



Guy Barnett MP

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS

2018 Scam Awareness Week
Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania
May 2018

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

- 1) Notes that Scam Awareness Week, an annual campaign that aims to increase awareness of threat-based impersonation scams continues from 21 to 25 May 2018;
- 2) Recognises that scams target many Australians with nearly 33,000 reports of threat-based impersonation scams made to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in 2017;
 - a. more than \$4.7 million was reported lost to scams;
 - b. more than 2800 people gave out their personal information to scammers;
 - c. people aged 55 and over made the most reports and the highest losses;
- 3) Recognises the continued work by both the ACCC and Scamwatch, who work to notify and inform Australians of the dangers and methods of scams and provide a scam reporting system on <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>;
- 4) Acknowledges the initiative of Scams Awareness Network, whose aim is to educate consumers on scams as well as disrupt them;
- 5) Further acknowledges the hard work of Consumer Building and Occupational Services in publishing the magazine called Consumer Connections, aimed at informing Tasmanian consumers about their rights and protections from scams; and
- 6) Notes Consumer Connections magazine will be available from the beginning of Scams Awareness Week from Service Tasmania, Community Legal Centres, Colony 47, LINC, Neighbourhood Centres and Key-Sector groups.