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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 47

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

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138 Ms White to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (a) that the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP was ordered to table:
 - (i) all signed agreements and documents relating to the Australian Football League (AFL) agreement by 1 June 2023; and
 - (ii) all departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice and reports relating to the Macquarie Point Stadium by 1 June 2023.
- (b) that the Premier, has not tabled any departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice or reports on the basis of a claim of cabinet confidentiality; and
- (c) that failure to comply with an order of the House may constitute a contempt.

(2) Does not accept that all such documents would reveal the deliberations of cabinet.

(3) Orders:—

- (a) that the Premier, table all departmental and departmental-commissioned assessments, advice and reports relating to the Macquarie Point Stadium; and
- (b) that the following process be followed in respect of the tabling of such documents and the making of any claim of privilege or immunity from production in respect of the documents referred to in paragraph (3)(a):
 - (i) where a document or documents in paragraph (3)(a) is considered by the Premier, to be privileged on the basis of cabinet confidentiality or any other basis, a return is to be prepared showing the date of creation of the document, a description of the document, the author of the document and reasons for the claim of privilege;
 - (ii) either each of the documents in paragraph (3)(a), or a claim of privilege must be given to the Clerk within 14 calendar days of the date of the order by the House;
 - (iii) the document or documents presented under paragraph (b)(ii) are deemed to have been tabled in the House and authorised for publication with the Clerk circulating the document to all Members as soon as practicable. The Clerk must provide a copy of a claim of privilege made under paragraph (b)(ii) to all Members of the House;
 - (iv) any Member may, by communication in writing to the Clerk, dispute the validity of the claim of privilege in relation to a particular document or documents within seven calendar days of the receipt of the claim of privilege. On receipt of such communication, the Clerk will advise the Premier, who will provide to the Clerk, within seven calendar days of receipt of the dispute of validity claim, copies of the disputed document or documents. The Clerk is authorised to provide the disputed document or documents to an independent legal arbiter as soon as practicable, for evaluation and report within 10 calendar days as to the validity of the claim;

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- (v) the Clerk is also authorised to provide to the independent legal arbiter and to all Members, submissions from any Member in relation to the claim of privilege;
- (vi) the independent legal arbiter is to be appointed by the Speaker and must be a King's Counsel, a Senior Counsel, or a retired Supreme Court, Federal Court or High Court Judge;
- (vii) a report from the independent legal arbiter is to be lodged with the Clerk; and
 - (a) made available only to Members of the House; and
 - (b) not published or copied without an order of the House;
- (viii) following the process set out above, the House may make any further order about the documents the subject of the report of the independent legal arbiter. (20 June 2023)

141 Ms *White* to move—That the House censures the Minister for Energy and Renewables, the Hon. Guy Barnett MP for:—

- (1) Abandoning the 'Tasmania-First Energy Policy' he took to the 2018 election, including his promise to 'undertake a NEM Exit to break away from mainland electricity contract pricing'.
- (2) Breaking his commitment at the 2021 election to cap power prices and reintroduce a commercial and industrial rebate scheme in the event of further power price volatility.
- (3) Thereby causing Tasmanians to suffer power price rises of 22.5% since 30 June 2022, including an 11.88% rise in 2022 and a 9.51% rise from 1 July 2023. (21 June 2023)

142 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House orders the Minister for Energy and Renewables, the Hon. Guy Barnett MP, to immediately provide a full statement to the House to explain forthwith:—

- (1) The reason for the sudden departure of the Chair of Marinus Link Pty Ltd..
- (2) The reason for the departure of the former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Marinus Link Pty Ltd. (22 June 2023)

