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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 16

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Notices of Motion

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

- (1) Recognises the importance of small business to the Tasmanian economy, and particularly to regional Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges the continued impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the ability of hardworking small business operators to sustain their business.
- (3) Notes Tasmanian workers are not eligible for the Federal Government's COVID-19 Disaster Payment, despite thousands of Tasmanian workers having their livelihoods affected by border closures and health orders in other jurisdictions.
- (4) Further acknowledges the Tasmanian Government, in partnership with the Federal Government, has launched the Border Closure Critical Support Grants program to support businesses impacted by ongoing border restrictions.
- (5) Further notes sole traders with turnover under \$50,000 are not eligible for the program.
- (6) Further recognises the program does not support sole traders like Mr Paul Lewis who operates an independent taxi licence in Perth and as a result of boarder restrictions has lost almost 80% of his taxi income and is struggling to support himself and his family.
- (7) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) reconsider eligibility for the grant for sole traders like Mr Paul Lewis; and
 - (b) advocate at National Cabinet for a disaster payment to be made available to all workers affected by the pandemic, regardless of the State or Territory in which they reside. (25 August 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that this Government is committed to ensuring Tasmania's prison system is well staffed to ensure the safety of prisoners, staff and the community.
- (2) Agrees that this Government has sped up the pace of recruiting Correctional Officers since coming to government and is recruiting those officers at a rate not seen before.
- (3) Further notes that this Government has employed more than 215 extra Correctional Officers in our prison system since 2016, including 79 in 2020 alone despite COVID-19, and has at least two more recruitment courses planned for 2021, with the first of those already underway.
- (4) Further notes that the Tasmania Prison Service is currently running a national intensive recruitment campaign to continue to attract additional Correctional Officers.
- (5) Calls on all Members of Parliament to support our hard-working Tasmania Prison Service staff for the work they do under challenging circumstances. (25 August 2021)

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

- (1) Notes that this Government is committed to ensuring effective rehabilitation and reintegration services are available to all prisoners.
- (2) Further notes that suggestions that no Alcohol and other Drug services are being provided across the Tasmanian Prison Service are false and that, in fact, services currently being offered in the prison have improved.

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- (3) Further notes that this Government has specifically committed to providing almost \$2.5 million in additional funding to reduce reoffending and increase rehabilitation in Tasmania through new partnerships to deliver increased therapeutic support and programs in prison.
- (4) Agrees that the Tasmania Prison Service is actually expanding the number of Alcohol and other Drug programs being delivered. (25 August 2021)

26 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the official opening of the Morven Park Recreational Ground change rooms and amenities occurred on 24 July 2021.
- (2) Notes that I was honoured to represent the Premier in celebrating the opening of this wonderful project for the Evandale community and beyond.
- (3) Further notes that Morven Park Recreational Ground is home to the Evandale Football Club and the Evandale Panthers Cricket Club.
- (4) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government who has provided \$588,300 over the past few years towards upgrading Morven Park which, along with contributions from AFL Tasmania and the Northern Midlands Council, has contributed to these inclusive facilities and to accommodate for junior, female and all abilities participation.
- (5) Further recognises that sport and recreation plays an important role in Tasmania's recovery from COVID-19 due to its physical and mental health, community and economic benefits.
- (6) Congratulates Evandale Football Club President, Patrick Davey, Evandale Cricket Club President Peter Johnstone and all those involved in the project and wish every participant at these grounds success into the future. (25 August 2021)

