



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

2 HARTZ MOUNTAIN/WYEENA ROAD.— Mr *Dean* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government —

With regard to the Hartz Mountain Road/Wyeena Road and a former Forestry spur road named Wyeena 2-2 and approximately 2.2 kilometres long which provided access to the former Forestry coupe Arve 009B (one of many coupes located in the 2013 Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area extension) and located to the west of Geeveston —

- (1) Is the Government aware that —
 - (a) The Wyeena Spur 2-2 has been completely ripped up along its entire length;
 - (b) That the last one kilometre approximately is covered with logs;
 - (c) Any access for beekeepers or firefighting vehicles has been completely lost; and
 - (d) That the old road is a mess, with many weeds growing on it?
- (2) (a) Which department approved the ripping up of Wyeena Spur 2-2 (from the TWWHA boundary to the road end over Foaming Creek); and
 - (b) On what recommendation?
- (3) (a) When was this work conducted; and
 - (b) By whom?
- (4) (a) What was the cost of the operation; and
 - (b) Who funded the activity?
- (5) What consideration was given by government regarding removing road access to the former coupe Arve 009B and the subsequent impact on beekeepers and firefighting vehicles?
- (6) Was the use of a gate on the road to prevent vehicle access considered and if not, why?

Mrs Hiscutt replied—

- (1)(a) The Government is aware the Wyena Spur 2-2 has been ripped along its entire fork has been undertaken as part of a strategic approach to rehabilitating previously harvested forest areas that now form part of the 2013 extensions to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) and, in this case, are within a national park.
- (1)(b) Ripping, along with the use of logs, has been used as the most effective method to close the road.
- (1)(c) (d) Weed growth is common in rehabilitation projects and to be expected given the harvesting operations and disturbance of the soil profile in the past. Ongoing monitoring of weeds and regrowth is part of this strategic rehabilitation program.

- (2)(a) (b) The works were approved by the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) as the land manager; and by the Forest Practices Authority, by virtue of a certified Forestry Practices Plan (FPP) covering parts of the area.

AR009B was one of a number of forestry coupes that became part of the TWWHA in extension of the World Heritage boundary. The coupe had been harvested but not rehabilitated and now falls within the Hartz Mountains National Park.

In early 2014, shortly after the PWS inherited the transferred parcels as national park, a Steering Committee (comprising Forestry Tasmania [FT]; the PWS and other stakeholders) was formed to commence a project entitled: *Ecological Restoration of Logging Coupes in the TWWHA*. The decision to close and rehabilitate the access road was done in consideration of many issues such as tenure; fire risk; apiary industry and tourism stakeholders, noting that FT advised there were no apiary licences or approvals to access this road. All works were delivered in consultation with FT (as the previous land manager) and in accordance with the outstanding FPP obligations within the site.

- (3)(a) The works were delivered by Environment Tasmania Incorporated (ETI) on behalf of the PWS (as the new land manager).
- (3)(b) FT was contracted to undertake rehabilitation works on behalf of ETI within AR009B and along Wyena 2-2 in 2015-16.
- (4)(a) Initial estimates for the works proposed by ETI were for ripping of approximately 800m of the Wyena 2-2 Road and approximately 180m of the Wyena 2-2-1 Road at an approximate cost of \$16,700. This represented the length of the Wyena 2-2 Road that occurred within the coupe AR009B.
- (4)(b) All works were funded by the Australian Government and, in December 2014, ETI was successful in securing an additional \$105,641 in Landcare funding via the Australian Government's '20 Million Trees Program'. Funding from this source was used in the rehabilitation of AR009B and the Wyena 2-2 and 2-2-1 roads.
- (5) A range of factors were taken into account in determining how areas within the TWWHA extension should be rehabilitated. I am advised that the decision to close the road was made in consultation with the Steering Committee representatives and on advice from FT. I am advised that no apiarists were active on the road, or in the coupe, and that the road was not required for firefighting purposes.
- (6) A gate and continued maintenance of the road was not considered a cost effective or long-term solution to the successful rehabilitation of the coupe. The PWS carefully balances the needs of industry and endeavours to unlock areas for sensitive and sustainable use, wherever practical. However, given the priority to rehabilitate the coupe as national park, in some cases, such as this, there was no compelling argument for access to persist and closure was deemed to be the most appropriate action in this situation to enhance the World Heritage values.

3 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Evidence (Audio and Audio Visual Links) Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 19, containing Evidence (Audio and Audio Visual Links) Regulations 2018.
- (2) Court Security Act 2017: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 28, containing Court Security Regulations 2018.
- (3) Legal Profession Act 2007: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 31, containing Legal Profession (Prescribed Authorities) Regulations 2018.
- (4) Sentencing Act 1997: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 36, containing Sentencing Regulations 2018.

