



Senator Jacqui Lambie Senator for Tasmania

21 October 2015

Prime Minister
The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

Re: Senator Lambie's plan to advance Tasmania and other Australian States for Prime Minister Turnbull.

Introduction

For 50 years, many Australians have used Donald Horne's words 'Australia is the lucky country' (much to Mr Horne's disappointment) to describe how fortunate our nation is.

I understand, as do you - that we have been blessed with many natural gifts and resources – which make a lot of countries envious.

However, the time has now come for us to use our best resources namely; Australians' common sense, ability for hard work, resilience, respect for the weak, love of the underdog and ingenuity - to overcome the big challenges which we now face.

As a Senate candidate and Senator I have spent many years listening to Tasmanian industry leaders, community leaders and the disadvantaged.

From these conversations and parliamentary experiences, I have created a growing list of policies and political initiatives - that I genuinely believe address many of the issues and challenges your government, our industry, businesses and communities face.

They are based on the principle of Security; 1) Food/Water Security, 2) Energy Security, 3) National Security and 4) Australian Job Security. Each initiative I share with you connects with, protects and enhances one or more of these 4 security principles.

I invite you to read and consider the JLN policies with an approach and attitude you have become famous for i.e. a reasonable, compassionate, proud Australian - with an open mind and heart.

My Network's policies help solve the short-term, social and financial disadvantage faced by many - and ensures the continuation of Australia's reputation as the lucky country.

Sincerely

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Tasmanian Specific Policies

1. Public Health Surgery and Dental Waiting List Crisis

- All our public hospitals in Tasmania are operating at 100% capacity and are in crisis. The Public Health Surgery and Dental Waiting List Crisis must be addressed, solved and dramatically cut by a joint federal and state special investment program.
- Note: Senator Lambie has ordered a parliamentary brief to quantify, describe and define the crisis. The brief will be submitted to a proven private health provider - in order for a quote to be produced - which estimates the cost of a successful intervention.

2. NW Tasmanian Public Hospital Feasibility Study

- A feasibility study should be launched which examines the need for a new public hospital located on a greenfield site between Devonport and Burnie (most likely Ulverstone) - where all NW public medical services can be located and centralized, thus ensuring for future generations - enhanced tertiary level medical care and treatment to the NW Tasmanian community.
- The care and treatment must be equivalent to the medical care provided to residents of Launceston and surrounds and prevent NW residents from being transported to Launceston for basic medical treatment.
- Under the existing state government public health plan - funded, resourced and staffed public hospital beds and medical services will further reduce.
- The state government's white paper essentially says that the number of fully funded and staffed acute care hospital beds in NW Tasmania will decrease. The acute care beds and accident emergency capacity at the Mersey Hospital is being continually downgraded. The ICU at Burnie hospital is being downgraded
- Where is the state going to put the 4000 public accident emergency admissions a year they plan to shut down at Devonport's Mersey Public hospital?
- A Tasmanian Commission of Health report released last year shows that our public hospital bed per thousand-population ratio was at 2.35 or in other words we have 1188 public hospital beds.
- This compares with the National average of 2.6 reported by the AMA (Australian Medical Association). The Tasmanian government needs to open another 145.8 public hospital beds just to catch up with the Australian Average.



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JLN National Policies

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3. Involuntary Detox and Rehabilitation powers given by legislation to Australian parents.

Citizens whose children are medically diagnosed as addicted to Ice or other illicit / illegal drugs should have the rights under law to provide nonconsensual detox and rehabilitation for their offspring.

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5. Defence Veterans' Health Gold Card

Veterans' Gold Card must be automatically awarded to former members of the Australian Defence Forces, including Peacekeepers /Federal Police officers who have served overseas in war-like and war zones.

This will save our Veterans from the considerable harm they experience fighting the government to obtain the best medical treatment Australia can offer.

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Yours faithfully

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