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No. 29

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2022

Notices of Motion

- 71 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the significance of the report “On the Edge of Extinction: The Case for the Swift Parrot Protection Plan”, authored by Dr Jen Sanger and Dr Nick Fitzgerald, supported by The Tree Projects, Birdlife Australia, the Wilderness Society, and the contribution of more than 18 swift parrot experts, bird specialists and conservation scientists.
 - (2) Acknowledges only 750 of the critically endangered Swift Parrot remain, and the bird is at high risk of extinction without a dramatic change in land management.
 - (3) Recognises the primary reason the Swift Parrot has experienced a dramatic decrease in numbers in recent years is continued logging of the bird’s nesting and feeding habitat by Forestry Tasmania.
 - (4) Realises the Liberals in Government have repeatedly ignored expert advice about the need to protect crucial areas of Swift Parrot habitat – needed for the long-term survival of the species – from logging.
 - (5) Understands the Public Authority Management Plan (PAMA) weakens protection for the swift parrot by enabling large areas of breeding habitat to be logged, only excludes a small proportion – 2,900 hectares – from being cleared, and fails to include essential foraging habitat.
 - (6) Calls on the Liberal Government to protect the survival of the Swift Parrot, and other threatened and endangered species that rely on intact native forest systems, by ending native forest logging in Tasmania. (1 March 2022)
- 72 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House supports, in principle, recommendation 1 of the Final Report of the House of Assembly Select Committee on the House of Assembly Restoration Bill.
- 73 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes with heartbreak that on 24 February, 2022, under orders from the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, the Russian military invaded peaceful, democratic Ukraine, without provocation launching the first major war on the European continent since World War II.
 - (2) Acknowledges that Russia has launched a full-scale assault on Ukraine, launching missile strikes at major Ukrainian cities, and deploying military hardware and personnel from Belarus and Russian-annexed Crimea.
 - (3) Recognises:—
 - (a) that Ukraine is gathering evidence of potential crimes against humanity, following the Russian military shelling residential areas, schools, and hospitals; and
 - (b) that Human Rights Watch has proven one case of a cluster munition attack, which are banned under international law, with many more suspected.
 - (4) Further notes that while true casualties are currently unknown, hundreds have been reported injured or deceased, and hundreds-of-thousands more are fleeing Ukraine creating a humanitarian crisis of need for neighbouring countries.

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- (5) Condemns Mr Putin and recognises the Russian leader as a war criminal, violent autocrat, and a threat to stability, security and human life in the region and the world.
- (6) Offers condolences and sympathy to the people of Ukraine as they fight to defend their country and supports every effort by the European Union (EU) and other democratic nations to deliver tangible support to Ukraine, and to ensure Russia under Vladimir Putin is threatened as the international pariah it has become. (1 March 2022)

74 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the housing and homelessness crisis is only getting worse, (with rental stress/unaffordability) increasing by a third in 2021, during a pandemic.
- (2) Recognises Tasmania, as the least wealthy state, has been the most unaffordable to rent and buy in since the Liberals came to office in 2014, reversing Tasmania's long standing status as an affordable place to buy or rent a home.
- (3) Acknowledges the public housing waiting list was at a ten year low under a Green Housing Minister and it has doubled since the Liberals took government in 2014; now at 4,388 and increasing.
- (4) Further notes that in 2021-22 the Government raised land tax thresholds, reducing land tax for investors and other multiple property owners.
- (5) Further recognises that since then, rents have increased by 9 per cent in the South, 10 per cent in the North-West and 15 per cent in the North.
- (6) Further notes that despite this, the Premier, the Hon. Peter Gutwein MP has announced further land tax cuts, claiming they will "further" decrease rents.
- (7) Agrees that land tax cuts have not, and will not, reduce rents.
- (8) Calls on the Gutwein Government to abandon land tax cuts, and instead adopt the Greens' State Election platform to:—
 - (a) strengthen the Residential Tenancy Act;
 - (b) regulate short stay accommodation;
 - (c) adopt Finland's 'Housing First' approach to homelessness; and
 - (d) commit to building 10,000 homes in the next decade. (1 March 2022)

