



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
SESSION OF 2024
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.** - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 **PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.** – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.** – In accordance with Standing Order No. 47C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012: Heavy Vehicle National Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024.
- 7 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) **Primary Produce Safety Act 2011:**
 - (a) Primary Produce Safety (General) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 90) and Fact Sheet;
 - (b) Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 85) and Fact Sheet;
 - (c) Primary Produce Safety (Seafood) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 91) and Fact Sheet.
- 8 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Fire Services Act 1979: General Fire Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No.)
- 9 **PAPERS.** – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms *Rosol*.

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10 BILL NO. 32. – The Minister for the Arts presented -

A Bill for an Act to amend the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995.

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

11 BILL NO. 33. – The Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs presented -

A Bill for an Act to make provision for mediation concerning farm debts and for other related purposes.

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

12 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: JUSTICE FOR TASMANIAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. – Dr *Woodruff* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Justice for Tasmanian Aboriginal People.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

13 CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL HOUSING. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—that the House:—

- (1) Notes that responsibility for the construction and management of social housing was put at arms' length from Government in 2022 with the establishment of Homes Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that during debate on the Homes Tasmania Bill 2022 Member for Franklin Mr David O'Byrne MP warned that a statutory authority was the wrong answer to Tasmania's housing crisis, because it would give the Government less control over one of the State's most pressing problems.
- (3) Acknowledges that since Homes Tasmania was established, housing and construction industry stakeholders have become increasingly concerned by the slow pace of social housing construction. This includes just six homes built on land released for urgent affordable housing and vacant blocks for sale being counted in the Government's 10,000 homes target. All the while the public housing waiting list grows longer, with 4,709 applications on the housing register at June 2024.
- (4) Criticises the Homes Tasmania model as a failing experiment which, while being created with good intentions, is not working as intended, and is not delivering the level of housing construction needed to improve the dire lack of affordable housing.
- (5) Calls on the Government to urgently review Homes Tasmania with a view to bringing responsibility for social housing construction back into the heart of Government with oversight by Cabinet. (Mr *O'Byrne*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendment made (Mr *O'Byrne*).

In paragraph (2) remove the words 'Member for Franklin Mr David O'Byrne MP' and insert instead 'Members'.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion as Amended be agreed to.

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And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, - That the House: —

- (1) Notes that responsibility for the construction and management of social housing was put at arms' length from Government in 2022 with the establishment of Homes Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that during debate on the Homes Tasmania Bill 2022 Members warned that a statutory authority was the wrong answer to Tasmania's housing crisis, because it would give the Government less control over one of the State's most pressing problems.
- (3) Acknowledges that since Homes Tasmania was established, housing and construction industry stakeholders have become increasingly concerned by the slow pace of social housing construction. This includes just six homes built on land released for urgent affordable housing and vacant blocks for sale being counted in the Government's 10,000 homes target. All the while the public housing waiting list grows longer, with 4,709 applications on the housing register at June 2024.
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- (5) Calls on the Government to urgently review Homes Tasmania with a view to bringing responsibility for social housing construction back into the heart of Government with oversight by Cabinet.

14 EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—that the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Government plans to implement a \$300 million “efficiency dividend” in the upcoming Budget.
- (2) Acknowledges the significant concerns about the impact of the “efficiency dividend” on frontline health, education, police and other services.
- (3) Expresses its view that the Tasmanian community and public sector workers deserve full transparency over the proposed Budget cuts.
- (4) Orders the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to table unredacted copies of all Agency Savings Strategies, including supporting information, by 7.30pm on 31 July 2024. (Mr *Willie*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Mr *Willie* was addressing the Chair.

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

16 EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND. - And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put -

The House divided.

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AYES 14

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Burnet
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Johnston
Ms Rosol
Ms White
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Dr Woodruff
Ms Finlay (Teller)

NOES 18

Mr Abetz
Mr Barnett
Mr Behrakis
Mrs Beswick
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Fairs
Mr Garland
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Mr Jenner
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Wood
Mrs Pentland (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Haddad

Mr Rockliff

So it passed in the Negative.

