

Following an eight-week negotiation with the federal parliament into wiping the Tasmania's housing debt, Senator Jackie Lambie has now been criticised for the lack of action between those involved

At a press conference in Launceston yesterday, the shadow minister for housing, Jason Clare voiced his frustration that no action had been taken, after the proposed deal between Lambie and the government to forgive Tasmania's 157-million-dollar public housing debt, in exchange for supporting a multi-million-dollar tax cut legislation.

Lambie responded, saying that the Labor government did nothing to fix Tasmania's housing debt for the six years it was in parliament, also mentioning that it may take a few more weeks to actually finalise the deal.

Another mass killing of penguins has prompted a call to tighten legislation for dog owners and using DNA tests to prosecute the offending animals. A total of 34 little penguin carcasses had been found at Doctors Rock Conservation area near Wynyard last night, with clear signs of dog attacks, and has now raised the total to 130 deaths in the past year. Greens Senator Peter Whish-Wilson has said that it is time to get serious about stopping the carnage from these dog attacks by using DNA tests to identify the dogs and their owners, increasing fines, employing additional rangers to act as guards and prosecutors, and using the Maremma dogs similar to how Warnambool rookeries use them as protection.

A Chigwell man has been sentenced to three years and nine months jail after a reckless, drug-fuelled 50-kilometre joyride in a stolen vehicle, evading police and endangering other motorists.

Adam James Bishop stole a motor vehicle in New Town on February 25<sup>th</sup> and three days later met up with his

drug dealer in Lenah Valley at around 11:40am, where police approached the stolen vehicle and Bishop immediately pulled away.

Driving through Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Sandy Bay and Mount Nelson, Bishop blatantly drove past a road worker holding a stop sign, he stole petrol from a service station, avoided two sets of police road spikes and drove past a school zone 30km over the speed limit - later reaching 140 kilometres an hour on the Southern Outlet.

The chase came to an end when Bishop drove into oncoming traffic on the busy Davey Street, crashing into two cars and setting out on foot, only to be apprehended by a member of the public.

To sports news, and Tasmanian rower Sarah Hawe has helped the Australian women's four qualify for next year's Olympics in Tokyo.

Hawe and her three boatmates have managed a place in the A-finals of the rowing World Championship in Austria, which has in turn qualified them a spot at the Olympics, but the team will be more focussed on taking down America in these finals, the same team Australia placed second to last year.

And finally, for V8 supercar fans, next year's racing calendar will feature a lot more action down here in Tasmania.

The Symmons Plains SuperSprint event will now run for longer over the two days it features, with an increased total of 200 kilometre races each day, instead of the 50k sprint on the Saturday and 84 lap showdown on Sunday.

Additional improvements to the overall event include a more diverse selection of food and beverages, added entertainment and the hopes of a more seamless experience once spectators walk through the gates.

And they're this evening's news headlines for the 30<sup>th</sup>  
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