144 Mr *Young* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that Tasmania continues to lead the nation on economic performance, having ranked first overall for 12 of the previous 14 CommSec State of the State Quarterly Reports and has improved on all eight performance indicators in the report since the Liberal Government was elected in 2014; and
 - (b) the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) labour force data, which shows Tasmania breaking employment records, with a record 291,100 Tasmanians employed, including a record 140,200 women, which is over 56,000 more jobs compared with when the Liberal Government was elected in March 2014.
- (2) Notes that the current unemployment rate of 3.8% is the lowest in the state's history.
- (3) Further notes that, in contrast, the former Labor-Green Government oversaw an economy where:—
 - (a) consumption and investment contracted, quarter after quarter;
 - (b) State Final Demand contracted for six out of seven quarters between December 2011 and June 2013;
 - (c) the unemployment rate reached 7.9%, and over 19,000 Tasmanians were unemployed; and
 - (d) the State was plunged into recession.
- (4) Endorses the Rockliff Liberal Government's strong economic management, which has turned Tasmania's economy around, and its plan to continue growing our economy and seeing a record number of Tasmanians employed.
- (5) Acknowledges that these figures represent the livelihoods of real Tasmanians, as each new job created is another person contributing to our economy, but more importantly, providing for their family, and having a strong economy allows us to invest more into the things Tasmanians care about most. (8 August 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—

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- (a) that the week of 7 – 13 August 2023 is Homelessness Week – a time that Tasmanians are encouraged to reflect on issues affecting housing and homelessness;
 - (b) that for far too many Tasmanians, every week is homelessness week with increasing numbers of people unable to find a safe, affordable place to call home; and
 - (c) there are dramatic supply shortages in social and government housing, affordable housing, private rental homes and homes to buy.
- (2) Recognises:—
 - (a) there are significant supply shortages in social and government housing, as well as affordable housing, and homes for private rent and sale; and
 - (b) that since the Liberal Government took office in 2014, the housing wait list has more than doubled and the housing wait time has more than quadrupled.
- (3) Further recognises a series of practical policies could be implemented to increase supply of housing across the board, and that Tasmanian Labor is putting forward a range of policies to achieve that including:—
 - (a) increasing the supply of social and government housing;
 - (b) build to rent to increase supply of private rental homes;
 - (c) expanding the My Home program to help more Tasmanians to buy a home; and
 - (d) removing the ‘first mover’ penalty that acts as a disincentive to unlocking land to increase the supply and construction of housing.
- (4) Further recognises Labor is focused on the things that matter to Tasmanians: housing, health and the cost of living and focused on practical policies that can be implemented to significantly increase the supply of housing across Tasmania. (8 August 2023)

146 Mr *Wood* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Rockliff Liberal Government’s Renewable Energy Dividend (RED) policy, noting that:—
 - (a) each year when Hydro returns a dividend to Government over \$100 million, Tasmanians will directly share in it;
 - (b) the RED will be 50 per cent of the usual Government dividend over \$100 million;
 - (c) the dividend will appear as a financial credit on bills for around 254,000 Tasmanian households;
 - (d) Tasmanians could expect a saving of around \$100 off their power bill if Hydro delivered a profit of around \$160 million; and
 - (e) this means that when Hydro makes money, Tasmanians save money. (8 August 2023).

147 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Agrees that after nearly 10 years the Liberal minority Government has lost its way.
- (2) Notes that in a cost of living, housing and health crisis, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, has engaged a PR company to spin his messages rather than deliver real solutions that will help people and improve the lives of Tasmanians.
- (3) Recognises the Liberal Government’s broken promise to deliver a Tasmanian First policy on energy is hurting Tasmanian households and businesses with a 22.5% increase in prices in just the past two years.
- (4) Further notes that the Premier was not the leader elected with a mandate and that the stadium has never been put to the people of Tasmania.
- (5) Further notes the comments by Independent Members Mr John Tucker MP and Mrs Lara Alexander MP, that to attempt to blame them for the Government’s problems is in their words, “pathetic”.
- (6) Further notes that in addition to the cost of living, health and housing crisis that makes life more difficult for Tasmanians, the Liberal Government is also making life difficult for our firefighters and for business, like Tasmanian-based saw-millers.
- (7) Agrees that an inept Cabinet and Liberal Government is failing Tasmanians. (8 August 2023)

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148 Ms *White* to move—That the House:— Orders the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to inform the House of the revised cost for the construction of Marinus Link and to table the letter sent by the Tasmanian Government to the Australian Government in July 2023 expressing concerns about the cost of the project, by Thursday 10 August 2023. (8 August 2023)

149 Ms *White* to move—That the House censures the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Hon. Guy Barnett MP for the following reasons:—

