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279 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the 2020 Telstra Business Women's Awards have been announced today, 30 April 2020.
- (2) Notes that 2020 celebrates 25 years of these Awards. For a quarter of a century, the Awards program has recognised outstanding women, helped progress their careers and business ideas.
- (3) Joins with me to congratulate Margaret Williams, CEO of Media Park residential care facility in St Helens, who has been named the 2020 Telstra Tasmanian Woman of the Year.
- (4) Further congratulates all of the Tasmanian winners as follows:—
 - (a) Alison Flakemore, Director Alison's Garden and Landscape in Lindisfarne, is the Small Business award winner;
 - (b) Lisa McConnon, General Manager, Corporate Services Enwave Australia in St Leonards, is the Medium & Large Business award winner;
 - (c) Catherine Murdoch, Executive Director Northern Cities at Tas OCG, is the Public Sector & Academia award winner; and
 - (d) Rachel Vasicek, Creative Director at Francesca in Hobart, is the Emerging Leader award winner.
- (5) Understands that the state and territory awards ceremonies were scheduled to take place in March 2020. Thankfully, the awards themselves were still able to proceed, resulting in some very worthy recipients.
- (6) Thanks and congratulates all women who were nominated for the Awards who are demonstrating outstanding leadership in their fields, and who are transforming the way we do business in Tasmania. (30 April 2020)

280 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Pays tribute to the seven year legacy of the Launceston Airport outgoing General Manager, Paul Hodgen.
- (2) Highlights the significant contributions Paul has made during his tenure. In particular, the overseeing of major infrastructure projects including the construction of a new entrance and car parks, the resurfacing of the runway and the reconfiguration of the terminal which has delivered improved screening facilities and an award-winning dining and shopping precinct.
- (3) Further highlights that under Paul's leadership, the Launceston Airport has been an award winning airport, winning gold in 2017 and 2018 in the Airports Association National Industry Awards and in the Tasmanian Tourism Awards in 2018 and 2019.
- (4) Recognises the contribution Paul has made in providing Launceston with an airport it can be truly proud of and one that is now recognised as a stand out regional airport.
- (5) Thanks Paul for his dedication to the aviation industry over the past 42 years and for his valuable contribution to the Launceston community during the past seven years. (30 April 2020)

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281 Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that COVID-19 has had a significant and devastating impact on the Tasmanian business community.
- (2) Recognises that Tasmania has the capacity to manage the health and safety of Tasmanians as well as building a pathway to recovery.
- (3) Agrees that economic recovery efforts should be led by Tasmanian businesses and supported by Government.
- (4) Further agrees that an economic recovery taskforce, led by business with an independent chair is essential to enable to Tasmania to recover as strongly as possible. (30 April 2020)

282 Ms *Ogilvie* 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 preventative health policies in Tasmania with particular reference to:—
 - (a) the progress of the Healthy Tasmania: Five Year Strategic Plan tabled in July 2016;
 - (b) the effectiveness of existing policies aimed at mitigating the health effects of key risk factors including obesity, smoking, alcohol, poor nutrition and low physical activity levels;
 - (c) new and emerging preventative health research, techniques, programs and initiatives successfully operating in other jurisdictions that could be effective in improving the health of Tasmanians; and
 - (d) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of six members, being: two from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House; two from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; one from the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and the Independent Member for Clark.
- (3) The Committee report by 28 February 2021 and should the House not be sitting, a report may be presented to the Speaker of the House, or in her absence, the Chair of Committees, any report so presented is taken to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed. (30 April 2020)

283 Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the global pandemic has caused not just a health crisis, but also an economic crisis.
- (2) Acknowledges that it is essential that we consider what our economic future should look like.
- (3) Recognises that self-sustainability is critical for Tasmania.
- (4) Understands that Tasmania has an opportunity to look at all of our supply chains, to consider whether we are able to do better.
- (5) Further understands that too often we make a procurement decision based on price alone, but we know there is a substantial issue with modern slavery in supply chains that is not visible, but keeps price low.
- (6) Further recognises that exploitation may be detected in garment manufacturing, technology, solar, food and plastics inputs.
- (7) Agrees that we have the opportunity to innovate and clean up our supply chains, to eradicate elements of exploitation, and to re-create a sustainable Tasmanian economy. (30 April 2020)

