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### Tasmania's Public Trustee caused worst years of my life | Letters to the editor

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🖼️ Arthur Nash interviewed by The Examiner in June lost his assets to the Public Trustee. Picture: Phillip Biggs.

## WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE

I WAS put under administration with the Public Trustees back in 2012 in Victoria.

I signed voluntarily with them after being convinced by a social worker that they would help. After being under them until early 2019 I was transferred to [Tasmanian trustees](#), my life became even more unbearable. My administrator in Hobart was a nightmare, wouldn't answer any of my questions about my finances, refused to give me any extra money, even when my life depended on me going interstate to have a malignant cancerous tumour removed.

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Things were shocking with Victorian trustees but they were horrific being under Tasmania. My administrator got me heavily in debt, owed over \$700 to the chemist for my medication, refused to repay a personal loan I had out

(before being with them), told me not to worry about paying it after I told her I'd repay what she had fallen behind.

They also got me in debt with CTST.

I had to do something as my final situation was getting worse and worse since they had taken over, so I started paying back out of the money the trustees gave me, all the companies that I had fallen into debt with.

It was the most stressful time of my entire life. I wasn't coping at all and fighting cancer too.

I was blessed enough to be granted back control of my finances in 2019.

I'm now ahead on all my bills and doing great. They were the worst years of my life.

**Debbie Hancock, Mowbray.**

## **CAFE KINDNESS APPRECIATION**

HAVING experienced the kind and generous "reviver offer" by Zep's Cafe at Campbell Town for weary, isolated travellers detouring (via Lake Leake Road) the Paradise Gorge/Tasman Highway impasse, the free takeaway soup and coffee was beautifully presented with enthusiastic goodwill and ebullience for a very appreciative, transformed driver.

My sincere thank you to the owners and staff at Zep's cafe.

**Kenneth Gregson, Swansea.**

## **BORDER CRIMINALS**

ONCE again people who break the law over COVID restrictions get a slap on the wrist. We had to postpone a trip to Sunshine Coast because all state governments and police are weak. Get tough on these people, they are laughing at you.

**Michael Robinson, Beauty Point.**

## **NEW HOUSING IDEAS**

WITH all the new housing to alleviate the housing crisis promised by both governments, it seems to me that it would be an ideal time to put some green ideas into the build such as solar and wind energy, rain and grey water

collecting and full insulation of the building which would hopefully make the new houses nearly independent and totally off the grid.

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It would cost a bit more per house but the overall benefits should outweigh this cost to the state and the persons occupying these premises, thus making them financially stronger in the long term to the state and residents.

If these ideas can be shown that they work, why not put them into general building designs so the whole country should benefit, meaning more money to the community.

**Anthony Galvin, Launceston.**

## **BIDEN CHURCH FIGHT**

SO American Catholic bishops would deny Joe Biden the Eucharist because he supports freedom of choice for abortion.

Finally, you have a President who embarks upon restoring a sense of decency to the oval office and you attempt to chop him off at his knees.

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If this is not holier than thou then I don't know what is. Indeed it is reminiscent of the Greens stance on climate change when they refused to support Kevin Rudd because he did not go far enough in their eyes.

It is also reminiscent of the Coalition in opposing Julia Gillard's compromise of returning boat refugees to Malaysia in return for accepting the equivalent of those languishing in Malaysian refugee camps.

Our climate and asylum seeker policies have languished ever since. The rotary clothesline was once a symbol of Australian pragmatism; now even a hint of dirty washing is enough to hamstring a nation.

**Tony Newport, Hillwood.**

## **ASTRAZENECA JAB**

IN a community with no COVID-19, there is no risk of catching it.

Today we can round this risk down to less than one in 500,000 Tasmanians.

The risk of serious illness from a blood clot, in response to an AstraZeneca jab, is one in 250,000 souls.

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The risk of winning the top prize in Lotto is one in 292,201,338 optimists.

Each week thousands of Tasmanian optimists seriously believe they can win the lotto. The chances of succumbing to an AZ jab related blood clot are 1169 greater than winning lotto.

Now if I were a sardine, I'd be philosophical about being eaten by a dolphin.

I chose to live on the edge and took one for the team. But I'm not a sardine and I really think I'll win lotto.

**Mitchell Dabelstein, Launceston.**

## **GOODBY HERITAGE**

ANOTHER early cottage c1840, approved to be demolished in the heart of an almost intact Charles Street precinct.

This is despite the cottage being named on the local heritage place list.

Echoes of Joni Mitchell's song about ruthless destruction.

"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot ".

This could be adopted as the Launceston council's theme song.

**Nancy Serisier, West Launceston.**

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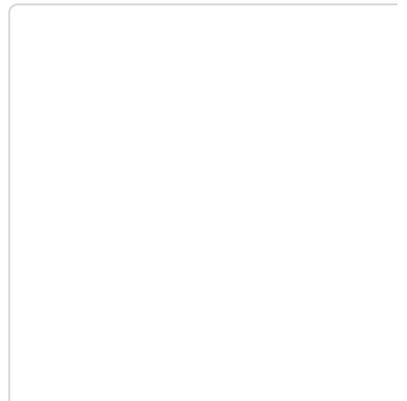
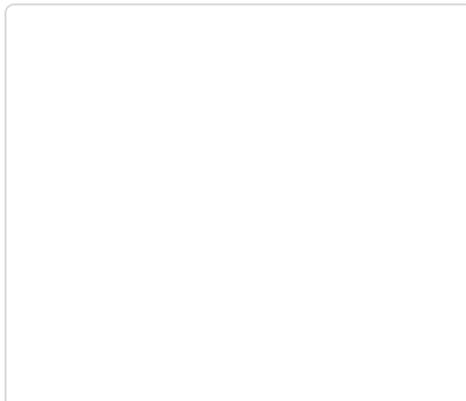
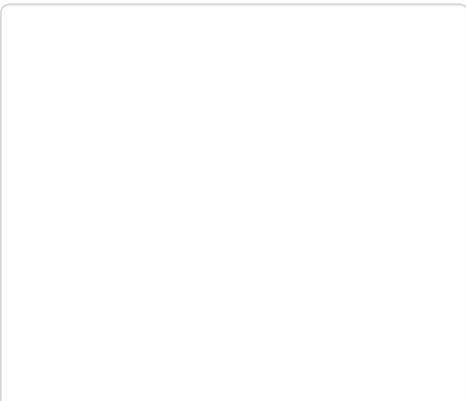
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