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No. 50

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025

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61 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House in accordance with section 47 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931, disallows the Residential Tenancy Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 31) laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday 1 August 2024. (10 September 2024)

75 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House in accordance with section 47 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931, disallows the Hydro-Electric Corporation Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 32) laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday 8 August 2024. (15 October 2024)

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

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the circumstances and legal ruling regarding the use of Northern Midlands ratepayers' money to fund the instigation of personal defamation proceedings; and
 - (b) the Liberal Government authorised the provision of approximately \$300,000 of public money to the Member for Bass, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to fund defamation proceedings launched in a private capacity.
- (2) Expresses its concern at the precedent set by the decision to fund Mr Ferguson's private defamation action.
- (3) Calls on the Minority Liberal Government to reverse its decision to allocate public resources to Mr Ferguson's private defamation action. (11 March 2025)

101 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the complete and entirely predictable failure of the Minority Liberal Government's attempts to lease our new Spirit of Tasmania vessel to a foreign operator.
- (2) Further notes that more than \$2 million was wasted storing the new vessel in Scotland while a lease was being sought.
- (3) Expresses its concern that the Minority Liberal Government:—
 - (a) seriously considered leasing our new vessel for use as a floating refugee camp, despite the readily available reports of human rights issues when this was previously tried;
 - (b) believed it was negotiating with a representative of the Scottish Government, when it wasn't, and refused to answer questions for six weeks based on these non-existent negotiations; and
 - (c) has stated it is considering attempting to lease Spirit V
- (4) Censures the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Eric Abetz MP, and the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, for the incompetence and financial mismanagement displayed throughout the leasing saga. (11 March 2025)

102 Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Condemns the alarming and dangerous behaviour carried out by individuals on behalf of the Bob Brown Foundation, who by their own admission, scaled Parliament House on the 4 March 2025.
- (2) Recognises with concern that the reckless and dangerous actions have been endorsed and promoted, by Greens MPs on social media.
- (3) Agrees that the individuals' actions:—
 - (a) exposed our first responders to entirely avoidable risks;
 - (b) unnecessarily wasted valuable Tasmania Police resources;
 - (c) jeopardised the safety of the individuals themselves;
 - (d) unnecessarily exposed the Heritage Listed Parliament House to potential or actual damage, endangering its historical significance and cultural heritage; and
 - (e) had the potential to cause significant distress and anxiety for Parliament House staff, and others working in the building.
- (4) Establishes a Select Committee with power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into and report upon whether any Members of the House of Assembly were complicit in the alleged trespass, and reckless and dangerous actions including by enabling restricted access to the individuals who scaled Parliament House on 4 March 2025:—
- (5) The Members appointed to serve on the Committee be:—
 - (a) two Members appointed by the Leader of the House;
 - (b) two Members appointed by the Leader of the Opposition;
 - (c) one Member of the Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
 - (d) One Independent Member.
- (6) The Committee report by 6 May 2025. (11 March 2024)

104 Mr Wood to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Tasmania's rich built heritage as a defining feature of our identity, culture, and economy.
- (2) Notes the significant contribution of the heritage sector to the State's economy, supporting over 5,000 jobs and injecting nearly \$1 billion annually.
- (3) Acknowledges the vital role of heritage in tourism, local business, and regional development.
- (4) Commits to strengthening collaboration across government, industry, and communities to protect, activate, and celebrate Tasmania's historic places for future generations.
- (5) Further acknowledges Tasmania as the Heritage State, championing the conservation and activation of its historic assets as a driver of economic growth, tourism, and community pride. (11 March 2025)

108 The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges National Close the Gap Day on 20 March 2025, a National Day of Action supporting equitable health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
- (2) Recognises the Close the Gap Statement of Intent, which commits to:—
 - (a) developing a long-term, evidence-based plan to address health inequalities and achieve health equality by 2030; and
 - (b) ensuring full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in addressing their health needs.
- (3) Commends Tasmanian Aboriginal healthcare providers and community organisations for their dedication to improving health outcomes.
- (4) Further recognises the Tasmanian Government's partnership with the Coalition of Peaks, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Tasmanian Aboriginal People in developing Tasmania's Plan for Closing the Gap 2025-2028.
- (5) Encourages Tasmanian workplaces, healthcare providers, schools, communities and Tasmanians to support Close the Gap and to learn more by visiting the National Close the Gap Day website.
- (6) Reaffirms the Tasmanian Government's commitment as a National Agreement signatory to working alongside the Coalition of Peaks and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people and their families. (13 March 2025)