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

- (1) Recognises the COVID-19 epidemic has caused profound global economic and social upheaval.
- (2) Acknowledges the need for significant public and private investment after the global lock-downs are eased to aid economic and societal recovery.
- (3) Agrees a return to business-as-usual is neither possible nor desirable.
- (4) Further agrees there will be an opportunity to invest in socially, environmentally and climate positive industries.
- (5) Further agrees the growth industries of the future are in reskilling, restoration, reforestation and landscape repair; in sustainable design and construction; in resource

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reuse and manufacturing; in the caring sectors; in the arts; and in strong, effective public services that are well resourced and equitably delivered.

- (6) Further recognises the growing global momentum for rolling out Green New Deals as the economic stimulus measure needed to deliver essential environmental and social outcomes.
- (7) Commits to working collaboratively in the spirit of the emergency response to develop a post-COVID plan for Tasmania that is both sustainable and just for all Tasmanians. (30 April 2020)

285 Ms O'Connor to move—That:—

- (1) A Joint Select Committee, to be known as the COVID-19 Response Committee, be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time, to inquire into and report upon:-
 - (a) all matters relating to COVID-19;
 - (b) the Government's management of the COVID-19 epidemic; and
 - (c) any matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House be three, being: one nominated by the Leader of the House; one nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business; and one nominated by the Leader of Tasmanian Greens Business.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 June 2021 and should either House not be sitting, any report may be presented to either the President of the Legislative Council or the Speaker of the House of Assembly and any report so presented, is taken to have been presented to both Houses and ordered to be printed.. (30 April 2020)

286 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House calls upon either the Honourable Member for Franklin, Hon. Nic Street MP, or the Honourable Member for Lyons, Hon. John Tucker MP, to resign from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation to cause a vacancy that may be filled by the Honourable Member for Clark, Hon. Cassy O'Connor MP. (6 May 2020)

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

- (1) Notes Tasmania's public forests belong to the people of Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges the leatherwood tree is found nowhere else in the world but Tasmania.
- (3) Recognises as the climate heats, vegetation dries out and fire becomes more prevalent in the landscape, with burnt rainforest or wet sclerophyll areas regenerating as dry sclerophyll.
- (4) Understands that the 2019 bushfires caused significant loss of leatherwood, severely impacting Tasmanian honey producers.
- (5) Further acknowledges that as a result of those bushfires, Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) signed an Memorandum of Understanding with beekeepers to protect significant leatherwood coupes from logging.
- (6) Further notes that Smithton apiarist, Rodney Smith, has had his honey resource and ongoing income impacted by the logging in coupe ME008B, which has continued despite the MOU signed by STT.
- (7) Accepts that for the leatherwood honey industry to continue in warming climate and drying landscape, it needs the support of government and access to a secure, standing leatherwood forest resource.
- (8) Calls on the Minister for Resources and Primary Industries to not only recommit to the MOU with beekeepers to protect Tasmania's finite and dwindling leatherwood resource, but expand that to include an agreement not to burn logged coupes that contain any leatherwood. (6 May 2020)

288 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes COVID-19 has dramatically affected the lives of Tasmanians, particularly in Braddon, through the quarantining of thousands of people, the deaths of 13 Tasmanians and the impact on retail business, tourism and hospitality, borders as well as from home isolation and the effects of social distancing.
- (2) Recognises the high level of compliance by Tasmanians to the 'stay home and save lives' message and the commitment and support for frontline workers including the

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ADF/Ausmat teams brought to Burnie to enable the deep clean of the two hospitals, re-establishment of services and delivery during the furlough of hospital staff.