27 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the continuing achievements of Sprout Tasmania in supporting and representing small-scale farmers and start up growers, and contributing to the Tasmanian Government's target to grow the annual farmgate value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.
- (2) Notes that Sprout Tasmania was established in 2011, and provides on-farm and off-farm training and education to equip small-scale farmers with the practical skills needed to establish sustainable and profitable enterprises.
- (3) Congratulates Sprout Tasmania on their recent 10 year anniversary, which I was pleased to celebrate along with supporting businesses and members of the Sprout community at their anniversary event at Brickendon Estate on 5 August 2021.
- (4) Acknowledges Sprout Tasmania CEO Jennifer Robinson and Chair Justin Birchmoore for their ongoing commitment and dedication to Sprout Tasmania, as well acknowledging the achievements of small-scale producers in Tasmania over the past decade.
- (5) Further recognises that the Tasmanian Government is a strong supporter of Sprout Tasmania, and that Sprout Tasmania has received government funding to support:—
 - (a) delivery of the annual Sprout Producers Program which provides professional development for small-scale Tasmanian producers;
 - (b) delivery of the Tasmanian Small-Scale Producer Survey and collection of state-wide data on the small-scale farming sector; and
 - (c) delivery of a state-wide project to support resilience, growth, efficiency and sustainability of the small-scale farming sector in Tasmania through online education and engagement.
- (6) Further notes that Sprout Tasmania's core training and professional development activity - its Sprout Producer Program - is currently open to applications, and that this provides a one-year accreditation and professional development program for small Tasmanian producers. (25 August 2021)

28 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Government welcomes the decision by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Hon. Sussan Ley MP, to not emergency National Heritage list the Tarkine, as requested by the Bob Brown Foundation (BBF).
- (2) Further notes that this attempt by the BBF to lock up 440,000 hectares of the Tarkine has been rejected by Minister Ley as it is already 'appropriately protected'.

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- (3) Further notes, not only does Tasmania have a world-leading system of Reserves but that the Tarkine stands as a prime example of sustainable multiple land-use management, where recreation, conservation, resource utilisation and tourism have co-existed successfully for generations.
- (4) Acknowledges that the mining and forestry sectors supports over 8,000 jobs in North-West Tasmania, contributing approximately \$1.6 billion in direct gross revenue, and over \$650 million in value added, per annum, and state-wide makes a significant contribution to Tasmania with a \$3.5 billion contribution in direct gross revenue to the State's economy overall.
- (5) Further notes these industries are also the lifeblood of many of our regional towns, including Rosebery where the current mine has operated continuously for 85 years.
- (6) Further notes this decision follows the recent failed attempt by the BBF to challenge the legality of Tasmania's Regional Forestry Agreement at the Federal and High Courts. (26 August 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises that 18 August 2021, was Vietnam Veterans Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who served during the Vietnam War.
- (2) Notes 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).
- (3) Further notes 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Acknowledges the service of the approximately 1,800 Tasmanians who served in Vietnam, including 17 who died in their country's service.
- (6) Further notes commemorative service and wreath-laying ceremonies were held across Tasmania to mark the event, and thanks all the members of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) Tasmania, including State President Terry Roe, for their efforts in supporting Vietnam veterans across the State over the years.
- (7) 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." (26 August 2021)

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

- (1) Recognises that Legacy Week is currently underway and runs from 29 August to 4 September 2021.
- (2) Notes 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.
- (3) Further notes that funds raised during Legacy Week go to helping Legacy care for around 43,000 Australians, including 727 widows and 19 children in southern Tasmania and 745 widows and 10 children across northern Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes 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.
- (5) 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 proud of.
- (6) Congratulates the staff, Legatees and volunteers of Legacy—including the President of Legacy (Hobart), Mr Rob Grey, Friends of Hobart Legacy and the President of Legacy (Launceston), Mr Terry Byrne—for their tireless efforts in supporting the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans.
- (7) Encourages Tasmanians to dig deep and support this important work. (31 August 2021)

