



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2022

- 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 PETITION. – Ms *O'Connor* presented an E-Petition from approximately 2673 residents of Tasmania, requesting that the House call on the Government to abandon the Expressions of Interest process and halt all proposals currently being considered under the Reserve Activity Assessment process until a statutory assessment and approval process for private tourism developments in Tasmania's national parks is implemented. (HA13/2022).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 6 PAPERS. – The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Homes Tasmania: Statement of Ministerial Expectations August 2022.

- 7 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: HEALTH. – Ms *Dow* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Health.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

- 8 GENDER AND EQUALITY: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. – The House proceeded to take into consideration the following Message from the Legislative Council -

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the following Resolution now transmits the same to the House of Assembly and requests its concurrence therein: –

Resolved, That a Joint Sessional Gender and Equality Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –

- (1) (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
- (b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
- (c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and
- (2) That Notice of any own Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

Legislative Council, 16 August 2022.

C.M. FARRELL, President

And a Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That:-

- (1) The Resolution of the Legislative Council be agreed to.
- (2) Tuesday, 13 September next at 1:15 o'clock pm be the time, and Committee Room 1 be the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.
- (3) The Members to serve on the part of the House be:-
 - (a) the Leader of the House;
 - (b) Mrs Alexander;
 - (c) Ms O'Byrne; and
 - (d) Dr Woodruff. (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

9 GENDER AND EQUALITY, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 16 August 2022:-

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- (2) That Notice of any own Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said Committee and Tuesday, 13 September next at 1:15 o'clock p.m. as the time and Committee Room No. 1 as the place for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 17 August 2022.

MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*.

10 BILL NO. 63 of 2021. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16 June 2022 - That the Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Ms *White* was addressing the Chair.

11 PRIVATE RENTAL MARKET, SELECT COMMITTEE ON. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records, to inquire into and report upon the current private rental market in Tasmania, including:—
 - (a) supply and demand challenges;
 - (b) mechanisms to support Tasmanians experiencing housing stress in or attempting to enter the private rental market;
 - (c) any necessary reform of, or amendments to, the Residential Tenancy Act;
 - (d) personal experiences that could inform consideration of any of the above; and
 - (e) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (a) two 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 Tasmanian Greens, nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
 - (d) the Mover.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 April 2023. (*Ms Johnston*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 12

Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Ms Johnston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms O'Connor
Ms White
Dr Woodruff
Mr Winter (Teller)

NOES 12

Mrs Alexander
Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Young
Mr Wood (Teller)

DEPUTY SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Deputy Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 167 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

14 SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, Pursuant to Sessional Order 18A, that for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)

15 BILL NO. 63 of 2021. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16 June 2022 - That the Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And *Ms Dow* was addressing the Chair.

16 BILL NO. 34. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Electricity Supply Industry (Price Cap) Bill 2022.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time.
(*Mr Winter*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 167 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

So it passed in the Negative.

17 STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House: —

- (1) Recognises the critical importance of regular State of the Environment Reports to alert Tasmanians to the condition, trends and changes in our natural world.
- (2) Notes the Morrison Government sat on the 2021 Australian State of the Environment Report for over three months to avoid publication before the 2022 Federal Election.
- (3) Recognises the State Liberal Government has been even more negligent, and has missed the last two statutory deadlines – 2014 and 2019 – to produce a State of the Environment Report.
- (4) Understands in the 13 years since the last report there has been enormous impacts on our State's natural systems and species from climate change, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution, and intensive industrial extraction.
- (5) Understands the Government is currently undertaking a review of reporting requirements, the format of the report, and the most suitable authority for the work.
- (6) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) commit to ensuring – at a minimum – that the next State of the Environment report, due in 2024, is delivered on time;
 - (b) commit to fully resourcing the Tasmanian Planning Commission to undertake this independent scientific assessment;
 - (c) commit to not reducing the frequency or detail of current legislative reporting requirements; and
 - (d) ensure State of the Environment reports are produced independent of Government, using robust and credible environmental data and scientific assessment. (*Dr Woodruff*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by *Ms White* in clause 6, by leaving out paragraph (b).

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until tomorrow. (The Minister for Environment and Climate Change)

19 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Minister for Environment and Climate Change)

The Speaker proposed – That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes past Eight o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence attended Question Time.