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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 7

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

Notices of Motion

1 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (a) the positive effect that the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) has had on enforcing the rule of law on Tasmanian building sites;
- (b) that abolishing the ABCC will have flow-on effects that will drive up the cost of housing and construction for families at a time when the industry is already facing increased pricing pressure due to supply chain issues from the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic and other global activity;
- (c) that abolishing the ABCC will result in a return to widespread anti-competitive, abusive, and threatening behaviour on building sites. Over the last two years alone, the ABCC has successfully prosecuted construction unions with fines totalling \$5.7 million for these types of unlawful behaviour; and
- (d) that abolishing the ABCC will weaken the strong Tasmanian building and construction industry which has been vital to our nation-leading economy over the last few years.

(2) Calls on Tasmanian Labor to urge their Federal Labor colleagues in government to resist the payback to the CFMEU who supported them with \$5 million in donations over the last three years, and to not abolish the ABCC. (16 August 2022)

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

(1) Recognises that 18 August 2022 is Vietnam Veterans Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who served during the Vietnam War.

(2) Notes:—

- (a) 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); and
- (b) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) Acknowledges the service of the approximately 1,800 Tasmanians who served in Vietnam, including 16 Tasmanian born soldiers who died in their country's service.

(5) Further notes commemorative service and wreath-laying ceremonies will be held across Tasmania to mark the event, and thanks all the members of the VVAA Tasmania, including State President Terry Roe, for their efforts in supporting Vietnam veterans across the State over the years.

(6) 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." (16 August 2022)

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- 3** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the important role the Deloraine Community Big Band play in their community by providing opportunities to locals to follow their musical passion; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government supported the Big Band to upgrade their PA system and purchase a new 24 track mixing desk and drum kit;
 - (2) Recognises Cameron Scott, Stuart and Anne Harvey and the big band members for their hard work and commitment to their community;
 - (3) Celebrates that community groups such as the Big Band demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well in Deloraine and acknowledges that these groups are an integral part of rural and regional communities. (16 August 2022)
- 5** Ms *O'Connor* to move:—
- (1) Pursuant to section 18(1A) of the 'Nature Conservation Act 2002', the House does not approve:—
 - (a) the 'Nature Conservation Act 2002: Proclamation Under Section 11(2) (Borradaile Regional Reserve Central Plateau Conservation Area Dove River Regional Reserve February Plains Regional Reserve Mole Creek Karst National Park Mersey River Conservation Area)', laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday 2 June 2022; and
 - (b) the 'Nature Conservation Act 2002: Proclamation Under Section 11(2) (Dogs Head Hill Regional Reserve Great Western Tiers Conservation Area Great Western Tiers Conservation Area Liffey Conservation Area Southwest Conservation Area Stringybark Conservation Area)' laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday 2 June 2022.
 - (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to:—
 - (a) in consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and stakeholders, develop reserve class tenures for Aboriginal-owned and managed protected areas, as recommended in the Pathway to Truth-Telling and Treaty report;
 - (b) respond to the formal land return claim made by the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) in respect of the proposed 'kooparoonia niara' National Park, by returning these lands to Aboriginal ownership and establishing the 'kooparoonia niara' National Park under the new reserve tenure; and
 - (c) reconsider the proposed tenure classification for the proposed Southwest Conservation Area and Stringybark Conservation Area, with a view to the consolidation of these lands in the Southwest National Park. (16 August 2022)
- 6** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Supports the findings and recommendations of the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's (TLRI) report on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices.
 - (2) Notes the report makes it clear that conversion practices currently occur in Tasmania.
 - (3) Agrees that conversion practices are harmful and unscientific, and their practice in Tasmania is a matter of grave concern.
 - (4) Further notes:—
 - (a) that members have received an open letter from medical practitioners to Members of the Tasmanian Parliament regarding conversion practices, decrying these practices as "unscientific, unethical and deeply harmful".
 - (b) that TasCOSS, Equality Tasmania and Working it Out have called for legislation to be enacted in Tasmania which affirms LGBTQA+ identities, bans conversion practices for all and provides support to survivors. and
 - (c) the Premier Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP has committed to introducing legislation to Parliament that gives effect to the recommendations of the TLRI report.
 - (5) Congratulates the Premier for taking leadership on this issue, and calls on the Rockliff Government to progress the reforms recommended by the TLRI as a priority for the Parliament. (16 August 2022)
- 7** Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) Tasmania has the worst ambulance response times in the country; and
 - (b) these response times have blown out by 30% under the Liberal Government;
 - (c) sadly Tasmanians are dying waiting for an ambulance; and
 - (d) recently a Hobart man died after waiting four hours and 15 minutes for an ambulance, a woman in the state's north died after being ramped for over nine hours, and a man also in the north died after waiting seven hours for an ambulance.
- (3) Acknowledges that:—
 - (a) a resilience scan of Ambulance Tasmania staff showed an extraordinary number of staff are suffering mental health conditions and self-medicating;
 - (b) Paramedics in this country have one of the highest rates of suicide of any profession;
 - (c) Paramedics and volunteer ambulance officers in Tasmania are under unprecedented pressure – with regularly unfilled shifts, fatigue alerts and a lack of resources; and
 - (d) Paramedics have been left with no other choice but to commence industrial action.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to provide increased funding to ensure:—
 - (a) our paramedics are paid appropriate wages;
 - (b) improved conditions;
 - (c) Paramedics and volunteers are given better resources and mental health support; and
 - (d) the Government has a properly resourced plan to fix ambulance ramping across the State. (16 August 2022)

