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# **NOTICES OF MOTION**

No. 29

## THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024

## **Notices of Motion**

- Mr Garland to move—That the House:—
  - Notes that the future of renewable energy development in Tasmania is complex and requires well planned community consultation by the State Government.
  - (2) Further notes:—
    - (a) on 27 June 2024, at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) building in Burnie, at the ReCFIT community consultation regarding the proposed northwest renewable energy zone (REZ), there were several calls for the Minister for Energy and Renewable, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC to travel to Burnie and be available to answer questions from the community;
    - (b) following separate invitations from Advance West North West (AWNW), whose members include Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN) and West Coast Renewables, Minister Duigan attended the Burnie Club, in Burnie in person on 11 July 2024 to speak to AWNW members;
    - (c) on 1 August 2024, Minister Duigan, participated in a meeting with the Circular Head Awareness Network via video;
    - (d) on 1, 6 and 19 August 2024, the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC was invited by the Member for Braddon, Mr Craig Garland MP to meet with the northwest community on 1 September 2024, at the Burnie Town Hall; and
    - (c) The Minister did not attend the Burnie Town Hall on 1 September 2024.
  - Calls on the Minister for Energy and Renewable, Hon. Nick Duigan MLC, prior to the tabling in Parliament of the Energy Co-ordination and Planning Amendment (Renewable Energy Zones) Bill 2024, to come to Burnie to speak with residents in the proposed northwest REZ, at a convenient time for the public and at a venue large enough to accommodation all who want to attend. (10 September 2024)
- Mr Garland to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges the ongoing redevelopment at Montello Primary School, initially allocated \$7 million in 2021 and later increased to \$9.95 million, has not met the community needs.
  - (2) Notes significant concerns from the Montello Primary School community about incomplete and substandard facilities due to budget cuts around the removal of:—
    - (a) disability-compliant features and some safety improvements;
    - (b) aspects of the early childhood playground;
    - (c) complete basketball court resurfacing;
    - (d) doors and walls in the upper primary classrooms; and
    - (e) window replacements along a large section of the north facing wall.
  - (3) Recognises that the project's current funding is insufficient to address these issues, leading to frustration among parents and school staff who have advocated for a more comprehensive solution, including up to \$20 million for Montello Primary redevelopment.
  - (4) Calls on the Treasurer, Hon Michael Ferguson MP and Minister for Education, Hon. Jo Palmer MLC to:—

- (a) immediately review the adequacy of the funds allocated to the Montello Primary redevelopment;
- (b) allocate additional funding to ensure that all critical aspects of the redevelopment, including disability access and safety features, are fully addressed; and
- (c) provide a detailed plan for how the additional funds will be used to complete the project to a high standard. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Notes the Deputy Premier, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, has routinely mismanaged portfolios for which he has had responsibility. These include:—
  - (a) the Health portfolio, where he oversaw significant deterioration in the performance of Tasmania's health system, and from which he was removed in 2019:
  - (b) the Transport portfolio, where he oversaw the cancellation of 180 bus services and from which he was removed in April 2024;
  - (c) the Infrastructure portfolio, where he oversaw massive cost blowouts, delays and the debacle with the new Spirits project and from which he was forced to resign in August 2024; and
  - (d) the Treasury portfolio, where he has delivered the worst budget deficit in Tasmania's history, nearly five times worse than at the height of COVID.
- (2) Further notes the Deputy Premier has repeatedly misled Parliament in relation to the new Spirits project, in clear breach of his ongoing duties under the Ministerial Code of Conduct, while retaining his role as a Shareholder Minister with oversight responsibility for TT-Line and TasPorts.
- (3) Believes his conduct amounts to dishonesty, malfeasance and serious misbehaviour and the House therefore has no confidence in the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP. (10 September 2024)

