

CONFIDENCE AND STABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE HON. JEREMY ROCKLIFF MP, PREMIER

AND

PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS OF THE JACQUI LAMBIE NETWORK (JLN)

This Agreement is made in a spirit of goodwill.

It recognises the importance of providing a stable government and a workable parliament for the welfare of the people of Tasmania.

Accordingly, the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, and the undersigned members of the Jacqui Lambie Network (JLN), duly elected at the State Election of 23 March 2024, have reached the following agreement.

1. CONFIDENCE AND SUPPLY

JLN Members agree to:

- I. Provide confidence to the Rockliff Liberal Government by supporting the Government on all confidence and censure votes by attending and voting with the Government, except in cases of malfeasance or corruption;
- II. Guarantee supply by voting to support all appropriation and revenue bills unamended;
- III. Support the Rockliff Liberal Government on parliamentary motions that bind the Government;

2. OTHER PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

JLN Members:

- I. Retain the right to bring forward legislation, motions and other parliamentary measures as they might wish;
- II. Remain free to vote against the Government on legislation, amendments to legislation, non-binding motions, and other votes of the Parliament or Parliamentary committees as they arise, subject to the following "Stability Protocol":

- Foreshadowed debate:

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- III. In the event of a JLN Member/s wishing to vote against the Government, they shall provide 24 hours' notice in writing to the offices of both the relevant Minister and the Premier;
- IV. Subsequently, the Member/s shall engage in good faith negotiations with the Minister and Premier's office to seek to reconcile their position with that of the Government prior to the commencement of debate;
- V. If after a period of no less than 24 hours a mutually agreeable resolution cannot be reached, the Member/s may vote against the Government.

• "On the fly" debate:

- VI. In the event of a JLN Member/s wishing to vote against the Government "on the fly" on the floor of the House on any vote, including on procedural motions or amendments, they shall inform the Government at the earliest possible opportunity of their intention;
- VII. The Government will seek to adjourn debate on the question, and JLN Members will support the Government on the adjournment motion to allow for good faith negotiations and a mutually agreeable resolution to be reached on the question;
- VIII. Where an adjournment is not immediately practicable, notwithstanding their views, the JLN Member/s shall nonetheless vote with the Government but be free to voice their concerns and reserve their right to vote as they wish in future on similar questions;
- IX. Subsequently, the Government shall engage in good faith negotiations with the JLN Member/s to seek to reconcile their position with that of the Government.

• Procedural matters:

- X. JLN Members will work with the Government to ensure the Parliament remains efficient and effective, including any alterations to Standing and Sessional Orders, Committee establishment and memberships, and the sitting times of the House.
- XI. In any instance whereby a procedural motion is moved to allow for debate on any matter covered in this Agreement, JLN Members will support the Government.

3. WORKING RELATIONSHIP

- I. When Parliament is in session, the Premier or his delegate shall meet with JLN Members at least once per week, principally to discuss planned legislation for the week ahead;
- II. When Parliament is not in session, the Premier or his delegate will meet with JLN members at least once per fortnight;

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- III. The Government will endeavour to give JLN Members at least six days' notice of the introduction of legislation to the House;
- IV. Before the introduction of the budget, JLN Members shall be provided with a confidential briefing on the economic and budgetary situation by the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Treasury;
- V. JLN Members are able to put forward "budget bids" directly to the office of the Premier, which will then be forwarded to the appropriate Department and the Treasury for analysis and consideration.
 - i. While these proposals will be considered in good faith, the Government gives no commitments that they will be enacted;
 - ii. Such bids need to be lodged no less than three months prior to the scheduled delivery of the budget.

4. RESOURCING

- I. The Government recognises the importance of providing appropriate support, including staffing, to members of the JLN.

Consistent with recent practice with the Tasmanian Greens, the Government recognises the JLN as a non-government party for the purposes of resourcing, and they will be resourced accordingly.

- II. In addition to the electorate office entitlements available to all Parliamentarians, the Government will provide the JLN with an additional four full-time equivalents, similar to prior arrangements made with the Tasmanian Greens.
- III. The Government will provide each JLN MP with an office at Parliament House in Hobart plus a party room in the same building.

5. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF STATE FINANCES

- I. An independent review of the State's finances will be conducted by an independent assessor with terms of reference and the assessor agreed by both parties.
- II. The independent assessment will be concluded within six months.
- III. The independent assessment will include financial modelling to build the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Precinct.

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6. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The following reviews are to be completed within 12 months of this agreement coming into force.

- Integrity Commission Beefed Up
 - I. The Tasmanian Integrity commission will be reviewed with an eye to giving it greater capability to conduct its work.
- RTI Process to be reviewed and strengthened
 - II. The RTI legislation (including public interest disclosure laws) and resourcing of the Tasmanian Ombudsman will be reviewed with an eye to increasing transparency and accountability of public administration across the State.
- Political Donation Reform
 - III. Review political donations legislation with an eye to greater transparency around political donations including reporting requirements for political entities, and donation caps.

7. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS

- I. All public servants named for misconduct in the *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings* are immediately referred to appropriate authorities.
- II. Complete shutdown of the Ashley Detention Centre within the timeframe of this agreement.
- III. Parliamentary oversight of the implementation of the recommendations from the *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*.
- IV. A JLN member of parliament is to be a member of the committee overseeing the implementation of the recommendations.

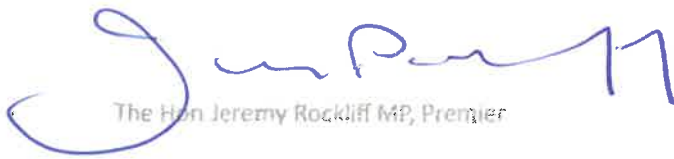
8. ADMINISTRATION

- I. This Agreement shall come into force on the day the Rockliff Government is commissioned.
- II. This agreement will be reviewed 12 months after the date it comes into effect.

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III. It may otherwise be varied, superseded, or dissolved with the agreement of all parties.

SIGNED



The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier

For the Jacqui Lambie Network



Andrew Jenner MP, Member for Lyons



Miriam Beswick MP, Member for Braddon



Rebekah Pentland MP, Member for Bass

DATE: 10/4/2024