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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

No. 10

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024

## Notices of Motion

- 1** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
    - (a) 20,000 people currently live in the Brighton Municipality; and
    - (b) Metro do not provide Sunday bus services to Brighton.
  - (2) Acknowledges the Brighton Municipality is currently experiencing significant population growth.
  - (3) Further notes:—
    - (a) there are no alternative public transport options for the residents of Brighton on Sundays;
    - (b) the exclusion of Brighton from Sunday bus services disadvantages local residents and others wishing to travel to Brighton; and
    - (c) the exclusion of Brighton from Sunday bus services disadvantages young people, older people, people with a disability and people who cannot afford to own and run a private vehicle.
  - (4) Calls on the Government to provide regular Sunday bus services to Brighton. (15 May 2024)
- 2** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Draft ‘River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan’ excludes Old Beach and Bridgewater as Ferry terminals.
  - (2) Recognises the Brighton Council’s Annual Report 2021-2022 identified Brighton as Tasmania’s fastest growing community.
  - (3) Acknowledges the Brighton municipality hosts a population exceeding 20,000 people with a current annual growth rate in excess of 2 percent.
  - (4) Further recognises:—
    - (a) the Brighton Council’s consistent advocacy for an integrated transport solution for all of Greater Hobart; and
    - (b) ferry transport is part of a solution to tackle challenges of transport, poverty and access to opportunity for communities outside of Inner-City Hobart.
  - (5) Further notes:—
    - (a) the Government’s lack of consultation and consideration of Bridgewater as the first and last stop of the proposed Ferry service;
    - (b) the current public transport limitations and options for people living in disadvantaged communities; and
    - (c) ferry services to Bridgewater will benefit the Derwent Valley community as well as the greater Brighton municipality.
  - (6) Calls on the Government to extend the proposed Ferry Services to Old Beach and Bridgewater. (15 May 2024)
- 3** Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the construction of the new Bridgewater Police Station.
  - (2) Recognises construction completion of the new Bridgewater Police Station is scheduled for August 2025.

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- (3) Further notes:—
- (a) during construction of the new Bridgewater Police Station, Police officers will be decanted and operate from an allocated vacant space within the Glenorchy Police Station;
  - (b) the Bridgewater Police Station is a Divisional Station. The current station is a 24/7 station, with a public enquiries office open from 8:40am. until 4:30pm. Monday-Friday; and
  - (c) during construction Tasmania Police Customer Service Officers (CSOs) will be based within a temporary shopfront police station on weekdays during business hours located at the Brighton Civic Centre.
- (4) Further recognises the Bridgewater Police Station as a divisional station services the needs of, and provides backup to, both the New Norfolk and Oatlands sub-divisions, and other Southern District Divisions (Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence, Kingston and East Coast) when required.
- (5) Further notes:—
- (a) the Glenorchy Police Station will operate as a 24/7 station feeding New Norfolk, Bridgewater, Oatlands sub-divisions, and other Southern District Divisions when required; and
  - (b) the new New Norfolk sub-divisional Police Station is not currently functioning as a 24/7 station.
- (6) Further recognises the New Norfolk Police Station is a purpose built Police Station which could accommodate Police Officers as a divisional station during the construction of the new Bridgewater Police Station.
- (7) Calls on the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Hon. Felix Ellis MP to consider including New Norfolk Police Station as a Divisional Station to accommodate Police Officers during the construction of the new Bridgewater Police Station. (15 May 2024)
- 9** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Agfest Field Days event held in May 2024 was another resounding success, with 601 brilliant exhibitors and 54,500 attendees.
  - (2) Notes that Agfest is one of the most important features in the Tasmanian rural landscape and indeed one of the most important events on our State's calendar.
  - (3) Acknowledges that the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania is a model community organisation which has a proud history in fostering the future leaders in our rural sector through organising and running the Agfest Field Days, Tasmanian Young Farmer of the Year Awards, exchange programs, community service activities and training.
  - (4) Extends our congratulations to the Rural Youth State President Brady Robins, 2024 Agfest Chairman Dylan Bellchambers and their amazing teams of volunteers for their hard work and dedication over the last 12 months to bring Agfest to life for another year. (22 May 2024)
- 10** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania's peak body for farmers, TasFarmers, has joined the National Farmers Federation in calling on the Federal Government's biosecurity levy to be scrapped.
  - (2) Acknowledges:—
    - (a) the importance of keeping our island state free of pests and diseases but that this should not be at the expense of Tasmanian farmers who are doing it tough; and
    - (b) that this unfair new tax comes at a time when our farmers are in the grip of serious dry and drought conditions which affect their families' livelihoods.
  - (3) Pays tribute to our hardworking Tasmanian farming community.
  - (4) Urges Tasmanian Labor to stand up and oppose this Federal Labor tax on the Tasmanian farming community.