4 BILL NO. 16.— The Order of the Day was read for the further consideration in Committee of the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2018.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Forrest in the Chair.

Schedule 1 further considered.

Division 9: Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 agreed to.

Output 1.2 further considered and agreed to.

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 further considered and agreed to

Output 2.2 further considered and agreed to.

Output 2.3 agreed to.

Output Group 3

Output 3.1 agreed to.

Output Group 4

Output 4.1 agreed to.

Output Group 6

Output 6.1 further considered and agreed to.

Output 6.2 agreed to.

Output Group 8

Output 8.2 agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Minster for Aboriginal Affairs

Recurrent Services

Output Group 3

Output 3.3 agreed to.

Minster for Heritage

Recurrent Services

Output Group 3

Output 3.2 agreed to.

Output 3.4 agreed to.

Minister for Environment

Recurrent Services

Output Group 3

Output 3.5 agreed to.

Output Group 7

Output 7.1 and 7.2 agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Minister for Parks

Recurrent Services

Output Group 8

Output 8.1 further considered and agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Minister for Racing

Recurrent Services

Output Group 5

Output 5.1 further considered and agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request and without Amendment.

Division 10: Department of State Growth

Minister for Infrastructure

Recurrent Services

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 further considered and agreed to.

Outputs 2.2 to 2.5 agreed to.

Output Group 6

Outputs 6.1 to 6.4 agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Minister for Education and Training

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.3 agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Ms *Rattray* in the Chair.

Minister for Energy

Recurrent Services

Output Group 3

Output 3.1 further considered agreed to.

Minister for State Growth

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 further considered and agreed to.

Output 1.2 read.

5 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.
The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

6 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were eleven Questions asked.

Ordered, That Mrs Hiscutt, have leave to Table a document setting out projected borrowings for Public Non-Financial Corporations.

7 SITTING SUSPENDED.— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (Mrs Hiscutt)

The Sitting was suspended at 2.59 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 4.05 o'clock p.m.

8 BILL NO. 16.— The Council, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2018.

(In the Committee)

Ms Rattray in the Chair.

Output 1.2 further considered and agreed to.

Minister for Resources

Recurrent Services

Output Group 4

Output 4.1 further considered and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs Hiscutt have leave to Table the Forestry Corporation Direction Under Section 65 of the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995* and have the Direction incorporated into the Hansard record.

Output 4.2 agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events

Recurrent Services

Output Group 5

Output 5.4 agreed to.

Minister for the Arts

Recurrent Services

Output Group 5

Outputs 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 agreed to.

Grants and Subsidies agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request and without Amendment.

Division 11: Tourism Tasmania

Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 further considered and agreed to
Division agreed to without Request.

Division 12: Department of Treasury and Finance

Treasurer

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Outputs 1.1 and 1.2 agreed to.

Output 1.3 further considered and agreed to.

Output 1.4 further considered and agreed to.

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 further considered and agreed to.

Ms Forrest in the Chair

Output 2.2 further considered and agreed to.

Output 2.3 agreed to.

Output Group 3

Outputs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 agreed to.

Output Group 4

Outputs 4.1 and 4.2 agreed to.

Works and Services

Capital Investment Program agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request and without Amendment.

Schedule agreed to without Request and without Amendment.

Postponed Clauses 3 and 4 further considered and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Request and without Amendment.

The Council being resumed, Ms *Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Request and without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

9 BILL NO. 17.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2017.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was put, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 postponed.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Schedule 1

Division 1 – House of Assembly

House of Assembly

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Outputs 1.1 to 1.3 agreed to.

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 2 – Integrity Commission

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 further considered and agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 3 – Legislative Council

Legislative Council

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Outputs 1.1 and 1.2 agreed to.

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 4 – Legislature-General

Legislature-General

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 agreed to.

Output Group 2

Output 2.1 agreed to.

Output Group 3

Outputs 3.1 and 3.2 agreed to.

Output Group 4

Outputs 4.1 to 4.4 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 5 – Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 6 – Office of the Governor

Premier

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 7 – Office of the Ombudsman

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 further considered and agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Division 8 – Tasmanian Audit Office

Treasurer

Recurrent Services

Output Group 1

Output 1.1 agreed to.

Division agreed to without Request.

Schedule agreed to without Request.

Postponed Clauses 3 and 4 further considered and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Request.

The Council being resumed, Ms *Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Request.

Ordered, That the Third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

10 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock am on Thursday, 11 July 2018. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

A Debate arose thereupon,

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 5.32 o'clock pm.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council.*

Briefing:

- *Housing Land Supply Bill 2018*