75 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) Dr Lisa Denny's analysis of 10 years of NAPLAN data published in January 2022 and
 - (b) that in 2012 21.5% of Tasmanian children in their first year of schooling were identified as being developmentally vulnerable, and by year 9 in 2021, this increased to 28.5%.
- (2) Acknowledges that the educational gap between high and low SES areas is widening.
- (3) Recognises the widening gender gap, with over a half of year 9 male students (52.7%) not exceeding the expected standard for writing, compared with a third of female students.
- (4) Further notes that the Gutwein Government has focused on a narrative of year 11/12 retention, but many students are being let down well before year 11/12.
- (5) Agrees urgent investment in our education system is needed, with a strong focus on schools in low SES/ICSEA regions, including immediate investment in:—
 - (a) speech pathology;
 - (b) school psychologist support; and
 - (c) an expanded school breakfast program. (1 March 2022)

76 Ms Finlay to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the significant downturn in trade experienced by businesses across the State following the reopening of our borders, including by the many businesses that were forced to close down following the reentry of COVID-19 to Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises:—
 - (a) the impact this has had on workers and businesses, and the importance of listening to these people to understand how they can best be supported; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Labor Party has done just that in developing its Supporting Business, Supporting Jobs Package.

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- (3) Acknowledges that while the Gutwein Government has provided support to some Tasmanian businesses and workers, more needs to be done to ensure Tasmanian businesses and workers can survive what has been a difficult period.
- (4) Calls on the Government to implement the elements of the Labor's Supporting Business, Supporting Jobs Package, including:—
 - (a) easier access to support for businesses who do apply for support grants;
 - (b) payroll support to eligible businesses through a Workers Support Grant;
 - (c) cash flow support through rebates on some fixed charges;
 - (d) an extension of the eligibility for the payroll tax waiver; and
 - (e) tourism and hospitality voucher to rebuild confidence and provide much needed stimulus.
- (5) Further calls on the Government to outline to the House how much of the \$300 million COVID contingency has been spent and the details of this expenditure. (1 March 2022)

77 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.
- (2) The Members to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (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 24 November 2022 next. (1 March 2022)

78 Mr *Winter* to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon the Tasmanian Government's preparedness for and management of COVID-19 following the relaxation of border restrictions on 15 December 2021, including:—
 - (a) the preparedness of Tasmania's health system, including contact tracing, testing, the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline, and hospitals;
 - (b) preparedness of schools for a COVID-impacted school year;
 - (c) the adequacy of supports available to businesses and workers impacted by COVID-19, including communication, consistency and financial support; and
 - (d) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 5 Members, being:—
 - (a) 2 from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) the Leader of the Opposition;
 - (d) the Deputy Leader of the Opposition; and
 - (e) Dr Woodruff.
- (3) The Committee report by 3 May 2022. (1 March 2022)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the Kempton Festival was held on 20 February 2022, back bigger than ever with almost 2000 attendees;
 - (b) highlights of the 2022 event included the ever-popular sheep racing that drew sponsors from all over the State – including the Hon. Guy Barnett MP., whose entrant - 'Baaaaarnett' - did not win, but was said to be appreciative of the opportunity to race in such a prestigious event;
 - (c) the plethora of entertainment included wood chopping demonstrations, sheaf and gumboot tossing, and for the first time – Barrel Rolling;