- (3) Thanks all frontline workers for their contributions to the care and recovery of the State during these times but especially those who took on extra workloads as a result of the closures of the NW hospitals.
- (4) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Liberal Governments' focus on whole-of-state recovery including the steadfast and measured approach to managing the medical effects of COVID-19 along with the foresight to prime Tasmania for its economic resurgence.
- (5) Further notes the Governments emphasis on a return to economic prosperity by supporting a considered hibernation plan and rebuild.
- (6) Congratulates the Premier Hon. Peter Gutwein MP and the Liberal Government on their strength in leadership, decisive early response to issues and taking expert Tasmanian-specific advice. (6 May 2020)

289 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the International Day of the Midwife was held on 5 March 2020, which recognises and celebrates the important role midwives play and the essential care they provide in our community.
- (2) Further notes the 2020 theme is 'celebrate, demonstrate, mobilise and unite', which focuses on how midwives and women can partner together to mobilise and unite toward a shared goal of gender equality.
- (3) Acknowledges the vital and important work that midwives deliver every day, particularly the significant role they have in improving the health and wellbeing of Tasmanian women.
- (4) Recognises that the celebration is even more significant in 2020 as the World Health Organisation has designated 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.
- (5) Highlights the International Confederation of Midwives has called on Midwives to become gender champions within their communities and to become stronger partners with women, as protectors and defenders of women's rights.
- (6) Thanks all Tasmanian midwives for their dedication and commitment to Tasmanian women and the community at large. (6 May 2020)

290 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Neighbourhood House Week is being held over 8 - 15 May 2020, with the 2020 theme focussing on Loneliness: the solution is community.
- (2) Notes that one in four Australians are lonely, and this is even higher in some age groups. As humans we thrive on social connection and companionship, when we don't receive this regularly we become lonely and this can have a negative impact on our mental health, physical health and overall happiness and sense of purpose in the world.
- (3) Further notes a quarter of Australians feel lonely on a regular basis, and similar statistics are being found across the world with experts now calling it the "loneliness epidemic".
- (4) Acknowledges the work that Neighbourhood Houses and Centres do across Australia, providing safe, welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect with communities, form friendships and become involved in community projects, programs and groups.
- (5) Encourages people who are feeling lonely or isolated to get in touch with your nearby Neighbourhood House or Centre, to have a friendly chat and see how you can get involved in the programs that are offered. (6 May 2020)

291 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Pays tribute to Neil Grose, the outgoing Executive Officer for the Launceston Chamber of Commerce.
- (2) Recognises the significant contribution Neil has made during his tenure, with his extensive business knowledge as well as his strong relationship building skills that have strengthened the Launceston business community.
- (3) Acknowledges that under Neil's proactive and innovative leadership the Launceston Chamber of Commerce has successfully delivered important projects and campaigns

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that have benefited the city of Launceston in areas such as design quality in the built environment, inner city living, population attraction and skilled migration.

- (4) Further acknowledges the significant contribution Neil has made towards promoting strong economic growth including his contribution to the Launceston City Deal and through his role as Chairman of the Community and Business Advisory Group.
- (5) Thanks and congratulates Neil for his dedication to the Launceston Chamber of Commerce and Launceston business community over the past 3 years, and wish him well in his new role as Manager of Business and Economic Recovery at the Meander Valley Council. (6 May 2020)

292 Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the future of Tasmanian creative industries is at stake and that more must be done to provide immediate support to Tasmanian creative organisations and individuals to sustain employment and develop new works.
- (2) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Arts Sector supports 5000 jobs and contributes \$127m to the Tasmanian economy.
- (3) Recognises that the Government is not doing enough to protect Tasmania's Creative and Cultural Industries and that the recent \$1.5M stimulus package announced by the Government is inadequate.
- (4) Understands that new analysis by Deloitte Access Economics estimates the Australian Arts and recreation industries have lost \$6.5 billion in wages and profits since 1 April , 2020 and that data released in June 2020 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) indicates that the Arts and Recreation industry is the hardest hit by Covid-19. Only 47% of Arts and Recreation businesses remain trading.
- (5) Further acknowledges the State Government's investment in building digital and screen capacity however, notes the Government's limited investment in education, equipment and infrastructure in this area. The available grants are inadequate.
- (6) Further notes that other jurisdictions have recognised the vital economic and social importance of Arts and Culture and have released support packages accordingly. NSW have announced \$50M in support, Victoria has invested \$19M in support.
- (7) Calls on the Minister or the Arts, Hon. Elise Archer MP to release the 'Cultural and Creative Arts Strategy 2019 and beyond' detailing the forward strategy, direction, and initiatives to be delivered to support the Tasmanian Creative Cultural sector. (3 June 2020)