- (a) deliberately and callously overseeing a 22.5% electricity price increase for Tasmanian households and small businesses;
- (b) doing nothing tangible to support larger businesses battling electricity price increases of more than 50%;
- (c) breaking his 2018 promise to de-link from the National Electricity Market;
- (d) breaking his 2021 promise to cap power prices if there was high volatility in the National Electricity Market;
- (e) saying he could not implement a price cap because it would jeopardise Project Marinus;
- (f) signing an agreement with the Australian Government on 19 October 2022 to fund Marinus Link saying Tasmania will only pay their fair share, before announcing nine months later that same agreement means Tasmania is not getting a fair deal;
- (g) refusing to be honest and transparent with Tasmanians about the current estimated cost of Marinus Link;
- (h) refusing to be honest and transparent with Tasmanians about the share of the cost of Marinus Link the Tasmanian Government is planning to contribute;
- (i) bringing four of Australia's largest energy companies to Tasmania to manufacture hydrogen and then telling them there was no power or water available to actually do it; and
- (j) overseeing an energy drought whereby our largest energy users are being told they cannot access additional electricity to create new jobs. (8 August 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Honourable William Cox AC conducted a thorough review of the Tasmanian Integrity Commission in 2016;
 - (b) that to date, the Liberal Government has implemented just six of the 55 recommendations made by Mr Cox; and
 - (c) that the Tasmanian Integrity Commission has some of the weakest powers of equivalent bodies around the country.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the need for better funding for the Integrity Commission and the implementation of recommended improvements to uphold integrity in our public institutions; and
 - (b) the Tasmanian Integrity Commission has the second lowest funding per capita of all integrity bodies in the country and complete less than ten percent of the number of investigations completed by mainland integrity bodies.
- (3) Further notes that trust in politics is at an all time low and that well functioning integrity bodies are an integral part to restoring trust in public institutions.
- (4) Further notes that the Government stubbornly refuses to progress work to implement the recommendations of the Cox review, or even give timelines for full implementation, and that there have been just a measly six implemented to date.
- (5) Calls on the Government to progress this work as a matter of urgency. (9 August 2023)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that TasNetworks responded to a weather event on 31 July 2023; and
 - (b) the weather event, which lasted for a relatively short period, had a major impact on energy users around Tasmania;
- (2) Further notes Tasmania State Emergency Service received 10 call outs after record-breaking winds up to 143km/h were reported in Strahan and up to 100km/h at Bruny Island and Low Head.

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- (3) Further notes outages were reported at Little Swanport, Swansea and Triabunna along with other parts of the State;
 - (4) Acknowledges that dedicated TasNetworks crews around the State restored connection to around 15,000 customers within 24 hours of the disruption to service, with majority of disrupted households reconnected in that window.
 - (5) Further notes that given the work needed to repair the infrastructure in a safe manner, the reconnection of so many households in such a small amount of time is a reflection of the hardwork and dedication the TasNetworks team delivers to the Tasmanian people on a daily basis. (9 August 2023)
- 156** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Hon. Guy Barnett MP was honoured to represent the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP at the RSL Tasmania – Inaugural Mid-Winter Gala Ball on 1 July 2023 in the Ricky Ponting Room, Blundstone Arena, Bellerive.
 - (2) Further notes highlights included the Royal Australian Navy Band Tasmania providing music and vocals for guests to enjoy the evening.
 - (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) RSL Tasmania's core function is commemoration, comradeship and welfare with RSL Tasmania delivering over 200 commemorative events in 2023 so far;
 - (b) the fantastic support of individuals and groups contributing donations to the raffle, with proceeds going to supporting Veterans and their families; and
 - (c) celebrating events such as this demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well with people showing an ongoing support for our Veterans and acknowledges that RSL Tasmania as a peak body is important to this ongoing success.
 - (4) Congratulates RSL Tasmania for organising the Inaugural Mid-Winter Gala Ball, with appreciation to Acting State President Mr Michael Gallagher, CEO Mr John Hardy and the RSL Tasmania Team and thanks the many Volunteers who supported this inaugural event. (9 August 2023)
- 157** Ms *White* to move—That the House refers the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to the Committee of Privileges and Conduct given his breach of the Standing Orders. (10 August 2023)
- 158** Ms *White* to move—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 157 from being debated forthwith. (10 August 2023)
- 159** The Minister for Energy and Renewables to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the 2023 Civil Contractors Construction Tasmania Awards were held Friday 21 July 2023 at Hobart's Grand Chancellor Hotel.
 - (2) Further notes the event is known as the Earth Awards and was well supported with Katelyn Barry and Dave Noonan as Master of Ceremonies.
 - (3) Congratulates the Civil Contractors Federation 2023 Tasmanian Earth Award Winners:—
 - (a) BridgePro and Latrobe Council – Project Value up to \$2million
Winning Project – Warrawee Suspension Bridge;
 - (b) AWC Pty Ltd – Project Value \$2m - \$5m
Winning Project – St Marys and Elephant Pass Flood Repairs;
 - (c) Shaw Contracting (Aust) Pty Ltd – Project Value \$5m - \$10m
Winning Project – Bruny Island Submarine Cable Replacement;
 - (d) Fulton Hogan Construction - Project Value \$10m - \$30m
Winning Project – Midway Point Intersection Upgrade;
 - (e) Hazell Bros Group Pty Ltd – Project Value \$30m - \$75m
Winning Project – Tasman Highway, Hobart Airport Interchange
 - (f) Gradco – Award - Safety at Roadworks;
 - (g) Downer EDI – Award - Commitment to Training;
 - (h) Jayden Speed of Sutcliffe Contracting –
Award - Civil Trainee / Apprentice of the Year;