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- (d) the fantastic support of the major sponsor, Old Kempton Distillery, who also donated the barrel for Barrel Rolling; and
 - (e) the Hon. Mark Shelton MP assisted the event, facilitating a grant to meet the cost of providing horse-drawn carriage for rides.
 - (2) Celebrates that events such as this demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well in the Southern Midlands and acknowledges that rural and regional shows are an integral part of rural communities.
 - (3) Congratulates the Southern Midlands community, Green Ponds Progress Association and the Southern Midlands Council for organising the festival, a community event celebrating and showcasing rural and village life. (3 March 2022)
- 82** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that 20 February 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations between Australia and Poland.
 - (2) Notes that Polish culture is deeply embedded in the Tasmanian community, particularly since the arrival of Polish immigrants to Tasmania following the end of World War II, when many Polish ex-service personnel and their families arrived in Tasmania, found work as labourers in organisations of the day, such as the Hydro-Electric Commission, during the construction of dams and power stations to provide electricity to a growing state, as well as PMG, Zinc Works, Cadbury, Siltex and IXL.
 - (3) Recognises that the Polish community throughout Tasmania actively engages in, and maintains Polish traditions and culture, preserves and celebrates Polish history and heritage, and promotes a deep connection between Poland and Tasmania that enriches the cultural fabric of the Tasmanian community. (8 March 2022)
- 83** The Minister for Women to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Acknowledges that it is International Women’s Day on 8 March 2022.
 - (2) Notes that:—
 - (a) the theme for 2022 is ‘Break the Bias’;
 - (b) the United Nations has also issued a 2022 theme: ‘Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow’; and
 - (c) International Women’s Day is an important opportunity for us to celebrate women’s successes, and reflect on progress and the actions we need to take to create a more equal future.
 - (3) Acknowledges there has been significant progress in recent years, for example women’s representation on Government Boards and committees has steadily increased from 33.8% in June 2015 to 47.37% in September 2021.
 - (4) Further notes that by challenging gendered stereotypes and biases, we create cultural change in the environment in which women and girls live and work and in the opportunities women are afforded.
 - (5) Further acknowledges that this is more important than ever as we work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19. (8 March 2022)
- 84** 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, both parties committed \$15 million to redevelop the Court on the current site;
 - (c) in 2020 the Liberal Government announced the relocation of the court to the old University of Tasmania campus; 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 the business community;
 - (c) the ongoing concerns raised by the Law Society;
 - (d) the ongoing concerns of the Burnie City Council;

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- (e) the absence of a public expression of interest on availability of land in the Burnie CBD;
 - (f) the project has now blown out to \$40 million;
 - (g) 50,000 people visit the court complex each year and their removal will have a devastating impact on Burnie's CBD; and
 - (h) alternate sites and proposals have been provided by the Burnie Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) Calls on the Premier Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, to hold a community meeting in Burnie to listen to the concerns of residents and stakeholders, to adopt Labor's position and keep the Burnie Court in the Burnie CBD. (8 March 2022)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) 8 March is International Women's Day (IWD);
 - (b) globally 47,000 women and girls were killed by their male partners or family members in 2020 – and those are only the deaths we know about, 47 countries still have no repercussions for husbands who rape their wife;
 - (c) 2.7 billion women are legally restricted from having the same choice of jobs as men; and
 - (d) 45 countries do not have specific laws against domestic violence and 30% of women globally have experienced sexual or physical violence in their lifetime;
- (2) Recognises that Australia's gender pay gap is 14.2%.
- (3) Further notes despite domestic violence laws, public awareness and access to legal protections, Australian men are still killing women partners or exes at the rate of one a week.
- (4) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) reproductive rights are a political football and that in Australia access varies by State, and in some parts of the United States, laws have passed making terminations inaccessible, no matter the reason behind the woman's decision; and
 - (b) despite legislation in this House in 2013 only recently have public available abortions been accessible by Tasmanian women.
- (5) Further notes according to a major report in 2020, climate change is increasing violence against women and girls, case studies included domestic abuse, human trafficking, sexual assault, and violence against women environmental rights defenders.
- (6) IWD is a once-a-year chance to remind governments, businesses and everyone else watching that women aren't going anywhere, and we're prepared to take action to achieve our human rights.
- (7) These issues are compounding challenges faced by women of colour, women with disabilities, and queer or trans women, and stand in partnership with them. (8 March 2022)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*