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- (5) Joins together to oppose the imposition of more Federal Government taxes on our hardworking farming community and supports the call to scrap the Federal Government's biosecurity levy. (22 May 2024)

**11** Mr *Shelton* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Federal Labor Budget did not allocate funding to the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme, which is the first time a Tasmanian irrigation project has not received its funding request.
- (2) Recognises that the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme has the capacity to deliver over 37,000 megalitres of highly reliable irrigation water in what's traditionally been one of the driest areas of the State, stimulating approximately \$120 million of on-farm investment.
- (3) Understands that the Scheme will meet new demand, integrate the three existing irrigation schemes in the area, improve drought resilience and reduce irrigators' reliance on the TasWater treated drinking water supply.
- (4) Acknowledges:—
- (a) that, without the Scheme, many farmers in the region now face an imminent rise in the cost of their water because of reliance on TasWater, and ongoing uncertainty of supply; and
- (b) that the Tasmanian Government remains willing to provide \$75 million towards the \$301 million Greater South East Irrigation Scheme.
- (5) Urges Tasmanian Labor to stand up in support of the Scheme.
- (6) Stands together to advocate for the Greater South East Irrigation Scheme. (23 May 2024)

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

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) that in May 2022 the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) released its final report and recommendations on law reforms to address the risks and harms caused by sexual orientation and gender identity conversion practices;
- (b) that the TLRI recognised that conversion practices occur in Tasmania;
- (c) that the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP made a commitment to table a Bill to ban conversion practices by the end of 2023 and has failed to do so; and
- (d) that other Australian states and territories are moving to ban conversion practices.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
- (a) that conversion practices are deeply harmful and inflict lifelong trauma and harm to the people subjected to them;
- (b) that conversion practices are discredited and disproved and are based in pseudo science; and
- (c) that LGBTIQ+ attributes are not faults or disfunctions, that LGBTIQ+ people are not 'broken' or requiring 'therapy' or 'counselling' to change who they are attracted to or how they express their gender.
- (3) Further acknowledges that without a legislated ban, Tasmania will be an outlier and could become a 'safe haven' for these practices, putting LGBTIQ+ people at increased risk in Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that the Government's draft Bill released for community consultation in 2023 is deficient and could operate with the counter-intuitive effect of in fact leading to a higher prevalence of conversion practices being conducted in Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to draft new legislation that will successfully ban these harmful practices and remove the harm they inflict on Tasmanians. (23 May 2024)

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

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) a worrying increase in offending behaviour apparently motivated by racial hatred;
- (b) that racism is not acceptable in any form and that it is important that our legal frameworks provide both protections from hate related offending, as well as mechanisms to take action when offending is motivated by hatred; and

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- (c) that crimes can be motivated by many forms of hatred including racism as well as homophobia, transphobia, disability discrimination and other forms of hatred.
- (2) Recognises:—
  - (a) that section 11B of the Sentencing Act 1997 allows for racial motivation to be taken into account as an aggravating factor in sentencing offenders;
  - (b) that other than racially motivated offending, the Sentencing Act is deficient as the court cannot take into account other forms of hatred as aggravating factors in sentencing;
  - (c) that Tasmania's laws must be modernised to allow for hateful motivation for offending to be recognised much earlier in the criminal justice process, not just on sentencing; and
  - (d) that other Australian jurisdictions have 'hate crime' legislation.
- (3) Agrees:—
  - (a) that Tasmania needs new laws that allow charges to reflect a known hateful motivation – commonly known as 'hate crime' legislation;
  - (b) that amendments are required to the Police Offences Act 1935, Criminal Code 1924 and Sentencing Act 1997 to create new offences that recognise hateful motivation for offending; and
  - (c) that Tasmania Police also require tools to record and charge when offending or alleged offending are apparently motivated by hatred. (11 June 2024)

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

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the systemic issues facing the Tasmanian health system surrounding bed block, access to hospitals and flow within Tasmanian public hospitals and Emergency Departments; and
  - (b) the release on 7 May 2024 of 'the Independent Review of Tasmania's Major Hospital Emergency Departments'.
- (2) Appreciates the incredible work performed by workers across the entire health system in Tasmania.
- (3) Recognises the impact felt by the Tasmanian public when it comes to access to timely preventative as well as acute health care.
- (4) Establishes a Select Committee, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon health, with the following terms of reference and rules:—
  - (a) that the Committee inquire into and report upon the following:—
    - (i) Identifying the root causes of bed block and access and flow issues within our health system;
    - (ii) reviewing the current bed numbers and associated staffing levels, in relation to community need, taking into account our aging demographic and anticipated need in the coming decade and beyond;
    - (iii) investigating the impact of bed block and access and flow issues on patient outcomes, healthcare delivery and workforce morale;
    - (iv) numbers and circumstances of adverse events across Tasmania's public hospital settings;
    - (v) developing evidence-based recommendations and strategies to address the root causes of bed block and hospital access to optimise patient flow in Tasmania's health system; and
    - (vi) any other matters incidental thereto.
  - (b) that the Committee consist of seven members: two nominated by the Premier, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one of whom shall be the Chair, one nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, one nominated by the Jacqui Lambie Network, Tasmania and one Independent Member; and
  - (c) that the Committee report by 28 November, 2024. (11 June 2024)