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- 31** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that on 22 June 2021, an article was published by ABC online by Journalist, Emily Baker, which stated “Ms White said Integrity Commission Chief Executive, Michael Easton, had told her it had become too costly to continue the investigation because of a legal back and forth between the agency and the Liberals.”
 - (2) Further notes that the Integrity Commission’s Mr Easton confirmed in email advice on email 22 June 2021, that “I can confirm that I did not make the statement used in the article or provide that information to Ms White. It is not correct that the investigation ‘had become too costly to continue’ so I would not have made that statement”.
 - (3) Further notes that during Question Time on 23 June 2021, the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP asked the Member for Lyons, Ms White, to clarify her reported comments, and correct the record.
 - (4) Further notes that subsequently in her personal explanation at the end of Question Time on 23 June 2021, Ms White did not dispute that she misrepresented the discussion with Mr Easton by attributing comments to him that he never made, but did not correct the record.
 - (5) Orders the Member for Lyons, Ms White, to unequivocally withdraw her remarks which misrepresented her discussion with Mr Easton, within three sitting days of the agreement of the House to this Motion. (1 September 2021)
- 32** Ms Dow to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the importance of local representation for our communities and the critical role of local government across Tasmanian communities.
 - (2) Further notes that strong local government is critical to regional economies.
 - (3) Further notes the importance of working with local government to improve and increase services delivered to our communities by local government.
 - (4) Further notes the importance of local government in providing services, but also as major employers, providing good quality, secure jobs for Tasmanians.
 - (5) Further notes that cross party work on the development of the Terms of Reference and Expert Panel to examine the Premier’s Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) Recommendation on local government reform has commenced.
 - (6) Further notes concerns that recommendation 48 of PESRAC inappropriately asks Members “to commit to implementing the recommendations without material modification” without having detail of what the recommendations might be.
 - (7) Further notes that the Labor Party’s long held position is not to progress any form of compulsory amalgamation. (1 September 2021)
- 33** The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes recent claims by the Tasmanian Greens relating to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and forestry in Tasmania in recent weeks.
 - (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the August 2019 IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land, which says: “Sustainable forest management can maintain or enhance forest carbon stocks, and can maintain forest carbon sinks, including by transferring carbon to wood products”;
 - (b) the research shows that a mixed strategy of conservation and timber production, is more likely to be optimal for long term atmospheric carbon reduction;
 - (c) the first instalment of the IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Report reinforces findings from the previous IPCC reports, notably the above 2019 Special Report, that are consistent with the Tasmanian Government’s approach to sustainable forest management.
 - (d) the IPCC defines deforestation as ‘the conversion of forest land to non-forest land’; and
 - (e) that broad scale clearance and conversion of native forest on public land is prohibited under the Tasmanian Government’s policy for maintaining a permanent native forest estate, and is regulated by the independent Forest Practices Authority.

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- (3) Acknowledges that Sustainable Timber Tasmania does not participate in deforestation, as defined by the IPCC, in the management of our native public production forests. Our native forests are re-grown after harvest.
- (4) Further notes that maintaining a native forest estate is a key commitment of Tasmania's Regional Forest Agreement (RFA).
- (5) Further notes our approach maintains our native forest estate and provides environmental, economic and social benefits, for generations to come. (2 September 2021)

34 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
 - (a) Tasmanian Timber Awards were held on 10th September 2021, recognising excellence in Tasmanian timber; and
 - (b) Tasmanian Liberal Government is proud of our State's sustainable forestry sector which contributes around \$1.2 billion to the Tasmanian economy and provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs.
- (2) Congratulates the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Network who hosted the Awards, with 14 award categories which recognised their dedication to best practice, excellence, and leadership in the forestry sector.
- (3) Further congratulates all of the 2021 Tasmanian Timber Awards finalists and winners:—
 - (a) Cusp Building Solutions (Timber Processing Excellence);
 - (b) Orana Enterprises (Harvesting Excellence);
 - (c) Forico (Regional and Community Development);
 - (d) Malcolm Larner (Forest Growing and Management Excellence);
 - (e) Denman Marine (Excellence in the Design and/or Use of Tasmanian Timber);
 - (f) Padgett Group (Distribution and Logistics Excellence-Organisation);
 - (g) Bradley Woodfield (Distribution and Logistics Excellence-Individual);
 - (h) Cusp Building Solutions (Innovation and Technology Award-Organisation);
 - (i) Judith Nantongo (Innovation and Technology Award-Individual);
 - (j) MechLog (Workplace Health and Safety Excellence-Small Organisation);
 - (k) Sustainable Timber Tasmania (Workplace Health and Safety Excellence-Large Organisation);
 - (l) North East Bioregional Network (Environmental Excellence-Small Organisation).
 - (m) TimberLink (Environmental Excellence-Large Organisation);
 - (n) Forest Practices Authority (Skill Development and Training Excellence-Large Organisation);
 - (o) The Safety Process (Skill Development and Training Excellence-Small Organisation);
 - (p) Jillian Aylett Brown & Michael Lee (Outstanding Contribution to the Timber Industry);
 - (q) Meeghan Price (Trainee of the Year-Small Organisation);
 - (r) Kylie Kemp (Trainee of the Year-Large Organisation); and
 - (s) Graham Freeman (Tree Farmer of the Year). (14 September 2021).