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

- (1) Notes that Tasmania has been hit by extreme weather from the end of August 2024, which has led to significant damage from destructive winds and flooding across the State.
- (2) Recognises that thousands of Tasmanians have been impacted by power outages, with many still without power.
- (3) Acknowledges our valuable emergency services, volunteers and TasNetworks staff who have worked tirelessly to keep Tasmanians safe.
- (4) Further recognises that more than \$3 million in emergency grants has been distributed to support Tasmanians impacted by the recent storms and flooding.
- (5) Further notes:—
  - (a) that this includes an Emergency Food Grant Fund providing \$350 payments for households across the State that have been impacted by power outages for at least 72 hours.
  - (b) that this also includes grants of \$255,000 to Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania and \$50,000 each to Foodbank Tasmania and Loaves and Fishes Tasmania to assist with immediate food and water relief to impacted communities.
- (6) Further acknowledges that Long-term recovery from natural disasters requires sustained effort and the Tasmanian Government will continue to work closely with Local and Federal Government, and non-government organisations to support those who need it. (10 September 2024)

#### 58 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Maugean skate (Zearaja naugeana) is an iconic Tasmanian endemic species that has lived in the waters of Macquarie Harbour for millions of years.
- (2) Notes with concern the nomination to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to update the listing of the Maugean skate from endangered to critically endangered.
- (3) Further recognises the ongoing work of the University of Tasmania (UTAS), the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Science, the CSIRO, and the Tasmanian Department of Natural Resources and Environment that has documented the decline in population

- of the Maugean skate since 2014 due to a reduction in dissolved oxygen levels in Macquarie Harbour.
- (4) Further recognises that the overwhelming body of independent scientific evidence has found a correlation between the reduction in dissolved oxygen levels and an increase in salmonid aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour.
- (5) Further notes with concern the Government's decision to review the population viability analysis of the Maugean skate based solely on the results of an industry-funded report.
- (6) Calls on the Government to cease salmonid aquaculture in Macquarie Harbour and ensure pens are removed at the latest by this coming summer 2024. (10 September 2024)
- Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises the extreme wind and flood events that swept across Tasmania from 24 August 2024 have caused immense destruction and community upheaval.
  - (2) Acknowledges and thanks the incredible work of the SES volunteers, with local government, police and community members who worked tirelessly to keep people safe and protect property.
  - (3) Notes:—
    - (a) many thousands of Tasmanians were left without power for long periods, and some have still not been reconnected; and
    - (b) the damage that has occurred to bridges, roads and other community and public infrastructure will take months, possibly years, to remedy and will incur significant financial costs.
  - (4) Further acknowledges that preparing for, and striving to mitigate, extreme climate events, which will intensify and increase in frequency, should be the top of the Government's priority list.
  - (5) Further notes with dismay the Rockliff Government's decision to remove the Climate Change portfolio from Cabinet after the recent state election.
  - (6) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to reinstate climate change as a Government portfolio, and to re-establish a Climate Advisory Council to plan for and mitigate the catastrophic effects of climate change. (10 September 2024)
- 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)
- The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises the importance of World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2024 and R U OK Day on 12 September 2024, which remind us to be kind to each other, to reach out to others in times of disruption and distress, and to help build hope for the future
  - (2) Emphasises that suicide is a preventable, whole-of-government, whole-of-community issue.
  - (3) Notes:—
    - (a) the most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows 87 Tasmanians died by suicide in 2022, who each had people who loved and cared about them and now miss them and grieve their loss; and
    - (b) the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023-2027 is supported by implementation plans, with the second implementation plan currently out for public consultation.
  - (4) Acknowledges the second Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Strategy implementation plan will continue targeted actions and activities over the next 18 months, including scoping the development of a Suicide Prevention Act for Tasmania.
  - (5) Encourages all Tasmanians to have their say on the second implementation plan to shape the next steps we will take to improve suicide awareness and prevention in Tasmania.
  - (6) Urges Tasmanians who need support to contact A Tasmanian Lifeline by calling 1800 98 44 34 or calling Lifeline's crisis line on 13 11 14. (10 September 2024)

