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LIBERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS

## 2018 World Haemochromatosis Awareness Week Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania June 2018

Hon Guy Barnett [*Member for Lyons*] to move – That the House:-

- 1) Notes that World Haemochromatosis Awareness Week, an annual campaign that aims to increase awareness of iron overload disorders, was held from 4-10 June 2018;
- 2) Recognises that haemochromatosis is Australia's most common genetic disorder, with around 1 in 200 people of northern European origin having the genetic risk for the condition which results in the storage of excess iron in the body;
- 3) Further recognises haemochromatosis results in excess iron building up in organs and joints and if not treated early can lead to serious medical problems including liver cirrhosis, liver cancer, arthritis and diabetes;
- 4) Notes that haemochromatosis is often overlooked due to the similarity of its symptoms to other medical conditions and is easily treatable by regular blood donations to return iron levels to within the normal range;
- 5) Notes that the Overload art exhibition was launched at Deloraine Hospital Gallery and will be running from 8 June – 7 September 2018, with the aim of improving understanding of this condition through the medium of art;
- 6) Acknowledges Haemochromatosis Australia, whose aim is to ensure no Australian suffers harm from haemochromatosis;
- 7) Acknowledges the hard work of Sheila and Bernie Stevenson, Exhibition Coordinators, and Elizabeth McCray, Promoter, of the work of Haemochromatosis Australia.

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