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NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 38

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 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)

95 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the vital work of Tasmania's Integrity Commission in holding public officers to account and upholding high standards of ethical conduct in public office.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) Tasmania's Integrity Commission was subject to a substantial, independent review by former Justice William Cox in 2016, with 151 evidence-based recommendations, only six of which have been implemented;
 - (b) the extra responsibilities and legislative changes needed to the Integrity Commission as a result of the Commission of Inquiry into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and the Independent Weiss Review; and
 - (c) the assertion under oath by Chief Commissioner, Greg Mellick AO, that the Integrity Commission is not sufficiently funded to effectively undertake all its statutory duties.
- (3) Understands Tasmania's Integrity Commission is the lowest funded integrity body in the country.
- (4) Agrees another review is not required to strengthen the capacity of the Integrity Commission.
- (5) Supports significantly increased funding for the Commission and updating of the Integrity Commission Act 2009 in line with the Cox Review, Commission of Inquiry and Weiss Review recommendations.
- (6) Calls on the Rockliff minority Government to uphold the spirit of its agreement with former JLN members and ensure the Integrity Commission is appropriately resourced and its legislation reformed. (4 March 2025)

96 Ms *Johnston* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Orders the Treasurer. Hon. Guy Barnett MP to make a statement to the House within 30 days of the release of a Budget Paper or Revised Estimate Report detailing the actions it will take in the following 12 months to meet the targets over the forward estimates, should the Budget Papers and/or the Revised Estimates Report show the Government has not met or will not meet one or more of its fiscal targets during any of the financial years for which Forward Estimates are provided.
- (2) Calls on the Treasurer to fund within the 2025/2026 Budget the establishment of a parliamentary budget office.

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- (3) As a matter of urgency, calls on the Treasurer to table in the House a Bill to amend the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act in accordance with the recommendations contained in the 'Eslake Report' "Independent Review of Tasmania's State Finances".
- (4) Further calls on the Government to implement by the end of 2025 the recommendations from the Integrity Commission Paper 2: 'Grant Commitments in Election Campaigns' to ensure election commitments of public money are efficient, effective, economical and ethical. (11 March 2025)

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:—

- (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:—

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- (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)
- 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.

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- (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)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*