- The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges Dementia Action Week, a critical time to raise awareness of dementia in Australia, held from 16 22 September 2024.
  - (2) Recognises the significant impact dementia has on the Tasmanian community, with over 10,000 Tasmanians currently living with the condition, a number expected to double by 2050.
  - (3) Commends:—
    - (a) the efforts of Dementia Australia, local healthcare providers, and support organisations across Tasmania for their continued work in providing care, support, and education to those affected by dementia and their families; and
    - (b) the Tasmanian Government to continue its commitment to dementia research, early diagnosis initiatives, and the development of dementia-friendly communities to ensure that Tasmania remains at the forefront of dementia care in Australia.
  - (4) Supports the theme of Dementia Action Week 2024, "Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future," and encourages all Tasmanians to take part in creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for those living with dementia.
  - (5) Urges all Members of this House to promote awareness of dementia and to advocate for improved services and support for all Tasmanians affected by this condition. (10 September 2024)
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Australian Defence Force's deployment to East Timor, recognising it as a significant event in our nation's history.
  - (2) Acknowledges the profound importance of this deployment to many Australians, particularly those contributions from Tasmania who served with distinction.
  - (3) Reflects on the broader significance of Peacekeepers Day, observed on the 14th September 2024, as a day to honour all Australians who have served in United Nations peacekeeping missions worldwide, including those in East Timor.
  - (4) Recognises:—
    - (a) the critical role played by the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET), under Australia's leadership, in restoring peace, protecting civilians, and providing humanitarian aid in East Timor during a period of violence and instability in 1999;
    - (b) the sacrifices made by peacekeepers and their families, recognising the often dangerous and demanding nature of peacekeeping work and its impact on their lives; and
    - (c) Australia's role as a global leader in international peace and security, and commends the service of Tasmanian veterans and their counterparts across the nation for exemplifying Australian values of courage, resilience, and a commitment to justice and humanity.
  - (5) Emphasises the importance of preserving the stories of those who served in East Timor, ensuring that future generations understand the sacrifices made and the lessons learned.
  - (6) Expresses the House's deepest gratitude to all those who served as peacekeepers with special recognition for Tasmanian veterans, and reaffirms the commitment to honouring their legacy and providing ongoing support. (10 September 2024)
- The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges:—
    - (a) the anniversary of the *Battle of Britain*, fought between July and October 1940, as one of the pivotal moments in World War II, where Allied forces, led by the Royal Air Force (RAF), successfully defended the United Kingdom against large-scale attacks by Nazi Germany's Luftwaffe; and
    - (b) the commemorative ceremonies held across Australia, including those, on the 15 September 2024 in Tasmania, to pay tribute to the men and women who fought in the Battle of Britain.
  - (2) Recognises:
    - the bravery and sacrifice of Tasmanian, 23-year-old Flight Commander Stuart Walch who served with the 238 Squadron. Before his death, Flight Commander Walch led several successful raids against the Luftwaffe;

- (b) the contributions of the Australian men and women who served in the Battle of Britain, noting that Australians, including pilots, aircrew and ground staff, played a crucial role in this air conflict; and
- (c) the ongoing importance of remembering and educating future generations about Australia's contributions to the Allied war effort, including through significant historical events such as the Battle of Britain, which continues to resonate with Tasmanians and Australians as a symbol of courage, resilience, and sacrifice.
- (3) Pays tribute to the work of the Tasmanian Division of the Royal Australian Air Force Association (RAAFA), which continues to honour the service of Australian airmen and airwomen through commemoration activities, including wreath-laying ceremonies and memorial services.
- (4) Thanks all veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices. (17 September 2024)

# The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the significance of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, tabled in September 2024, which highlighted deep systemic issues affecting the welfare of veterans and their families.
- (2) Recognises the extensive process undertaken by the Royal Commission, including hearings, private sessions and 5,889 submissions received including from the Tasmanian Government.
- (3) Notes:—
  - (a) with concern the Commission's findings that between 1985 and 2021, 2,007 confirmed suicides occurred among the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) personnel, with higher suicide risks observed in certain cohorts compared to the general population; and
  - (b) the impact on families, recognising that inadequate support and bureaucratic delays not only affect the veterans but also have significant consequences for the mental health and stability of their families.
- (4) Emphasises the importance of supporting veterans and their families, particularly during the critical period of transitioning from military to civilian life, a time identified as high-risk for mental health challenges and suicidality.
- (5) Further recognises:—
  - (a) the vital role that Veterans' Hubs play in providing essential support to veterans and their families, offering services ranging from mental health care to social reintegration and family assistance; and
  - (b) the success of the Veterans Hub here in Tasmania.
- (6) Supports the Royal Commission's recommendation for ongoing funding to these hubs, ensuring that more veterans and their families can access tailored, trauma-informed care regardless of their geographic location.
- (7) Calls for ongoing, long-term funding commitment from the Federal Government to support the recommendations of the Royal Commission. (17 September 2024)