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110 Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Tasmania's Standard and Poor's credit rating under the Giddings Labor-Green Minority Government was never AAA.
 - (b) that the Tasmania's Moody's credit rating was downgraded under the Giddings Labor-Green Minority Government to Aa1 negative in October 2012 and put on negative watch in February 2014.
- (2) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Dean Winter MP, to correct the record. (13 March 2025)

111 Mr *Ferguson* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the record this Government already has in keeping power prices the lowest in the nation.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Australian Energy Regulator is the national regulator for transmission cost determinations; and
 - (b) that this national regulatory framework ensures only prudent and efficient charges are passed through to customers, regardless of ownership.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that the Opposition Leader, Hon Dean Winter MP has demonstrated he does not understand energy regulation, stating 'It is because of the public ownership of TasNetworks, which has allowed us to keep the transmission costs for those businesses relatively low'; and
 - (b) that this statement contradicts Mr Winter's previous statement in 2015 that TasNetworks should be sold.
- (4) Recognises Mr Winter and Labor are fearmongering on transmission costs by not being accurate about how transmission costs in Tasmania are determined by the regulator.
- (5) Further notes that the Government is undertaking a careful and considered assessment of Government businesses by Saul Eslake, which will ensure decisions are guided by evidence and sound advice. (13 March 2025)

112 Mrs *Beswick* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the Gidget Foundation on its successful expansion into Tasmania and acknowledges the vital support it provides for parents experiencing perinatal mental health challenges.
- (2) Recognises the impressive work being done at Gidget House in Hobart, where early results demonstrate the significant impact of these services on new and expectant parents.
- (3) Notes:—
 - (a) Gidget House regularly partners with Tresillian and this partnership has facilitated the Foundation's expansion into Launceston, where it will provide crucial mental health support for families in the Northern region; and
 - (b) the Foundation is committed to further expansion into the North-West Coast, actively seeking a suitable site in Burnie to ensure parents and families in the region have access to these essential services.
- (4) Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon. Jacquie Petrusma MP and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP to prioritise identifying and securing a suitable location in the North-West, so that these vital services can be delivered to families in need across the region. (13 March 2025)

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

- (1) Acknowledges renewable energy is critical for Tasmania's economic future.
- (2) Expresses absolute opposition to Hon. Peter Dutton MP's nuclear plans for Australia.
- (3) Condemns the Federal Coalition's promise to cut all funding for the Rewiring the Nation program. (1 April 2025)

- 116** Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House censures the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Dean Winter MP on the following grounds:—
- (1) Since abandoning Labor’s opposition to the stadium after the 2024 election, Mr Winter has consistently said that the stadium’s cost to the State needs to not exceed \$375 million, and that Labor will scrutinise the stadium in detail and hold the Government to account.
 - (2) Subsequently Mr Winter called for the Government to fast-track approving the stadium before the State Budget, bypassing current assessment and scrutiny processes.
 - (3) Mr Winter has now made it clear that Labor will vote to approve the stadium regardless of the cost to the Tasmanian taxpayers, the impacts on the City, and without credible planning assessment that involves community engagement.
 - (4) Mr Winter has betrayed his Party’s commitments during the 2024 election, his subsequent commitments to the people of Tasmania, as well as his responsibilities as Leader of the Opposition. (3 April 2025)
- 117** Mr *Wood* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania has a renewable and sustainable native forestry industry that supports thousands of jobs around Tasmania, particularly in our regional communities.
 - (2) Further notes that in our native forests we source hardwood timber and fibre, including high-value special species and appearance grade timbers.
 - (3) Acknowledges claims that native hardwood timbers can be readily replaced with plantation timbers are simply not backed up by the facts.
 - (4) Further notes that due to the shutdown of native forestry harvesting in Victoria and Western Australia, we are seeing more hardwood timber imports coming into Australia from places such as the Solomon Islands, Southeast Asia and South America.
 - (5) Agrees that all politicians and political candidates have a duty to inform themselves of the true facts regarding our renewable and sustainable native forestry industry before passing judgement.
 - (6) Further acknowledges that when timber is harvested from Tasmania’s native forests, it is done so in accordance with our world class Forest Practices System.
 - (7) Recognises that all forest operations in Tasmania, including native and plantation and on both public and private land, are subject to the Forest Practices System, which is enforced by Tasmania’s independent Forest Practices Authority.
 - (8) Further notes that there are a range of benefits provided through sustainable forest management, including fire management, pest and disease control, and the construction and maintenance of roadways that support tourist and recreational access to Tasmania’s forests. (8 April 2025)
- 119** Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Hon. Dean Winter, Leader of the Opposition's 2015 comments on radio that:—