17 STATE COASTAL POLICY – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—that the House:—

- (1) Notes the Government's view, expressed in the opening paragraph on its consultation webpage that "The State Coastal Policy 1996 (SCP) is a critically important part of the State's Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS) and has served the State well in protecting the coast and providing for sustainable development....".
- (2) Further notes that during the appeal process for the Robbins Island wind farm development the Government has decided to legislate to retrospectively validate approval of developments that were approved despite contravening the State Coastal Policy, including the Robbins Island development.
- (3) Understands the Government has justified this legislation on the basis of 'advice' received in March 2024.
- (4) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that this advice, or a detailed summary of this advice, has not been publicly released – despite its significant nature and obvious public interest; and
 - (b) that the Government's claim that existing coastal infrastructure will be at risk of legal challenge due to the implications of this advice has not been supported with evidence or examples.
- (5) Orders the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP to table, at least 24 hours before the consultation period on the 'Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill 2024' expires:—
 - (a) a copy of the advice being relied upon to justify retrospectively validating the approvals of developments, and subsequently amending the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996; and
 - (b) a list of coastal infrastructure assets that have been identified as being at risk according to this advice. (*Mr Bayley*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put -

The House divided.

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AYES 10

Ms *Badger*
Mr *Bayley*
Mrs *Beswick*
Ms *Burnet*
Mr *Garland*
Mr *Jenner*
Mrs *Pentland*
Ms *Rosol*
Dr *Woodruff*
Ms *Johnston* (Teller)

NOES 23

Mr *Abetz*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Behrakis*
Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Dow*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Fairs*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Finlay*
Ms *Haddad*
Ms *Howlett*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mrs *Petrusma*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Street*
Ms *White*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *Wood*
Ms *Butler* (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

18 REGIONAL AREAS – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—that the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) that the Jacqui Lambie Network supports Tasmania's regional residents, economies and businesses and the contribution of these to Tasmania; and
 - (b) the Jacqui Lambie Network is here to fight for our regional areas and strongly encourages the Government to focus on service delivery and policy which delivers in this area.
- (2) Recognises the need to prioritise Tasmania's regional areas and that:—
- (a) current healthcare, fire, police and emergency services are not meeting the needs of regional and remote communities;
 - (b) remote areas have significant need for increased childcare to release the parental workforce to support economic growth and productivity, which means improved wage opportunity as well as access to housing and basic services;
 - (c) visitors to remote communities are a necessary support for economic diversity and sustainability, however they increase pressure on local service delivery and increase costs to Local Councils which do not have the capacity to raise the revenue required to deliver; and
 - (d) recent Government policy has given a very Hobart-Centric outlook to Tasmanians, despite over 50% of the population living outside of the Hobart area. (Mrs *Pentland*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendment made (Mr *Winter*).

That the following subparagraphs be inserted into paragraph (2) following (d):

- (e) they are heavily dependent on traditional industries such as native forestry, aquaculture, mining and renewable energy. These industries must be maintained and encouraged to grow; and
- (f) salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour, wind farm development on Robbins Island and a new tailings dam at Rosebery Mine must be supported.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

The House divided.

AYES 23

Mr *Abetz*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Behrakis*
Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Ms *Dow*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Finlay*
Ms *Haddad*
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Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mrs *Petrusma*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Street*
Ms *White*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *Wood*
Mr *Fairs* (Teller)

NOES 10

Ms *Badger*
Mr *Bayley*
Mrs *Beswick*
Ms *Burnet*
Mr *Garland*
Ms *Johnston*
Mrs *Pentland*
Ms *Rosol*
Dr *Woodruff*
Mr *Jenner* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion as Amended be agreed to.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendment made (Ms *Badger*).

That paragraph (1) be removed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion as Amended be agreed to.

The House divided.

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AYES 8

Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Ms *Dow*
Ms *Finlay*
Ms *White*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Dr *Broad* (Teller)

NOES 24

Mr *Abetz*
Ms *Badger*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Bayley*
Mr *Behrakis*
Mrs *Beswick*
Ms *Burnet*
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Mr *Street*
Mr *Wood*
Dr *Woodruff*
Mr *O'Byrne* (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms *Haddad*

Mr *Rockliff*

So it passed in the Negative.

19 PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS. – In accordance with Standing Order 42, Mr *Wood* indicated that the Government Members' Private Members' Business for this day's sitting would be waived.

20 BILL NO. 26. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 30 July 2024 - That the Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2024 be now read the Second time;

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

And Dr *Woodruff* was addressing the Chair.

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

The House adjourned at twenty-nine minutes past Eight o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Minister for Minister for Education, and Minister for Disability Services attended Question Time.