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

- (1) Recognises that 15 September 2021 was Battle of Britain Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who fought and died in the Battle of Britain, history's first entirely aerial campaign and a strategic turning point of the Second World War.
- (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) the Battle occurred over the United Kingdom between 10 July 1940 and 31 October 1940 between the Air Forces of Nazi Germany and the then British Empire and Commonwealth; and
 - (b) Allied success in the Battle was pivotal in seeing the planned seaborne invasion of the United Kingdom by Hitler's Germany cancelled, allowing the British Isles to eventually become the springboard from which the invasion of occupied Europe was performed, leading to the liberation of millions under Nazi oppression.

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- (3) Pays tribute to ‘The Few’, as Winston Churchill immortally named the fighter pilots fighting in the skies over Britain, for their service, courage and sacrifice, including more than thirty Australians, 14 of whom died in the Battle including Flight Lieutenant Stuart Walch, of Hobart, who attended the Hutchins School before joining the RAAF.
- (4) Acknowledges a memorial service commemorating the Battle held at St David’s Cathedral on 11 September 2021 and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence Force, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending. (15 September 2021)

36 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) how to provide better protection for Tasmanians building their homes, including Home Builder Mandatory Warranty Insurance;
 - (b) processes and practices for the identification and rectification of defects;
 - (c) the adequacy of current legislative and regulatory mechanisms to ensure building rectification in instances where standards have not been met;
 - (d) personal experiences that could inform consideration of any of the above; and
 - (e) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 5 Members, being: 2 from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House; the honourable Member for Lyons, Ms Butler MP, the honourable Member for Braddon, Dr Broad MP; and the honourable Member for Clark, Ms Johnston MP.
- (3) The Committee report by 16 September 2022. (16 September)

37 Mr *Street* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic Tasmania’s economy and business confidence continues to strengthen.
- (2) Acknowledges that the recent Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook for the September 2021 quarter said “Overall, a lot continues to go right for Tasmania, thanks to strong COVID control and effective government support when it matters most.”
- (3) Further notes that:—
 - (a) as the economy is strengthening, confidence is returning to the Tasmanian community with retail trade figures higher than 2020; and
 - (b) Tasmanian exports are booming, having exceeded \$4 billion for the first time in August 2021.
- (4) Recognises that the significant investment in the recent State Budget will continue to support our economic and community recovery as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic to secure Tasmania’s future. (12 October 2021)

38 The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Deloraine Bowls Club officially opened their 2021 Pennant Season on 3 October 2021 and thanks the Club for their patience in tutoring me on the green.
- (2) Recognises that the Club, that has been in operation since 1926, provides a wonderful community facility for local events.
- (3) Further notes President Keith Davis’ continuing commitment to the Club together with his hardworking team.
- (4) Encourages locals in the Deloraine area and beyond, to visit and support this wonderful Club. (12 October 2021)

39 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Tasmanian Government was proud to support our exporting community at the Tasmanian Export Awards 2021, held on 24 September 2021, in Devonport;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Export Awards are held annually to celebrate the success of Tasmania’s top exporters, with State winners going on to be finalists in the Australian Export Awards Program; and