“So we are not the space anymore at least during this election cycle where we can actually talk about what asset Tasmania should own. There is a whole bunch of areas including Entura but there is also ..., TasNetworks”..
 - (2) Further notes Mr Winter’s “tweet” dated 16 December 2016 coincided with Mr Eslake's public presentation as part of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce's (TCCI) "Looking Forward". The same day a public presentation by Mr Eslake in respect of the 2016 TCCI “Looking Forward” report, in which Mr Eslake outlined, among other things, the sale or lease of “assets such as ‘poles and wires’ or ports”. Mr Winter tweeted:—

“Eslake’s ‘Looking Forward’ is a great summation of what’s needed..”
 - (3) Further notes Mr Winter’s comments in respect of Metro on 12 November 2019 before a Legislative Council Select Committee:—

“In other States, there are different structures around. Looking at some of the structures that exist in other capital cities and states may be part of the response that sees us with a more strategic approach to public transport which does not currently exist..”
 - (4) Further notes Mr Winter’s 2025 comments that:—

“Tasmanian Labor does not support privatisation... My position is on the record.”

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- (5) Agrees that Mr Winter's contributions over the past decade have added to the public debate around the possibilities and benefits of privatisation and he should consider Mr Eslake's analysis of government businesses. (8 April 2025)

122 Ms Rosol to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the 'Youth Justice Blueprint 2024-2034' takes a public health approach to youth justice with the goal of supporting children, young people and their families to prevent or reduce risk factors that lead to youth offending.
- (2) Agrees that the Rockliff Government's 'Tough on Crime' policy agenda takes a punitive approach to youth offending that is damaging to young people and in direct opposition to the 'Youth Justice Blueprint 2024-2034'.
- (3) Acknowledges the Liberal Government's current 'Tough on Crime' approach is resulting in increased numbers of children being held in detention facilities, including adult watchhouses.
- (4) Recognises and condemns:—
- (a) current Government policies and actions that are exposing more Tasmanian children to unsafe situations in State operated facilities; and
- (b) the detaining of children as young as 10, for periods of up to three days, in police watchhouses at adult reception centres.
- (5) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
- (a) immediately cease holding children in adult police and corrections facilities;
- (b) abandon their punitive and destructive 'Tough on Crime' approach;
- (c) use the 'Youth Justice Blueprint 2024-2034' as the rubric for assessing policy and legislation related to children and young people;
- (d) ensure the 'Youth Justice Blueprint 2024-2034' is followed by all relevant Government agencies; and
- (e) prioritise universal and therapeutic supports that lead to prevention, early intervention and diversion for at-risk children and youth. (8 April 2025)

