

## Legislative Council

### Hansard

Tuesday 17 March 2026

The President, Mr Farrell, took the Chair at 11 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

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### MOTION

#### **Deaths and Injuries from Quad Bikes or All-Terrain Vehicle use in Tasmania**

**Resumed from above (page 20).**

[3.44 p.m.]

**Ms WEBB** (Nelson) - Mr President, I am rising briefly to speak on this motion, mostly to thank and acknowledge the member for Hobart for bringing it. In reflecting on such tragic circumstances that puts our minds to wondering how on earth can this have been neglected by the government for such a long time, given the degree of risk that is involved, the demonstrated tragedies that have happened and the very clear pointers on the way forward that can be picked up and followed. It is a matter of neglect.

I did just want to mention, the Daguman's who were here earlier when the member for Hobart made her comprehensive contribution no longer in the Chamber, but I did want to acknowledge them and their grief and tragedy of the loss of their daughter, Jocelyn. I did have Mr Daguman visit my electorate office last year. He came to provide information and seek to raise awareness that his daughter Jocelyn had lost her life in this way and his absolutely fervent hope the coroner's findings and recommendations would be listened to eventually by government.

At that time, Mr Daguman had also indicated that he and his wife were liaising with the member for Hobart and the Greens about the most appropriate way to further debate and raise and seek action on these matters. I was pleased to know that there was some activity occurring and that someone was going to pick up that baton and help them carry it forward. I very much appreciate the Member for Hobart's comprehensive contribution. It's been good to listen to some contributions from other members.

I'm not unhappy about the amendment that's been made and that we now have the amended motion before us. I could have supported the motion unamended, Mr President, but the fact that it's been amended by the Chamber still leaves it a very valid and important motion.

I could have supported point 5 which agrees with coroner Cooper's recommendations and indicates that legislation would be required for some of those. Of course, in the process of implementing legislation there would have potentially been research done by the TRI, consultation undertaken, et cetera. I think we could have got to A through a reasonable process having agreed with it in this motion. I don't think it locked us into anything that wasn't an unacceptable way forward. I'm still fully supportive of the amended motion. It still contains an important focus and, as the member for Rumney highlighted in her contribution, the amendment should present absolutely no barrier to being supported by anyone in this Chamber

or the government, given that they have already indicated support essentially for the other matters that are there.

It is a tricky situation where you have a vehicle and use of that vehicle would be treated differently on public roads versus on private property. However, often that private property is also a workplace. As the member for Murchison discussed, when these vehicles are being used as tools in a workplace, there are also work, health and safety obligations that come into play. All of the complexities of that situation do need to be teased out, but it's not sufficient to say this is hard and complex and therefore we'll keep not doing it.

The fact that people are losing their lives is an absolute imperative that action is taken and that the government does actually progress this tangibly and with some urgency, given that we're starting off with what has been a neglect to date. That's the extent of my contribution. Thank you. Mr. President, thank you to the member for Hobart for bringing this, and I very much look forward to hearing the government getting up to support this motion.