8 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 business, the community and Council;
 - (c) the ongoing concerns raised by the Law Society;
 - (d) the Government's recent announcement of three potential Court Complex sites in the Burnie CBD; and
 - (e) the project has now blown out to \$40 million.
- (4) Further notes 50,000 people visit the current court complex each year.
- (5) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to rule out once and for all the relocation of the Burnie Court Complex to Mooreville Rd and announce the successful CBD site. (16 August 2022)

10 Ms Butler to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records, to inquire into and report upon Consumer and Building Sector Protections of the Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry, including:—
 - (a) the provision of free, independent advocacy and advice services for Tasmanian consumers building their homes;
 - (b) material costs, trade and supply challenges;
 - (c) the adequacy of Consumer Business Occupational Services (CBOS) as Tasmania's building and consumer regulator;
 - (d) personal experiences that could inform consideration of any of the above; and
 - (e) other matters incidental thereto.

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- (2) The Committee shall consist of 5 Members, being:—
 - (a) two from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) Dr Broad;
 - (c) Ms Johnston; and
 - (d) the Mover.
- (3) The Committee report by 9 March 2023 next. (17 August 2022)

12 The Minister for Energy and Renewables to move — That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Kentish Council and Central Coast Council municipalities were subjected to a severe weather event on the weekend of 11 June 2022 with wind gusts of up to 200kmph causing extensive damage to property and the environment; and
 - (b) Kentish Council, Central Coast Council, our emergency services and service providers such as TasNetworks worked extremely hard under adverse conditions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents whilst getting essential services back on line as quickly as possible.
- (2) Recognises Disaster Relief Australia initiated their involvement in the clean-up effort deploying over 20 volunteers, many who are ex-veterans or retired emergency service workers. Disaster Relief Australia completed over 70 requests for assistance over many weeks as part of ‘Operation Sheean’ and will continue to assist as they are able.
- (3) Further notes the Tasmanian Government acknowledges and thanks the many community groups including Rural Alive and Well, Grans van, Sheffield Lions, emergency services personnel, residents and volunteers involved in the clean-up efforts.
- (4) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government is continuing to provide assistance with the Australian Federal Government through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). (18 August 2022)

13 Mr O’Byrne to move — That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) the latest Short Stay Accommodation Act data collection report indicated that there were 5,321 short stay accommodation properties listed in Tasmania during the first quarter of 2022;
 - (b) recent data shows approximately half of properties listed on short stay accommodation booking sites in Tasmania were not primary residences; and
 - (c) Tasmania has one of the lowest rental vacancy rates in the country, which has contributed to the rapid rent increases seen in Tasmania over the last two years.
- (2) Acknowledging the ongoing housing crisis and the impact that rental affordability and availability is having on Tasmanians struggling under the increasing cost of living.
- (3) Recognises the unprecedented demand for social housing in Tasmania, with average wait times for priority applicants on the housing register exceeding 67 weeks.
- (4) Calls upon the Government to introduce a levy on short stay accommodation properties that would level the playing field between renters and tourists and encourage short stay properties to return to the private rental market. (18 August 2022)

14 Mr O’Byrne to move — That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the latest Report on Government Services showed state-wide Ambulance response times in Tasmania are the slowest in the country, with the 90th percentile average response times surpassing 33 minutes;
 - (b) since this Government came to power in 2014, it is now taking an average of three minutes longer for ambulances to arrive to patients; and
 - (c) the average number of hours ambulances across the State spend ramped each and every day has increased by over 115% since 2014.
- (2) Further notes that patient experience survey data reveals Tasmanian ambulance patients rate the level of care they received from our Paramedics higher than patients in any other State or Territory.
- (3) Acknowledges the extreme difficulties faced daily by our paramedics and front-line health professionals due to the dilapidated state of our health system.