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- (c) the Tasmanian Liberal Government is proud of our exporting community, including during COVID-19 and trading challenges, with the State's exports reaching over \$4 billion for the first time, for the year to August 2021.
- (2) Congratulates all category entrants, the organiser the Department of State Growth, and the Awards Partner TasPorts, with 11 award categories which represent Tasmania's leaders in overseas exports based on their levels of success and ingenuity.
- (3) Further notes that many of the 2021 winners are from regional Tasmania and with a majority of the awards being accepted by leading businesswomen.
- (4) Congratulates all of the 2021 winners:—
 - (a) Advanced Technologies – Lightning Protection International;
 - (b) Agribusiness Food and Beverages – Tasmanian Oyster Co.;
 - (c) E-Commerce – Scoot Boot;
 - (d) Emerging Exporter – Lawrenny Estate Distilling;
 - (e) International Health – Selborne Biological Services;
 - (f) Manufacturing and Advanced Materials – Ignite Digi;
 - (g) Regional Exporter – Blue Hills Honey;
 - (h) Small Business – Hill Farm Preserves;
 - (i) Minister's Award for Young Exporter of the Year 2021 – Ms Jelina Bennett (Aqua Clean Tas); and
 - (j) Minister's Award for Export Leadership 2021 – Ms Beth Mathison (True South Seafood). (12 October 2021)

41 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the passing of theatre legend Graeme Paine OAM, who passed away on October 10, 2021 after his long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) Graeme was awarded the Order of Australia medal for his contribution to performing arts;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Theatre Council have paid tribute to Graeme Paine as a 'much loved and hugely influential member of Tasmania's theatre community' who will be 'particularly remembered for his extraordinary contribution over many decades to the Old Nick Company';
 - (c) the Old Nick Company have said his 'legacy is nothing short of extraordinary'; and
 - (d) Graeme was a talented and committed thespian and a genuinely lovely human who will be sadly missed by all who knew him, worked with him, were mentored by him and loved him.
- (3) Passes on its sympathy to Mr Paine's wife Christina, his children Christopher, Ben, Nick, Imogen and Mathew and their families as they mourn a much loved husband, father and grandfather. (12 October 2021)

43 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Resources for the following reasons:—

- (1) On 10 August 2021, the Minister approved a mining lease application made by Chinese State-owned company, MMG Australia, over 5 kilometres of Helilog Road and an area of rainforest near Rosebery.
- (2) MMG Australia's application specified its purpose as mining for gravel.
- (3) The company's intention for the area subject to the Minister's approval was not to mine gravel.
- (4) MMG was undertaking testing works for its plan to pump mine tailings across the Pieman River into a cleared rainforest gully off Helilog Road.
- (5) The application approved by the Minister had the effect of preventing public access to public land in Takayna, including beekeeping sites and the Forest Walk tourist site.
- (6) Between early May and late July, prior to the Minister's mining lease approval for MMG, 71 peaceful protestors were arrested under dubious charges. They were people of all ages and from across the Tasmanian community, who stood up to defend the Tarkine's rainforest.
- (7) On 27 August, the Minister received a formal request from Bob Brown Foundation to provide a statement of reasons for granting this mining permit.

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- (8) On 24 September, the Minister replied in writing that he was not empowered to make this decision, and that therefore, there had been no valid grant of the mining lease.
- (9) In his apparent haste to prevent peaceful protest on the site, the Minister signed an approval in breach of the *Mineral Resources Development Act (1995)*, an Act he administers.
- (10) The Minister broke the law, a fact that would not have come to light but for the Bob Brown Foundation.
- (11) After his lawlessness that worked to advantage a foreign-owned multinational corporation was exposed, the Minister refused to admit he had broken the law, and sought to mislead Tasmanians by blaming a “lodgement error” on the part of the applicant, and an “oversight” on the part of Mineral Resources Tasmania.
- (12) This explanation defies credibility.
- (13) The Minister’s public statement did not address his involvement in this matter, and ignore one of the fundamental principles of the Westminster system of government – that a Minister doesn’t blame others, but holds responsibility for their decisions.
- (14) Minister Barnett’s conduct in this matter again brings his competence and integrity into question.
- (15) Since being elevated to Cabinet, Minister Barnett has shown no respect for transparency, has degraded accountability mechanisms through his constant misleading and obfuscation, and worked against the public, and the planet’s, interests.
- (16) Across portfolios, Minister Barnett has long track record of secrecy, misleading Tasmanians, and enacting highly questionable decisions, and it’s well past time for Parliament to finally hold him accountable.
- (17) He is unfit to be a Minister of the Crown. (12 October 2021)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*