

Mr *Hodgman* (Franklin) to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (a) the Deed between Federal Hotels and the State Labor Government made on 18 March 2003, which was negotiated in a secret and uncontested manner, and which extended the exclusive arrangement for Federal Hotels to operate casinos, pokie machines and keno in licensed hotels and clubs in Tasmania for a fixed term of 15 years, after which the licence would convert to a rolling five year licence, renewable on an annual basis;
- (b) that in return the State Government extracted a benefit to taxpayers of an additional \$2 million a year in Government revenue, and an additional \$1.5 million per annum from 2013, a cap on pokie machines, and commitments related to a new premium standard resort near Coles Bay; and
- (c) that the Deed states the Coles Bay project is to be completed by early 2005, and that in subsequent evidence to a Parliamentary committee, references were made to a 150 room resort that would employ up to 180 people, but it has now been revealed that this resort will be a 22 room development.

(2) Refers to the Public Accounts Committee the question of whether or not the Deed has been breached; whether or not undertakings made to Parliament have been complied with; and if the Deed has been breached, what action the State Government has taken to enforce compliance, and whether it is now in a position to renegotiate the Deed in a contestable manner to try to achieve a better return for taxpayers. (4 March 2008)

5 Mr *McKim* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's extensive investigation and consultation regarding how the fundamental rights that Tasmanians hold as significant might be further enhanced and legally secured, and concurs that a Bill of Human Rights be enacted in Tasmania.
- (2) Calls on the Government to now introduce legislation to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all persons in Tasmania that:—
 - (a) provides for effective pre-enactment scrutiny of all legislation to ensure compliance; and
 - (b) requires all Tasmanian laws to be interpreted as far as possible in a way that is compatible with human rights. (4 March 2008)