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- (i) Visualise Contracting – Award – Owner Operator of the Year;
 - (j) Sutcliffe Contracting – Award – Small Civil Contractor; and
 - (k) Mark Lusted, AWC Pty Ltd – Equipment Operator of the Year.
- (4) Further congratulates the Civil Contractors Federation 2023 Tasmanian Earth Awards on a successful event and acknowledges the support from business partners and members in celebrating the achievements of individuals and companies while showcasing the importance of the industry. (10 August 2023)

160 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) Tasmania’s only Mother and Baby Unit at St Helen’s Private Hospital closed on 23 June 2023 resulting in the loss of 8 beds;
 - (b) in May 2023 the Liberal minority Government promised an interim solution of 3 beds at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH); and
 - (c) six weeks later there has been just one bed available, with patients facing significant delays accessing the bed.
- (2) Further notes:—
- (a) there are 6,000 babies born in Tasmania each year and one in five of their mothers can experience depression or anxiety;
 - (b) mothers and babies in need of immediate support have had to wait weeks to receive a psychiatric assessment at the RHH;
 - (c) after 10 years in office, the minority Liberal Government has failed to prioritise maternal and perinatal mental health services across the State; and
 - (d) based on modelling from other States with the same number of births each year, approximately 10 mother baby beds across the State, complemented with outpatient services, would meet demand.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and Minister for Health, Hon. Guy Barnett MP to:—
- (a) meet with those care providers who have raised immediate concerns with them;
 - (b) ensure the three beds at the RHH and outpatient services are accessible now, as committed to in May 2023; and
 - (c) outline a long term plan to provide a regional model of care and 10 mother and baby beds across Tasmania. (15 August 2023)

161 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) Tasmania has the highest heart disease prevalence across all States and Territories;
 - (b) its prevalence of 9.5% (or 37,200 people 18 years and over) is 2.9 percentage points higher than the national average of 6.6%;
 - (c) the Government’s own outpatient data shows that urgent Northern cardiology patients are currently waiting 201 days just to receive an appointment with a cardiologist, while in the South patients are waiting 148 days; and
 - (d) that the Government recently commissioned a review of cardiac services across the State to be undertaken by St Vincent’s Heart Centre Professor Andrew MacIsaac.
- (2) Further notes:—
- (a) at the Mersey Community Hospital and North West Regional Hospital, patients may be waiting up to a week to be transferred to the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) for urgent diagnostic testing or coronary intervention;
 - (b) at the LGH patients may be waiting to be transferred to Hobart for cardiothoracic surgery, placing further pressure on our hospitals and contributing to bed block;
 - (c) the LGH has 6 dedicated coronary care beds to service the population of the North and North West; and
 - (d) access to timely cardiac care is critical as is access to cardiac beds.

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- (3) Calls on the new Minister for Health, Hon. Guy Barnett MP to release the findings of the MacIsaac report publicly and inform Tasmanians how he will improve access to coronary care beds across Tasmania. (15 August 2023)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*