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

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the systemic issues facing the Tasmanian health system surrounding bed block, access to hospitals and flow within Tasmanian public hospitals and Emergency Departments; and
  - (b) the release on 7 May 2024 of 'the Independent Review of Tasmania's Major Hospital Emergency Departments'.
- (2) Appreciates the incredible work performed by workers across the entire health system in Tasmania.
- (3) Recognises the impact felt by the Tasmanian public when it comes to access to timely preventative as well as acute health care.
- (4) Establishes a Select Committee, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon health, with the following terms of reference and rules:—
  - (a) that the Committee inquire into and report upon the following:—
    - (i) identifying the root causes of bed block and access and flow issues within our health system;

- (ii) reviewing the current bed numbers and associated staffing levels, in relation to community need, taking into account our aging demographic and anticipated need in the coming decade and beyond;
- (iii) investigating the impact of bed block and access and flow issues on patient outcomes, healthcare delivery and workforce morale;
- (iv) numbers and circumstances of adverse events across Tasmania's public hospital settings;
- (v) developing evidence-based recommendations and strategies to address the root causes of bed block and hospital access to optimise patient flow in Tasmania's health system; and
- (vi) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (b) that the Committee consist of seven members: two nominated by the Premier, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one of whom shall be the Chair, one nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, and 2 other Members; and
- (c) that the Committee report by 31 March 2025. (19 September 2024)

## 70 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) in May 2022 the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) released its final report and recommendations on law reforms to address the risks and harms caused by sexual orientation and gender identity conversion practices;
  - (b) the TLRI recognised that conversion practices occur in Tasmania;
  - (c) the Premier Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP made a commitment to table a Bill to ban conversion practices by the end of 2023 and has failed to do so; and
  - (d) other Australian states and territories are moving to ban conversion practices.
- (2) Acknowledges that:—
  - (a) conversion practices are deeply harmful and inflict lifelong trauma and harm to the people subjected to them;
  - (b) conversion practices are discredited and disproved and are based in pseudo science; and
  - (c) LGBTIQA+ attributes are not faults or disfunctions, that LGBTIQA+ people are not 'broken' or requiring 'therapy' or 'counselling' to change who they are attracted to or how they express their gender.
- (3) Further acknowledges that without a legislated ban, Tasmania will be an outlier and could become a 'safe haven' for these practices, putting LGBTIQA+ Tasmanians at increased risk.
- Further notes that the Government's draft Bill released for community consultation in 2023 is deficient and could operate with the counter-intuitive effect of in fact leading to a higher prevalence of conversion practices being conducted in Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to urgently progress new legislation that will successfully ban these harmful practices and remove the harm they inflict on Tasmanians. (19 September 2024)

# 71 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) a worrying increase in offending behaviour apparently motivated by racial hatred:
  - (b) that racism is not acceptable in any form and that it is important that our legal frameworks provide both protections from hate related offending, as well as mechanisms to take action when offending is motivated by hatred; and
  - (c) that crimes can be motivated by many forms of hatred including racism as well as homophobia, transphobia, disability discrimination and other forms of hatred.
- (2) Recognises:—
  - (a) that section 11B of the Sentencing Act 1997 allows for racial motivation to be taken into account as an aggravating factor in sentencing offenders;
  - (b) that other than racially motivated offending, the Sentencing Act is deficient as sentencing courts cannot take into account other forms of hatred as aggravating factors in sentencing;