123 The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) that Tasmania has a renewable and sustainable native forestry industry that supports thousands of jobs, particularly in regional communities.
- (b) that from our native forests we source hardwood timber and fibre, including high-value special species and appearance grade timbers.
- (2) Acknowledges that claims native hardwood timbers can be readily replaced with plantation timbers are simply not backed up by the facts.
- (3) Further notes that due to the shutdown of native forestry harvesting in Victoria and Western Australia, we are seeing more hardwood timber imports coming into Australia from places such as the Solomon Islands, Southeast Asia and South America.
- (4) Agrees that all politicians and political candidates have a duty to inform themselves of the facts regarding our renewable and sustainable native forestry industry before passing judgement.
- (5) Further acknowledges timber harvested from Tasmania's native forests, is done in accordance with our world class Forest Practices System.
- (6) Recognises that all forest operations in Tasmania, including native and plantation and on both public and private land, are subject to the Forest Practices System, which is enforced by Tasmania's independent Forest Practices Authority.
- (7) Further notes that there are a range of benefits provided through sustainable forest management, including fire management, pest and disease control, and the construction and maintenance of roadways that support tourist and recreational access to Tasmania's forests.
- (8) Calls on all parties in the 2025 Federal Election to commit to supporting Tasmanian jobs. (9 April 2025)

125 Mr Garland to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes:—
- (a) in February 2020, the House of Assembly Select Committee on Housing Affordability recommended "the Tasmanian Government conduct a full review of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 and reform it to take into consideration the changes in the current market with specific reference to the provisions relating to minimum standards and their enforcement, energy efficiency standards, security of tenure for tenants, rent controls, standard leases and applications, and pets"; and
 - (b) in August 2023, the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP stood beside the Prime Minister as part of a National Cabinet commitment to implementing nine reforms set out in the 'A Better Deal for Renters' "to harmonise and strengthen renters' rights across Australia".
- (2) Expresses its concern that in November 2023, the Tasmanian Housing Strategy promised that "the needs of, and protections for, long-term and life-long renters will be prioritised focusing on affordability, stability, and security" but the Housing Tasmania Strategy Action Plan 2023-27 less ambitiously committed to a review of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 to be completed by June 2027.
- (3) Acknowledges the importance and urgency of reform of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997.
- (4) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to complete a full review of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 by June 2026. (10 April 2025)

126 Mr *Bayley* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the recent salmon mass mortality event is one of the worst environmental and biosecurity failures in recent Tasmanian history.
- (2) Notes recent comments from the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Hon. Julie Collins MP on the need to strengthen the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and agrees that action needs to be taken.
- (3) Calls on the Government to strengthen the EPA by introducing legislation that:—
 - (a) establishes the EPA as a body truly independent from government, including by removing the Minister's ability to issue statements of expectations and statements of intent;
 - (b) reinstates 'protection of the environment' as a function of the EPA board;
 - (c) requires membership of the EPA Board to include a person nominated by the Aboriginal Community; and
 - (d) establishes principles to be observed, including that prevention of harm to the environment and human health is prioritised ahead of mitigation or remediation. (10 April 2025)

127 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Labor's 2024 state election policy was to 'guarantee new transmission for every wind farm developer' in Tasmania.
- (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) that in a media release on 15 November 2023, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dean Winter MP called on the Government to "ensure the North West Transmission Development gets built in its entirety, without delay".
 - (b) that in the debate on 10 April 2025, the above quote was read out, to which Mr Winter responded, "No, I never said that".
- (3) Calls on Mr Winter to correct the record. (6 May 2025)

129 Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the State's strong economic growth, with record high gross state product and the State recording the fastest annual economic growth of 3.8% according to CommSec.
- (2) Notes that Tasmania leads the nation in business confidence according to the NAB Monthly Business Survey.
- (3) Further acknowledges that the current unemployment rate of 3.9% is at an all-time low.
- (4) Further acknowledges the record-breaking retail trade figures, with Tasmania's retail trade reaching a record high of \$8.75 billion in the 12 months to March 2025.