### 16 Mr Winter 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:—
  - (a) the delivery of the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels and associated infrastructure;

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- (b) the decision by TT-Line to vary the terms of the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels, including its adherence to caretaker conventions; and
  - (c) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee shall be four, being:—
  - (a) one from the Government, nominated by the Leader of the House;
  - (b) one from the Opposition, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
  - (c) one from the Jacqui Lambie Network; and
  - (d) one Independent Member, nominated by the Mover.
- (3) The Committee shall report by 31 July 2024. (11 June 2024)

### 18 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) leaked information from TasRacing shows, the Hon. Jane Howlett MP, Minister for Racing and TasRacing are once again considering building the NW track at Mill Road; and
  - (b) greyhound and harness participants were asked to comment on their thoughts on building two tracks at Mill Road, as well as other projects in a leaked table.
- (2) Further notes that:—
  - (a) one of the options listed is to build a greyhound and harness track at Spreyton, an option previously ruled out;
  - (b) the Development Application for Mill Road is currently waiting on appeal; and
  - (c) pressure is mounting on the Hon. Jane Howlett and Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier from harness and greyhound racing participants.
- (3) Acknowledges the racing industry supports hundreds of jobs, small businesses and regional communities on the North-West Coast, but the mess the Liberals have created over the past few years has placed this support at risk.
- (4) Calls on the Government to provide the industry with the certainty that it needs and deliver the new tracks that it promised. (11 June 2024)

### 20 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the open letter to the Federal Minister for Health, Hon. Mark Butler MP, from State and Territory Health Ministers dated 13 June 2024.
- (2) Recognises that every State and Territory Government is investing unprecedented funding to boost public hospital capacity, beds and workforce.
- (3) Further notes that the steady decline of General Practice over the past decade is being felt across the country and difficulty for Tasmanians to access bulk billing.
- (4) Further notes that Tasmanians are stuck for weeks in hospital beds waiting for places in Federal Government funded aged care facilities, in-home support, or the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- (5) Further recognises that all State and Territory Governments are currently spending billions of dollars to intervene in what are Federal Government responsibilities.
- (6) Agrees to advocate to the Federal Government for:—
  - (a) commitment to implementing a fair health funding agreement that will deliver 45 per cent minimum funding for every person treated in public hospitals in a reasonable and clear timeframe;
  - (b) a further increase in General Practice Medicare bulk billing incentives;
  - (c) a Federal Government program that requires aged care providers to care for every eligible aged care patient who is stuck in hospital; and
  - (d) lifting the Federal Government restrictions on the number of medical school places in Australia to build a local workforce and enable young Australians to pursue a career in medicine. (18 June 2024)

### 21 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 21 June 2024 is Global Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Awareness Day. MND Associations across the world use the day to raise awareness and funds.
- (2) Recognises that MND affects over 420,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, which is 384 new cases every day.
- (3) Further notes that over 2,000 Australians are living with MND, including more than 40 Tasmanians. MND Australia reports more than 2 people per day die from MND.

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- (4) Further recognises:—
  - (a) that MND not only affects the person with motor neurone disease but also directly or indirectly effects on average 14 other friends and relatives; and
  - (b) the vital services provided by MND Tasmania such as information, advocacy and support for people living with MND and their families. The Advisor service is crucial in providing this support.
- (5) Further notes that each year the MND community raise public awareness about MND, ensuring that the broader community understands the challenges faced by those with the condition. Through educational campaigns, fundraising events, such as ‘Big Freeze 10’, and collaborative efforts with healthcare professionals, they strive to bring attention to the urgent need for research and better treatment options. (18 June 2024)

**25** Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) fodder levels in Tasmania are extremely low;
  - (b) farmers experienced a poor fodder season in 2023;
  - (c) a very dry summer and autumn in 2024;
  - (d) the lack of feed is rapidly becoming a serious animal welfare issue in Tasmania;
  - (e) there is surplus feed available on mainland Australia;
  - (f) there will be competing interests for this surplus feed;
  - (g) farmers are willing and able to pay for feed;
  - (h) high freight costs to deliver feed across Bass Strait is a barrier for farmers; and
  - (i) a number of vessels operating across Bass Strait are due to go into dry dock.
- (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to act with urgency to support farmers with freight costs during this difficult time. (19 June 2024)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*