



TASMANIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2019 - 2020

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1 COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise them as the traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 PAPERS.**— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
- (1) Report of the Auditor-General No. 3 of 2020-21 – Expressions of Interest for tourism investment opportunities. Dated 22 September 2020.
 - (2) Land Acquisition Act 1993: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 1168m² and 381m² situate in Tasman Highway Great Eastern Drive – Entrance to Spiky Beach, Municipal area of Glamorgan-Spring Bay.
- 5 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020.**— Mr *Dean* presented a Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts Annual Report 2019-2020.
- Ordered*, That the Report be received. (Mr *Dean*)
- Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Mr *Dean*)
- 6 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.**— The President advised the Chamber of six Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —
- (1) Dr *Seidel* – Huon Primary School launch into learning – early years learning program;
 - (2) Ms *Siejka* – Legacy;
 - (3) Ms *Armitage* – Positive effects of dancing on Launceston’s elderly population;
 - (4) Ms *Palmer* – Taking a Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes! – Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of West Tamar Saturday 26th September 2020;
 - (5) Ms *Forrest* – Vice Admiral Ian MacDougall; and
 - (6) Mr *Willie* – Speak UP! Stay ChatTY and founder, Mitch McPherson.
- At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.
- 7 INTERGITY COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 OF 2017 FOX FREE TASKFORCE AND FOX ERADICATION PROGRAM.**— A Motion was made (Mr *Dean*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Integrity Commission No 4 of 2017: An investigation into allegations of misconduct in the Fox Free Taskforce and Fox Eradication Program, be considered and noted.
- A Debate arose thereupon.
- 8 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

9 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were eight Questions asked.

10 INTERGITY COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 OF 2017 FOX FREE TASKFORCE AND FOX ERADICATION PROGRAM.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Integrity Commission No 4 of 2017: An investigation into allegations of misconduct in the Fox Free Taskforce and Fox Eradication Program, be considered and noted.

Ordered, That Mr *Valentine* have leave to Table an article by D. Obendorf et al titled “Opportunistically Acquired Evidence is Unsuitable Data to Model Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) Distribution in Tasmania” and have the article incorporated into the Hansard record.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

11 BILL NO. 30.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the End-of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole Council tomorrow. (Mr *Gaffney*)

12 BILL NO. 34.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Economic Regulators Act 2009*, the *Passenger Transport Services Act 2011* and the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008*’,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

13 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was put, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock am on Wednesday, 23 September 2020.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 6.38 o'clock p.m.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council.*

Briefing:

- *End-of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020*