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

- (1) Notes the landmark Federal Court decision in *Friends of Leadbeater's Possum V VicForests*, handed down on 26 May 2020.
- (2) Further notes the judgment confirms that if the State is not delivering protection for threatened and endangered species, it is not exempt from national environment law.
- (3) Agrees Justice Mortimer's decision, that logging operations in Victoria are not exempt from S.38 threatened species provisions in the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999, places a large question mark over native forest logging in Tasmania.
- (4) Accepts the evidence of independent scientists and the Forest Stewardship Council confirming native forest logging in Tasmania is destroying critical habitat and driving species such as the swift parrot, masked owl and giant wedge-tailed eagle to extinction.
- (5) Further agrees the Regional Forest Agreement, signed between the industry and State and Federal Governments, is a primary vehicle for habitat loss and biodiversity decline.
- (6) Further notes with ongoing concern the Tasmanian Government's failure to fund and deliver threatened species recovery plans is compounding the threat of species' extinction.
- (7) Puts the Tasmanian native forest logging industry and its political enablers on notice that courts, scientists and civil society will continue to expose the industry's crimes against nature. (3 June 2020)

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

- (1) Commends the Gutwein Government for working with the Greens and the community sector to implement a freeze on residential rent increases and a moratorium on residential evictions, and for the establishment of a Rent Relief Fund.

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- (2) Acknowledges the COVID-19 response has included additional money for organisations supporting homeless Tasmanians.
- (3) Recognises that despite their best efforts, homelessness services do not have the capacity to cope with the number of Tasmanians without a home.
- (4) Understands many people are still being forced to sleep rough around Tasmania.
- (5) Further understands the situation for those sleeping rough is always very difficult, but will become even harder now that winter has arrived.
- (6) Urges the Government to immediately act to provide safe and secure shelter to all homeless Tasmanians. (3 June 2020)

295 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Jake Blokker on recently receiving the prestigious 2020 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice Award.
- (2) Notes his employer, Adam Ritson of AJR Construction, nominated Jake for the Award because he recognised Jake's incredible work ethic, attention to detail, exceptional progress in all areas from workmanship to client communications and his blossoming leadership skills which together exemplified the highest standards for a young apprentice.
- (3) Acknowledges Tasmania's need for talented tradesmen, like Jake, especially as we recover from COVID-19. His talent will help to put Tasmania on the map for innovation and an attractive option for investment in construction opportunities.
- (4) Further notes the unique work experience Jake participated in while working in the Tasman National Park on the Three Capes eco-tourism lodges over 2019-2020. Jake is recorded as saying this award winning architectural designed project ignited his passion for the out-of-the-ordinary building projects.
- (5) Wishes Jake great success in his future building career and for a continuation of the quality of learning, workmanship, adventure and challenges enjoyed so far as this bodes well for the Tasmanian construction industry to have people of this exceptional standard as our young leaders.
- (6) Further congratulates Jake on his recognition and achievements. (3 June 2020)

296 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns Labor's dithering plans for the social and economic direction of Tasmania, frequently changing their calls during the crucial emergency period of the COVID-19 pandemic to suit their political agenda.
- (2) Records Labor's call for complete shutdown of the entire State without any thought to the economic aftermath or recovery, followed by demands for selected industries to be re-opened with no plan or public health advice.
- (3) Acknowledges the anxiety and trepidation within the community, as the State faced economic and social restrictions due to COVID-19. Labor's flip-flops and fear mongering only aided in creating more anxiety, when support for the Government would have calmed the community.
- (4) Notes Braddon has been impacted far greater than the rest of the State, due to the need for Level 4 lockdown and its high percentage of people employed in the hard hit tourism and hospitality industry.
- (5) Further notes calls by Braddon's Labor members to endorse their 'North West Support Package' made up of projects funded, planned and previously announced by the Gutwein Liberal Government, again highlights the lazy Labor we have known for seven years.
- (6) Congratulates the Gutwein Liberal Government for its unwavering commitment to Tasmania's successful road to recovery, through unprecedented infrastructure spending on projects like the Bass Highway upgrades west of Wynyard, the coastal pathway, affordable houses, school upgrades and importantly our strong buy local/employ local messages. (3 June 2020)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*