- (c) that Tasmania's laws must be modernised to allow for hateful motivation for offending to be recognised much earlier in the criminal justice process, not just on sentencing; and
- (d) that other Australian jurisdictions have 'hate crime' legislation.
- (3) Agrees:—
  - (a) that Tasmania needs new laws that allow charges to reflect a known hateful motivation commonly known as 'hate crime' legislation;
  - (b) that amendments are required to the Police Offences Act 1935, Criminal Code 1924 and Sentencing Act 1997 to create new offences that recognise hateful motivation for offending; and
  - (c) that Tasmania Police also require tools to record and charge when offending or alleged offending are apparently motivated by hatred. (19 September 2024)
- 72 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the profound impact of childhood cancer on Tasmanian families.
  - (2) Recognises that childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease for Australian children, with more than 1,000 new diagnoses each year, and that Tasmanian families facing childhood cancer experience immense emotional, financial, and psychological challenges.
  - (3) Commends the dedicated efforts of paediatric oncologists, nurses, and healthcare professionals at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital, and other health institutions across Tasmania who provide compassionate care and treatment to children battling cancer.
  - (4) Applauds the work of organisations such as Cancer Council Tasmania, Redkite, Canteen, and Ronald McDonald House, which offer critical support services, financial assistance, counselling, and accommodation to children and families impacted by childhood cancer.
  - (5) Further acknowledges the commitment of research institutions like the Children's Cancer Institute and the Kids Cancer Project for advancing research in childhood cancers, improving survival rates, and working toward finding cures.
  - (6) Supports ongoing medical care and psychological support for childhood cancer survivors, many of whom face long-term health challenges because of their treatment, to ensure their continued well-being.
  - (7) Thanks all healthcare workers, researchers, volunteers, and advocates who work tirelessly to support children and families affected by childhood cancer, and recognizes the bravery and strength of children fighting this disease. (19 September 2024)
- 73 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Congratulates all pharmacists in Tasmania on the occasion of World Pharmacy Day, celebrated globally on 25 September 2024, for their tireless dedication and critical role in providing accessible healthcare to the people of Tasmania.
  - (2) Acknowledges the invaluable contributions of pharmacists to the health and well-being of Tasmanians through:—
    - (a) their frontline efforts in managing and dispensing medications safely and accurately;
    - (b) their crucial role in preventative care, including vaccinations and health screening services; and
    - (c) their leadership in improving medication safety, promoting adherence, and ensuring the effective use of medicines across both urban and rural communities.
  - (3) Further acknowledges The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Tasmanian Branch) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Tasmanian Branch) for their outstanding contributions to healthcare in Tasmania. These organizations have been instrumental in advancing the role of pharmacists across the State.
  - (4) Recognises the exceptional efforts of Tasmanian pharmacists during the COVID-19 pandemic, where they served as a primary point of contact for medical advice, treatment options, and vaccination efforts, thereby significantly reducing the strain on hospitals and other healthcare services.

- (5) Encourages ongoing collaboration between pharmacists, medical practitioners, government bodies, and community groups to address the evolving health challenges faced by the population, including managing chronic diseases, mental health, and supporting aging populations.
- (6) Thanks all pharmacists for their continued service to the community, especially their work in improving health literacy, and ensuring the safe use of medications, thus making a profound and positive impact on the lives of Tasmanians. (19 September 2024)
- 74 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges September 2024 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, a vital opportunity to promote awareness and education about prostate cancer, the most diagnosed cancer among Australian men.
  - (2) Recognises that prostate cancer affects 1 in 6 Australian men, with more than 24,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and that early detection through regular screening can significantly improve survival rates.
  - (3) Highlights the need for increased awareness among Tasmanian men, particularly those over the age of 50, to encourage regular health check-ups and early screening for prostate cancer, which can lead to better outcomes.
  - (4) Commends the outstanding work of organizations such as the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) and the Movember Foundation, which provide essential services including awareness campaigns, support for men and families affected by prostate cancer, and funding for research into new treatments.
  - (5) Applauds the efforts of healthcare providers across Tasmania, including General Practitioners and Urologists, for their ongoing work in diagnosing, treating, and supporting men with prostate cancer.
  - (6) Encourages Tasmanian men to participate in prostate cancer awareness initiatives, including open discussions about the importance of screening, to help reduce the stigma around men's health and improve early detection rates.
  - (7) Thanks all healthcare workers, researchers, survivors, and advocates for their contributions in raising awareness and supporting men affected by prostate cancer, and recognises the strength and resilience of Tasmanian men who have faced this disease. (19 September 2024)
- 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)
- 76 The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises:—
    - (a) Mental Health Week 2024 was held from 5-13 October 2024 with a variety of events taking place across Tasmania; and
    - (b) the many Tasmanians who participated in the wide range of community-led activities during Mental Health week, including dog walking, educational workshops, art, poetry, BBQs, comedy shows, and movie nights, designed to foster connection and wellbeing.
  - (2) Acknowledges the 2024 theme, 'Appreciate the little things,' which encourages all Tasmanians to recognise and nurture their individual strengths to better understand, value, and take control of their own mental health and wellbeing.
  - (3) Congratulates the Mental Health Council of Tasmania for its exceptional efforts in promoting mental health awareness and initiatives. This includes their ongoing collaboration with the Government to promote Mental Health Week and the successful implementation of the Small Grants Program, which has empowered communities across Tasmania to participate in mental health activities and events.
  - (4) Further recognises the Tasmanian Government:—
    - (a) is focusing on strengthening mental health services, staffing, and infrastructure to ensure equitable access to care for all Tasmanians; and
    - (b) is creating a person-centred mental health system that ensures Tasmanians feel safe, supported, and connected. (16 October 2024)