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- (5) Commends the State's export sector for its resilience and growth, recording total international exports of \$4.6 billion in the 12 months to March 2025 – a 3.8% increase on 2024 despite a national decline of 5.7% over the same period.
- (6) Recognises Tasmania's leading position in wage growth, with the State recording the highest annual wage growth in the nation at 3.9% during 2024, outpacing the national average of 3.2%.
- (7) Notes the strength of Tasmania's hospitality sector with the highest ever statewide accommodation occupancy for the month of March 2025 of over 89% of rooms filled.
- (8) Calls on the Labor Opposition to cease undermining Tasmania's economic achievements that downplays the State's successes and erode public confidence. (6 May 2025)

130 Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP repeatedly promised the cost of the stadium would be capped at \$375 million, “and not a red cent more”.
- (2) Does not accept the Premier’s claim that borrowings by the state-owned Macquarie Point Development Corporation for the purpose of building a stadium do not count towards that cap.
- (3) Warns the Premier that a failure to be honest with the House in relation to funding for the stadium will be taken extremely seriously.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to be honest with Tasmanians, and the Parliament, and admit he has broken his promise to cap the cost of the stadium to Tasmanians at \$375 million. (6 May 2025)

131 Mr *Willie* to move—That the House orders the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Hon Eric Abetz MP to table a copy of any quantitative surveyor reports held by the Tasmanian Government or the Macquarie Point Development Corporation produced in relation to the Macquarie Point Stadium project. (6 May 2025)

135 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House has no confidence in the Premier on the following grounds:—

- (1) On the first day of the 2024 State Election campaign, the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP announced a central promise to the Tasmanian people. When it came to government funding for the stadium, he said on 7 Tasmania Nightly News, 15 February 2024 his “clear commitment is that the \$375 million will be invested and not one red cent more.”
- (2) This promise was made due to the unpopularity of the stadium with voters, with senior Liberal party campaign figure, Brad Stansfield, describing it as “the biggest pile of stinking poo in this state politically... We spent the entire campaign variously trying to polish that turd, or to cover it up and disguise”; “the biggest single drag on the Liberal campaign”; and “the main issue in this campaign” during the Fontcast on 26 March 2024.
- (3) Without this promise the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP’s chances of being re-elected as Premier would have been significantly reduced, and that he may not have been able to form government.
- (4) This promise is therefore fundamental to the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP’s position as Premier.
- (5) In making this promise, the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP had no evidence to suggest that it would be possible to achieve it – let alone any basis for making a guarantee – and was intentionally, cynically and dishonestly seeking electoral advantage.
- (6) The Premier has continued to repeat this promise without basis on dozens of occasions in Parliament including:

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- (a) Stating on 22 May 2024 “We have capped at \$375 million. Not a red cent more, if that is the right terminology, will be spent and invested into the stadium. We made that very clear at the beginning of the election campaign.”
- (b) Stating on 19 September 2024 “We are investing \$375 million in this project and not one red cent more.”
- (c) Stating during House of Assembly Budget Estimates, on 23 September 2024 “We will be investing \$375 million and the rest will be coming from private resources.”
- (d) Stating during Legislative Council Budget Estimates, 24 September 2024 “We will be investing \$375 million, Ms O’Connor. Happy to be held account to that when the time comes. The other aspects of course, we expect private investment in the Macquarie Point Precinct and stadium. Can I assure you that we have drawn a line in the sand. It will be \$375 million which we will invest once.”
- (e) On at least 15 further occasions in 2024 Budget Estimates for the House of Assembly and Legislative Council.
- (7) The Premier has now abandoned his pretence of seeking private investment for the stadium.
- (8) Other than a small contribution from the AFL and \$240 million from the Federal Government, Tasmanians will now bear the entire cost of building the stadium, including all cost overruns.
- (9) The Premier has broken the promise that secured his election – a cost cap of \$375 million for the stadium.
- (10) The Premier has spent over a year misleading Tasmanians and the Parliament about the stadium cost cap, having repeated this claim without any evidence that it could or would be achieved.
- (11) The Premier:
 - (a) lied to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and treated them with contempt by promising a Reconciliation Park at Macquarie Point and using the Mercury newspaper to announce a stadium for the site instead.
 - (b) lied to Tasmanians when he said the stadium would not be a condition of the AFL team deal.
- (12) The Premier is in clear breach of the Standing Orders and has flouted the Ministerial Code of Conduct by being dishonest and misleading with Tasmanians.
- (13) In breaking such a fundamental promise to the Tasmanian people, the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP’s integrity is in tatters, he cannot be trusted, and his position as Premier is untenable. (6 May 2025)

