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### **Statement on Joan Rylah MP**

I congratulate Joan Rylah on her significant contribution to Tasmania, the North West, West Coast and King Island as the Member for Braddon.

Since coming to Parliament in 2014, Joan has been a fighter for rural and regional communities and has proudly stood up for the Tasmanian way of life.

Joan has been instrumental in the revival of our bedrock industries such as agriculture, forestry and mining. Her unwavering support for these industries has helped create jobs and provided greater prosperity for regional Tasmanians.

Her support for our world-leading forest industry stands out along with her strength of compassion for the people of our local communities.

Joan is passionate about the enormous potential of our region and has been a true grassroots leader in our community.

Joan has excelled as Parliamentary Secretary to Premier Peter Gutwein during the greatest health and economic crisis in generations – COVID-19.

I wish Joan, Rod and their family well for the next step in their journey together.

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