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Mr Shane Donnelly
Clerk of the House
Parliament House
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Mr Donnelly,

Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act

Thank you for your memorandum dated 15 June 2016 regarding parliamentary salaries.

In response, the Tasmanian Greens' MPs advise as follows:

- We have agreed to only accept a 2% pay increase in line with State Wages Policy and in recognition of the fact that we are public servants.
- We have agreed to donate any monies over and above a 2% pay increase to community organisations in need of extra funding.
- To put this into effect, we have also written to House of Assembly Finance Manager, Adrian Munnings, directing the excess salary above 2% be donated to the following organisations on our behalf:

	Organisation	Donation (per fortnight)	Total (12 months)
Cassy O'Connor MP	Refugee Legal Services Tasmania	\$224.50	\$5,837
	Produce to the People Tasmania	\$224.50	\$5,837
Andrea Dawkins MP	Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary	\$224.50	\$5,837
	Brightside Farm Sanctuary	\$224.50	\$5,837
Rosalie Woodruff MP	Environmental Defenders Office	\$224.50	\$5,837
	Tasmanian Conservation Trust	\$224.50	\$5,837

In the interests of transparency, we will be making this letter publicly available.

Our donation amounts have been calculated with the assistance of a registered financial adviser to ensure the Tasmanian Greens MPs receive no financial benefit above 2%, either through superannuation or taxation.

The donations we make will be claimed as tax deductions and we are advised these deductions will equal be the same as the tax we pay at the end of the financial year, i.e. we will not receive a tax benefit.

Our calculations are as follows:

Former base salary = \$120,835, including superannuation = \$132,314.32

2% increase to base salary = \$123,252, including superannuation = \$134,960.94

10.5% increase to base salary = \$133,560, including superannuation = \$146,248.20

Excess 8.5% benefit to be donated is \$146,248.20 - \$134,960.94, = \$11,287.26. An additional \$386.74 needs to be donated to account for the concessional tax treatment applied to superannuation contributions.

This results in a total donation of \$11,674 per MP, or \$449 each fortnight per MP.

At the end of the financial year, each member will have it certified by a registered tax practitioner to confirm they have received no benefit from the excessive pay rise above a 2% increase. This allows for the value of any tax deductions claimed by the members.

Thank you again for your assistance in dealing with the regrettable circumstances all Members are faced with, as a result of the Government's decision to legislate a salary increase for Members of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



Cassy O'Connor MP
Greens' Leader
Member for Denison



Andrea Dawkins MP
Member for Bass



Rosalie Woodruff MP
Member for Franklin