required and urges the Government to undertake a comprehensive review of the Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-2025 and funding through the 2020-21 Budget processes to prioritise social housing as essential public infrastructure.
- (11) Notes the Government's failure to invest in infrastructure and have an effective transport strategy to deal with the issue of traffic congestion South of Hobart.

And the Question being proposed – That the Amendment be agreed to;

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed by Ms *O'Connor* by leaving out all clauses and inserting instead:

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania's housing crisis has occurred due to the Liberal government:
 - (a) underinvesting in social and affordable housing;
 - (b) doing too little, too late to regulate short-stay accommodation; and
 - (c) pursuing aggressive population and tourism growth targets without any forward thinking or planning.
- (2) Calls on the Liberal Government to:
 - (a) significantly increase their investment in social and affordable housing;
 - (b) introduce regulations to prevent growth in short stay properties and tight rental markets;
 - (c) undertake comprehensive settlement and population planning.
- (3) Agrees that instead of patting himself on the back, the Minister should spend his time in the House bringing forward meaningful legislation to improve housing outcomes for Tasmanians.

And the Question being proposed – That the Amendment to the Amendment be agreed to;

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.