Statement on the Leadership

Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck congratulated the new Liberal leadership team of Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg and thanked outgoing Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party Julie Bishop for their service to the people of Australia.

“This would have to have been one of the most difficult weeks of my time in politics.

“The spectre of seeing yet another Prime Minister being toppled is deeply disturbing.

“I didn’t think the Liberal Party would do it once let alone twice.

“We do however have a new team in Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg who both know Tasmania well and have played a part in the development of policies that are critical to our State, particularly Treasury, Tourism, Energy and the Environment.

“We must turn our attention to where it should be, the Australian people.

“The Coalition Government under Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party Josh Frydenberg must now work to build an even stronger economy, create more jobs and continue to provide the funding for health, education and the social services that are so important for the community.

“I also wish to pay tribute to the work of former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party Julie Bishop and thank them for their service to the people of Australia.”

“They are both great friends of Tasmania.

“Now is the time for unity, stability and delivering for the people of Australia.”

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