



# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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## NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 42

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020

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- 254** The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges the incredible efforts and sacrifice of our volunteers and emergency services personnel this bushfire season.
  - (2) Pays tribute to the 33 people who have lost their lives from bushfires in the 2019-20 season and offers condolences to their families and friends and their communities.
  - (3) Notes that nine of those were brave firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their communities including three volunteer New South Wales Rural Fire Service firefighters, three United States aerial firefighting tanker crew, two Forest Fire Management Victoria firefighters and one Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning firefighter.
  - (4) Further notes that it was with great honour and humility that the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management represented the Tasmanian Government at the NSW State Memorial Service on 23 February 2020 to pay tribute to the people who lost their lives during the unprecedented NSW bushfire season. (3 March 2020)
- 255** The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the bravery and dedication of Tasmania Fire Service and State Emergency Service personnel who were deployed in Tasmania, and also interstate over the 2019-20 bushfire season.
  - (2) Notes that over a five month period, 576 Tasmanian firefighters were deployed to New South Wales, Queensland, the ACT, and Victoria and these included TFS volunteers, career firefighters, Parks and Wildlife staff, and Sustainable Timber Tasmania staff.
  - (3) Further notes that Tasmanians were deployed to South Australia as part of the Australian Defence Force reserve call out.
  - (4) Thanks all those for volunteering to keep people safe in their own communities, and also in communities right across the country. (3 March 2020)
- 256** The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the leadership and staff of the Tasmania Fire Service over the 2019-20 fire season.
  - (2) Notes that under the Chief Officer, the Tasmania Fire Service was well prepared for the 2019-20 bushfire season helping the State to avoid catastrophic impacts, despite there being multiple hot days equal to or worse than 1967.
  - (3) Further notes that due to strong community engagement and evolving emergency management practices based on historic reviews, there has been no loss of life in Tasmania from bushfires, and only minimal property loss in the past two years.
  - (4) Thanks all fire agency personnel for their magnificent efforts to keep Tasmanians safe and urges all Tasmanians to use the cooler months to plan and prepare for the next bushfire season. (3 March 2020)

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**257** Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the recent Select Committee report on Housing Affordability.
- (2) Recognises the tightening of the rental market affects 1 in 4 households.
- (3) Further notes that the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP:—
  - (a) has not acknowledged the report or any of the 61 recommendations; and
  - (b) promised Tasmanians 2,400 new homes over 8 years and has delivered only 585 new homes in 6 years.
- (4) Further recognises the Select Committee report includes six recommendations in relation to short stay accommodation (SSA), including that the Tasmania Government:—
  - (a) develops a more sophisticated and flexible approach to regulating the SSA sector in areas of high demand for affordable housing; and
  - (b) examine evidence in support of placing a cap on the number of nights that properties can be used for SSA in the Hobart area and other parts of Tasmania where there has been a shift towards SSA at the expense of long-term rentals.
- (5) Calls upon the Government to act immediately on recommendation 8 of the Inquiry: The Committee recommends the Tasmanian Government place a freeze on the number of short stay accommodation permits that can be issued for entire dwellings in areas of high demand for rental housing until market conditions ease. (3 March 2020)

**258** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the hydrotherapy pool at the Glenorchy KGV facility has increased its pricing 4 fold in recent months, resulting in groups such as Arthritis Tasmania no longer able to continue to provide easily affordable and accessible services to its members.
- (2) Agrees as the hydrotherapy pool in question is publicly funded, and should be accessible to those community members who need it most, not limited to, but including, those living with disability and the elderly.
- (3) Recognises the incredible work of groups such as Arthritis Tasmania to support and improve the lives of people living with debilitating conditions, and their vital importance and value in our communities.
- (4) Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon. Sarah Courtney MP to investigate this issue, and commit to working with Glenorchy City Council to ensure the hydrotherapy pool at KGV is made financially and logistically accessible to groups such as Arthritis Tasmania and the people they support. (3 March 2020)

**259** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House notes that:—

- (1) The Tasmanian Parliament has a strong history of condemning family violence.
- (2) The comments by Order of Australian recipient Ms Bettina Arndt in relation to the murder of a woman and her children that ‘keeping an open mind and awaiting proper evidence, including the possibility that Rowan Baxter may have been driven too far’ have been condemned by survivors, advocate and parliaments around Australia.
- (3) The history of commentary by Ms Arndt includes shaming of victims, public sympathies with paedophiles and that her views on sexual violence should not be endorsed on a national stage.
- (4) That violence and the condoning of violence are unacceptable.
- (5) The Order of Australia is an honour that is bestowed with great privilege and brings with it responsibility.
- (6) The bestowing of an Order of Australia brings with it tacit approval for the comments and actions of the recipient.
- (7) The selection of recipients of an Order of Australia should not bring either the award or her Majesty the Queen into disrepute.
- (8) This House joins with survivors and advocates to call on the Council of the Order of Australia consider cancellation of Ms Arndt ‘s Order of Australia. (3 March 2020)

**260** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Liberals’ Expressions of Interest for private developments in public protected lands is privatising public land and alienating Tasmanians from places they treasure.

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- (2) Acknowledges that since the Liberal Government came into power in 2014, the number of exclusive leases over protected areas has doubled to 136.
- (3) Understands that since 2014, the number of licences to operate on National Parks and reserves has increased from 152 to 515.
- (4) Recognises the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has written to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee raising significant concerns about the Lake Malbena proposal.
- (5) Further notes the Australian Heritage Council warned bureaucrats the sound of helicopters accessing Lake Malbena in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park would compromise the wilderness values crucial to the area's internationally recognised World Heritage status.
- (6) Further notes the comments of Deputy Secretary of Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment, Jason Jacobi, that his department has “absolutely” helped tourism proponents through the EOI process.
- (7) Reaffirms the longstanding role of DPIPW and the Parks and Wildlife Service as a land manager, whose primary objective is the protection and management of public land.
- (8) Condemns the EOI process being facilitated through the Office of the Coordinator General.
- (9) Laments the Liberals’ politicisation of the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service which has diminished its public standing as an agency that once prioritised the protection of natural and cultural values over commercial development. (3 March 2020)

**261** Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that, within 24 hours of the Gutwein Government using WorkSafe Tasmania to target peaceful protesters in the takayna/Tarkine, pro-logging thugs violently attacked those same protesters.
- (2) Acknowledges it was only by chance that nobody was hurt when a car with three forest protesters inside it was repeatedly and violently rammed.
- (3) Further notes the takayna/Tarkine forest camp was also vandalised in May 2019.
- (4) Recognises the dog whistling and demonisation of Tasmanians who are defending ancient forests has given license to thuggery.
- (5) Understands the Liberals’ escalation of forest logging and devotion to the politics of division has consequences.
- (6) Further notes with shame that Liberal Members of Parliament have refused to condemn this violent behaviour.
- (7) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP to urgently condemn all violence against individuals protesting in Tasmania’s forests to prevent further attacks on peaceful protesters. (3 March 2020)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*