- 77 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises Veterans' Health Week 2024, running from 13-20 October 2024, with the theme "Connect to Your Community."
  - (2) Notes the importance of social connections in promoting the well-being of veterans, particularly as they transition from military to civilian life.
  - (3) Acknowledges that maintaining strong community ties helps veterans reduce isolation, build resilience, and improve their physical and mental health.
  - (4) Highlights the positive impact of Veterans' Health Week activities, including group exercise classes, health workshops, and social gatherings, which aim to foster connection and support for veterans.
  - (5) Encourages veterans to take advantage of the opportunities during Veterans' Health Week to reconnect with their communities and engage in activities that promote well-being.
  - (6) Calls on the wider community to continue supporting veterans year-round by creating inclusive spaces and offering peer support.
  - (7) Thanks all veterans for their service to our nation and recognises the ongoing contributions they make to our communities. (16 October 2024)

## 78 Ms Butler to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
  - (a) the proposed 24 hour refuelling depot development installation by British Petroleum at 26A Tannery Road South, Longford; and
  - (b) the proposed fuel stop is primarily a refuelling stop for B-Doubles prime mover coupled to 2 semi-trailers trucks.
- (2) Acknowledges the proposed refuelling depot is located at the main entrance to historic Longford, the only entrance in and out of the main part of the town.
- (3) Further notes:—
  - (a) the proposed Fuel stop will divert B-Doubles and other heavy vehicles off Illawarra Road, leading to a large increase in heavy vehicles into the Longford Township; and
  - (b) the proposed Tannery Road South, road and shoulder area is currently not wide enough to cater for clear entry and exit points for B-Double trucks.
- (4) Further acknowledges the proposed fuel depot entry and exit points will pose a major traffic safety risk to local commuters.
- (5) Further notes:—
  - (a) the Northern Midlands Council voted against the proposed fuel depot site;
  - (b) the previous Northern Midlands Planning Scheme 2013, did not allow for such a development in the General Business Zone in the township of Longford; and
  - (c) the community of Longford has strong concerns in relation to the development.
- (6) Further notes the people of Longford call on the Government to introduce legislation for the withdrawal of a planning permit for the development of a heavy truck and B-Double refuelling depot at 26a Tannery Road, Longford, ordered by TASCAT and to withdraw the driveway crossing permit granted by State Growth. (17 October 2024)

## 79 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Tasmania's Government Business Enterprises (GBEs) and state-owned companies (SOCs) are supposed to work efficiently, collaboratively and effectively, and provide community benefit, in the best interest of all Tasmanians.
- (2) Notes the recent dysfunctional relationship between TT-Line and TasPorts and Government over the new Spirit of Tasmania berths has cost, and will continue to cost, Tasmanians dearly.
- (3) Understands other GBEs and SOCs fail to provide appropriate financial transparency and accountability over investment decisions worth hundreds of millions of dollars, or community benefit.
- (4) Further recognises Tasmanians should be able to trust the governance framework and accountability protocols that govern GBEs and SOCs to ensure they act in the public's interest.

