



NOTICE OF MOTION

Motor Neurone Disease Week 2017

Mr Guy Barnett MP [*Member for Lyons*] to move - That the House: -

- (1) Notes that 7-13 May 2017 is Motor Neurone Disease Week, a national week dedicated to raising awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and raise funds to help bring about a world free from MND;
- (2) Recognises that MND affects over 400,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, that is 384 new cases every day;
- (3) Further notes that over 2,100 Australians are living with MND, including some 45 Tasmanians. MND Australia reports that 752 Australians died from MND in 2015, more than 2 people per day;
- (4) Acknowledges that the Deloitte access Economics Report on the Economic Analysis of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in Australia released in 2016 revealed that the total cost of MND in Australia was a staggering \$2.37 billion in 2015, which equates to \$1.1 million per person;
- (5) Further recognises that MND not only affects the person with motor neurone disease but also directly or indirectly effects on average 14 other friends and relatives;
- (6) Notes that during MND Week this year, MND Australia is running a new social media campaign, *Life Measured in Moments*, a series of videos telling the stories of everyday people living with MND and encourages Tasmanians to visit the MND Australia website, get involved in an MND Week event near them or donate to MND

Tasmania on MND Button Day this Thursday 4 May, who will have volunteers on the streets fundraising and raising awareness of MND;

- (7) Congratulates and thanks both MND Australia and MND Tasmania, who for over twenty years, have proved effective advocates, promoted optimal care and support options for those living with MND and tirelessly raised funds for research into the cause and, ultimately, cure for MND;
- (8) Further notes that, 21 June 2016, is Motor Neurone Disease Global Day, a global day of recognition for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Motor Neurone Disease (MND)—a disease that affects every country on the globe.

(4 May 2017)