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- (4) Commends the extraordinary work of our paramedics right across Tasmania who continually impress the community with their commitment and professionalism, despite the extreme pressure and stress they are placed under.
- (5) Calls upon the Government to commit to reducing ambulance response times to the national average by the end of 2022. (18 August 2022)

16 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Agfest, Tasmania's premier agricultural and machinery field day event held at Quercus Park Carrick in the Minister's electorate of Lyons, runs from 24-27 August 2022, with their online component – 'Agfest in the Cloud' - from 27 August to 2 September 2022.
- (2) Recognises Agfest continues to grow in size and reputation across its 39-year history - the first event in 1983 attracting 111 exhibitors and 9,000 patrons. The final full-scale event in 2019, prior to COVID-19, attracted 728 stallholders and 63,838 patrons.
- (3) Further notes the event is a strong contributor to Tasmania's economy and agriculture sector, and many visitors and attendees take the opportunity to spend extra time in Tasmania.
- (4) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that the Agfest Committee is a volunteer role comprised of approximately 60 Rural Youth members, who are a non-profit organisation with members between the ages of 15 and 30; and
 - (b) that the Tasmanian Government has proudly provided funding to Agfest to ensure the continuity and growth of this iconic event.
- (5) Tasmania has a booming agriculture sector and we are on track to sustainably reach our goal of \$10 billion farm-gate value by 2050, and events like AGFEST are an important part of Tasmanian agriculture.
- (6) Congratulates the Agfest Committee and Rural Youth volunteers for their dedication in making Agfest the truly iconic, nationally recognised event it has become. (23 August 2022)

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

- (1) Notes that in addition to its significant human toll, the cost of the housing crisis is also felt across the economy and has an effect on the State Budget.
- (2) Further notes the lack of affordable housing contributes to:—
 - (a) businesses and essential public services being unable to fill vacancies, particularly in regional areas;
 - (b) children missing out on schooling and other educational opportunities;
 - (c) the Government needing to spend more than \$100,000 a day on homelessness services;
 - (d) increased demand on health services, due to the physical and psychological impact of homelessness and housing stress, as well as the unhealthy state of many public housing properties;
 - (e) family violence victim-survivors returning to unsafe relationships;
 - (f) increased costs in the justice system, due to recidivism linked to homelessness and because people are unable to be granted parole due to a lack of a safe place to live; and
 - (g) increased levels of crime.
- (3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to recognise the hidden costs of the housing crisis and urgently increase its investment in community support services and social housing, and take action to increase the amount and affordability of rental stock, and act quickly to remove unnecessary barriers to the construction of new housing. (23 August 2022)

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

- (1) Acknowledges the numerous skills, planning, regulatory and infrastructure challenges that must be addressed in order to alleviate the housing crisis, including:—
 - (a) the lack of a single state-wide planning scheme, eight years after the Liberals promised to create one;
 - (b) significant shortcomings in the regulation of poor quality building work;
 - (c) a failure to regulate appropriately the short stay accommodation industry;

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- (d) significant and prolonged skill shortages across the building and construction sector;
 - (e) insufficient mechanisms to plan for and provide the transport, infrastructure and services needed for large-scale new developments;
 - (f) the clear need for a complete review of the Residential Tenancy Act;
 - (g) the substantial maintenance backlog in public and social housing properties; and
 - (h) the urgent priority of identifying locations where more transitional housing is needed.
 - (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to take immediate action to address these underlying causes and contributing factors of Tasmania's housing crisis. (23 August 2022)
- 21** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House calls on the Premier to update the House on the progress of the closure and replacement of Ashley Youth Detention Centre. (23 August 2022)
- 22** The Minister for Veterans Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that Legacy Week runs from 28 August to 3 September 2022.
 - (2) Notes:—
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) notes that funds raised during Legacy Week go to helping Legacy care for around 43,000 Australians, including widows in their senior years, younger widows with children, and veterans' dependant with a disability; and
 - (c) 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.
 - (3) 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 immensely proud of.
 - (4) Congratulates the staff, Legatees, and volunteers of Legacy, including the President of Legacy (Hobart), Mr Peter Hodge, Friends of Hobart Legacy and the President of Legacy (Launceston) Mr Spencer Davies, for their tireless efforts in supporting the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans.
 - (5) Encourages Tasmanians to dig deep and support this important organisation. (24 August 2022)
- 23** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the importance of Springvale Student Residence in providing safe and secure accommodation, support, and pastoral care for Year 7 to 12 students from rural and regional Tasmania for over 70 years.
 - (2) Thanks all staff involved in managing and running Springvale for their role in ensuring students from rural and regional Tasmania have been supported in accessing education.
 - (3) Notes the Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP and his Department's decision to close Springvale Student Residence at the conclusion of the 2022 school year.
 - (4) Understands:—
 - (a) the significant stress and anxiety felt by parents and students affected by the planned closure of Springvale Student Residence, including current and future students and residents; and
 - (b) there are no comparable student accommodation alternatives providing the same level of support and care as Springvale Student Residence.
 - (5) Recognises the incredible loss the closure of this service would be for rural and regional students and families.
 - (6) Calls on the Government to reverse the decision to close Springvale Student Residence. (25 August 2022)