- (5) Further understands the last review of the governance of GBEs and SOCs was 16 years ago.
- (6) Calls on the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to establish a comprehensive independent review of the purpose, function and governance of GBEs and SOCs, and shareholder ministers. (17 October 2024)

## 80 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that October 2024 is Health Literacy Month, a global initiative founded in 1999, dedicated to promoting the importance of health literacy and its vital role in improving health outcomes for all Tasmanians.
- (2) Recognises that health literacy is defined as both personal and organisational. Personal health literacy refers to how well individuals can find, understand, and use health information to make informed decisions about their health. Organisational health literacy focuses on how effectively institutions provide equitable access to understandable and actionable health information for everyone.
- (3) Commends the efforts of healthcare providers, literacy programs, and other community organisations across Tasmania for their continued commitment to raising health literacy awareness and improving communication practices, especially in rural and regional communities where health literacy challenges are more prominent.
- (4) Further recognises health literacy partners in Tasmania, including the University of Tasmania, Primary Health Tasmania, the Tasmanian Council of Social Services (TasCOSS), and the Health Literacy Network providers of programs such as HeLLOTas!, 26TEN, HealthLit4Kids, Hello my name is..., Spot on Recognising Good Practice, and It's OK to ask.
- (5) Encourages all Tasmanian health organisations to actively participate in Health Literacy Month by integrating health literacy principles into their patient care, using resources such as the "teach-back" method to ensure patients fully understand their health information.
- (6) Reaffirms the Tasmanian Government's commitment to addressing health literacy challenges by supporting ongoing public health campaigns, enhancing access to easy-to-understand health information, and promoting health equity throughout the State. (17 October 2024)

### 81 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held annually in October, as a crucial initiative aimed at raising public awareness of breast cancer, promoting the importance of early detection, and providing support to those affected by the disease.
- (2) Recognises that breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women in Australia, with approximately 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and that early detection through regular screening during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and beyond, significantly improves survival rates and reduces the need for invasive treatments.

#### (3) Commends:—

- (a) the Breast Screening Bus service for its valuable role in improving access to life-saving breast screening services, particularly for women in rural and remote areas of Tasmania, ensuring that geographic location does not hinder access to essential healthcare during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and throughout the year;
- (b) the Government's commitment to a new \$15 million Diagnostic Breast Imaging Clinic, recognising the growing need to meet demand for patients requiring diagnostic breast imaging and mammography services and accepting referrals from GPs to make it easier for women to access imaging.
- (c) the McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurses for their care and emotional support to Tasmanian women with breast cancer throughout their experience and beyond.
- (4) Offers support to all women, families, and communities affected by breast cancer, and reaffirms the Tasmanian Government's ongoing commitment to backing efforts in breast cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment services, with particular

emphasis on these initiatives during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. (17 October 2024)

- Ms *Johnston* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges that in September 2022 then-Treasurer Mr Michael Ferguson MP announced on behalf of the Tasmanian Government:—
    - (a) its support for the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission's recommendation to implement a State-wide player card gaming system with pre-commitment and cashless gaming;
    - (b) its support for the Commission's view that facial recognition technology is not an effective tool for wider prevention of harm in gaming venues;
    - (c) that a routine default pre-commitment that applies statewide is the gold standard of harm minimisation measures and would provide those most at risk of gambling harm with protection while having no impact on recreational gamblers; and
    - (d) the cards will have pre-set default limits, that can be lowered by players at any time; or increased within certain parameters and the default limits are:—
      - (i) \$100 per day;
      - (ii) \$500 per month; and
      - (iii) \$5,000 per year
    - (e) that impacts from gambling harm are felt across our communities, beyond the immediate impact on an individual and their family, and
    - (f) that the player card system will protect people from losing more than they can afford.
  - (2) Acknowledges that Mr Michael Ferguson MP's announcement was, and still is, heralded by community and faith-based organisations as nation-leading, evidenced-based gambling harm minimisation.
  - (3) Calls on the Government to recommit and introduce the player card with all of the elements set out by Mr Michael Ferguson MP in September 2022, by 31 December 2025. (19 November 2024)
- Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:— Refers the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to the Privileges and Conduct Committee to investigate and report upon whether he deliberately lied to Tasmanians about his mandatory precommitment card during the 2024 election, and whether or not this is a breach of the Code of Conduct contained in the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly. (19 November 2024)
- Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House orders the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to table the report provided by MaxGaming regarding the implementation of mandatory precommitment cards for poker machines by 5.00 pm. Thursday 21 November. (20 November 2024)

LAURA ROSS, Clerk of the House