137 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) the Premier promised Tasmanian Government capital expenditure on the Macquarie Point stadium would be capped at \$375 million and ‘not one red cent more,’ and repeated the commitment more than 100 times;
 - (b) on ABC Radio, Minister Hon. Eric Abetz MP repeatedly claimed that the Premier was clear that his spending cap promise actually included borrowings above and beyond \$375 million; and
 - (c) the Premier couldn’t point to any instance during the 2024 election campaign where he mentioned borrowings, like his Minister stated.
- (2) Acknowledges Minister Hon. Eric Abetz MP admitted to Parliament he had misled Tasmanians on ABC Radio by asserting that the Premier had always said his promise to cap spending for his stadium at \$375 million contained the conditions ‘plus borrowings.’
- (3) Accepts:—
 - (a) by admitting this, Minister Hon. Eric Abetz MP also admitted his primary defence in maintaining the Premier didn’t break his promise was completely false;
 - (b) the cover the Liberals then tried to play in suggesting that their funding commitment always contained borrowings because it was in a 2023 business case is also completely void;

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- (c) the Premier's now infamous promise to cap spending at \$375 million 'and not a red cent more' was made months later and can only be viewed as overriding any commitments before it; and
 - (d) funding the project through the Macquarie Point Development Corporation is entirely inconsistent with this promise.
- (4) Agrees:—
- (a) the government is misleading Tasmanians about Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP's 'not a red cent more' promise; and
 - (b) Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP lied to Tasmanians. (27 May 2025)

138 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania's marine environment is currently experiencing an ongoing disaster.
- (2) Notes that the following unprecedented events have recently occurred in south-eastern marine waters:—
 - (a) successive blooms of salps (*Salpa fusiformis*), bioluminescent algae (*Noctiluca scintillans*) and moon jellyfish (*Aurelia aurita*);
 - (b) the collapse of oyster populations in Pipe Clay Lagoon;
 - (c) the salmon mass mortality crises which to date have resulted in nearly 14,000 tonnes of dead fish;
 - (d) the formerly exotic bacterium *Piscirickettsia salmonis* becoming endemic in Tasmanian waters;
 - (e) little penguins abandoning chicks due to food resource depletion caused by warming waters;
 - (f) mass death of pilchards from pilchard orthomyxovirus; and
 - (g) toxic algal blooms causing elevated levels of algal toxins in shellfish, risking human health through paralytic shellfish poisoning.
- (3) Notes with concern that Tasmania's waters are warming at a rate four times the global average.
- (4) Acknowledges that excess nutrification from agriculture, including salmon farming, has contributed to these marine crises.
- (5) Calls on the Government to strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by introducing legislation that:—
 - (a) establishes the EPA as a body truly independent from government, including by removing the Minister's ability to issue statements of expectations and statements of intent;
 - (b) reinstates 'protection of the environment' as a function of the EPA Board;
 - (c) requires membership of the EPA Board to include a person nominated by the Aboriginal Community; and
 - (d) establishes principles to be observed, including that prevention of harm to the environment and human health is prioritised ahead of mitigation or remediation. (27 May 2025)

139 Mr Willie to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) in his State of the State address, Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP notified the House of his intention to privatise government businesses to pay down debt;
 - (b) on more than one occasion the Premier has said his privatisation agenda does not include Hydro Tasmania, which he said is not for sale;
 - (c) Since the State of the State address, the Government has commissioned economist Saul Eslake to review ownership of government businesses. The review includes Entura which signals a clear intent that it is being reviewed for sale; and
 - (d) Hydro Tasmania has stated clearly that Entura is not a subsidiary but operates as a department of the Hydro-Electric Corporation under the same ABN with its own registered trading name. Entura's revenue income and profits are consolidated in the Hydro Tasmania financial statements.

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- (2) Censures Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP for making misleading statements in the House and calls on him to withdraw Entura from the privatisation review. (27 May 2025)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*