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

- (1) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the serious financial pressure being placed on Tasmanian households by the rising cost of living;
 - (b) that the most acute pressure is currently being felt with basic, non-discretionary expenses such as food, power and housing; and
 - (c) wages are not keeping pace with the soaring cost of living.
- (2) Notes the retail trade data released on 5 September 2022 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows Tasmanian households are reducing their spending on “non-essential” items such as newspapers and books, recreational goods, furniture and other homewares, electrical goods, cosmetics and clothing.
- (3) Accepts the cost of living crisis is now having a significant impact on a large number of Tasmanian retail businesses.
- (4) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP, to support households and businesses with the soaring cost of living by capping power price increases at 2.5 per cent, scrapping his unfair new bin tax, and abandoning his wage cap policy for nurses, teacher, firefighters and other public sector workers. (6 September 2022)

25 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands the decision by the Tasmanian Government to join other states and reduce the Covid isolation period from seven days to five days for most workers has been widely criticised by medical and epidemiological experts.
- (2) Notes several state AMA Presidents have voiced their deep concern about cutting isolation times, and questioned whether these changes are made for health reasons.
- (3) Recognises the federal AMA estimates as many as 30% of people will remain infectious on days six and seven, and will be re-entering the community able to pass the virus on to co-workers, clients and the broader community.
- (4) Further understands the reduction from seven to five days of isolation does not apply to people working in identified vulnerable settings, effectively creating two classes of workers and two layers of vulnerability to infection.
- (5) Further notes medical advice that people’s immunity from vaccination and previous infectious is likely to continue to wane, exposing them to waves of transmission from yet-to-emerge new variants, ongoing unsustainable demand on hospitals, and serious health outcomes including death and post-acute Covid conditions.
- (6) Agrees the mandatory isolation of positive cases, and mask wearing in high-risk settings, remain crucial to managing the ongoing public health risk and burden of disease from Covid.
- (7) Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP, to release the medical and health advice that has been used to justify the shortened isolation period in Tasmania. (6 September 2022)

27 Ms *O’Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the harrowing Commission of Inquiry evidence that revealed a culture of abuse and harm of children and young people at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.
- (2) Supports calls from UNICEF, Amnesty International, the Prisoners Legal Service, and the national and state Commissioners for Children to remove young people from Ashley for their own safety.
- (3) Understands the majority of children and young people detained at Ashley are on remand.
- (4) Notes that, due to current staffing pressures, the young people at Ashley spend most of their time locked in their rooms.
- (5) Expresses deep concern for the safety, education and wellbeing of children and young people detained at Ashley.
- (6) Further acknowledges there are no impediments under the punitive and outdated ‘Youth Justice Act 1997’ for alternative remand arrangements to be put in place to prevent the traumatising of young people on remand at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.
- (7) Calls on the Government to declare, via Gazette notice, an alternative - therapeutic – remand facility. (6 September 2022)

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Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) there has never been more Tasmanians waiting for a health service;
 - (b) that this places an unacceptable burden on our health system, communities and families;
 - (c) proportionately more Tasmanians languish on the elective surgery waiting list than in any other jurisdiction, with 19.3% of people waiting more than one year;
 - (d) fewer Tasmanians are admitted for elective surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe than anywhere else in Australia;
 - (e) over nine thousand Tasmanians are waiting for necessary elective surgery;
 - (f) over fifty-five thousand Tasmanians are waiting to see a specialist;
 - (g) the inability to receive necessary medical care is detrimental to the wellbeing of Tasmanians;
 - (h) overlong wait lists harmfully impact the Tasmanian health system, including General Practice, Emergency Departments, Ambulance services and the entire hospital system; and
 - (i) long wait times for specialist appointments and surgeries reduce productivity and negatively impact the Tasmanian economy.
- (2) Acknowledges that:—
 - (a) the average waiting time for urgent patients to see a specialist is 249 days;
 - (b) the average waiting time for semi-urgent patients to see a specialist is 429 days; and
 - (c) the average waiting time for non-urgent patients to see a specialist is 519 days.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP to address the growing health needs of the Tasmanian people by increasing funding to ensure:—
 - (a) Tasmanians get access to specialist medical care where and when they need it; and
 - (b) there is a properly resourced plan to reduce specialist wait lists. (6 September 2022)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*