



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 98, 99 and 100

No. 98 — Tuesday, 4 February 2025

- 1 The President took the Chair at 12.04 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **THE LATE HONOURABLE JOHN EDWARD DELZOPPO OAM** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 23 November 2024, of the Honourable John Edward Delzoppo OAM, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Narracan from 1982 to 1996 and as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1992 to 1996.

Other members addressed the House.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and the question was agreed to unanimously.

As a further mark of respect, the sitting was suspended for one hour.

[Sitting suspended from 12.11 pm to 1.13 pm]

- 3 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on 3 December 2024, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Act 2024

State Taxation Further Amendment Act 2024

Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Act 2024.

- 4 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** —

The President advised the House that the following members resigned from the Electoral Matters Committee —

- (1) Brad Battin, Member for Berwick, effective from 1 February 2025;
- (2) Wayne Farnham, Member for Narracan, effective from 3 February 2025;
- (3) Luba Grigorovitch, Member for Kororoit, effective from today; and
- (4) Emma Vulin, Member for Pakenham, effective from today.

The President advised the House that David Davis and Moira Deeming resigned from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, effective from 3 February 2025.

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The President advised the House that Bev McArthur resigned from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from today.

- 5 ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO THE VICTORIAN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION GRID** — The President read a letter from the Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee advising that the Committee agreed to extend the reporting date of its self-referred Inquiry into the Victorian electrical transmission grid from 20 December 2025 to 30 June 2026.
- 6 ACTING PRESIDENT** — The President tabled the following Warrant discharging an Acting President:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

VICTORIA

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 2.12 of the Legislative Council,
I discharge —

Mrs Bev McArthur
as an Acting President.

Given under my hand on 4 February 2025.

SHAUN LEANE
President of the Legislative Council

7 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to Windsor Community Children's Centre (QwN 774) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Medical indemnity insurance – naloxone (QwN 780)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Sarah Mansfield — response from Ingrid Stitt due Wednesday, 5 February 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 8 PAPER — COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 1 of 2025 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

9 PETITIONS —

DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING — Georgie Crozier presented a petition bearing 313 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to desist from the announced high-rise high-density zones and re-commence proper discussions and consultation with local communities and councils and heritage peak bodies in all ten affected zones prior to taking any further planning actions (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF VICTORIA'S ROADS — Bev McArthur presented a petition bearing 103 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council require the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report on the state of Victoria's roads (*Ordered to be tabled*).

10 PAPERS —

PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool — Report, 2023-24.

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2024-25 Budget Update (*released on 13 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notices under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to —

Accessible Parking Permit Scheme (*Gazette G2, 9 January 2025*).

EPA Designation – Classification of PFAS-impacted soil (*Gazette G1, 2 January 2025*).

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Minister's certificates of 10 December 2024 to not require the service of a notice of intention to acquire land, under section 7 of the Act.

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2025.

Local Jobs First — Report, 2023-24.

Melbourne City Link Act 1995 — Operating Services Agreement Direct Deed: CityLink and Exhibition Street Extension, under sections 15(2) and 15D(6) of the Act.

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by a Member of the Legislative Council — Primary Return, 6 December 2024 (*Ordered to be published*).

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and National Health Practitioner Privacy Commissioner — Report, 2023-24.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 —

Infrastructure contributions and development contribution levies — Report, 2023-24, under section 46GZJ of the Act.

Notices of approval of the —

Ararat Planning Scheme — Amendment C48.

Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendment C253.

Campaspe Planning Scheme — Amendment C122.

Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Mitchell, Whittlesea and Wyndham Planning Schemes — Amendment GC206.

Colac Otway Planning Scheme — Amendment C130.

Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendments C263, C266 and C268.

Golden Plains Planning Scheme — Amendment C102.

Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme — Amendment C291.

Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme — Amendment C244.

Hepburn Planning Scheme — Amendment C88.

Hume Planning Scheme — Amendment C276.

Kingston Planning Scheme — Amendments C221 and C224.

Knox Planning Scheme — Amendment C203.

Latrobe Planning Scheme — Amendment C131.

Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C163.

Maribyrnong Planning Scheme — Amendment C184.

Maroondah Planning Scheme — Amendment C158.

Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C384, C474, C475 and C476.

Merri-bek Planning Scheme — Amendment C232.

Mildura and Swan Hill Planning Schemes — Amendment GC202.

Mildura Planning Scheme — Amendment C121.

Monash Planning Scheme — Amendment C157.

Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme — Amendment C271.

Nillumbik Planning Scheme — Amendment C153.

Port Phillip Planning Scheme — Amendment C217.

Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendment C348.

Swan Hill Planning Scheme — Amendment C78.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC237, VC269, VC272 and VC273.

Whitehorse Planning Scheme — Amendment C254.

Whittlesea Planning Scheme — Amendment C278.

Wodonga Planning Scheme — Amendment C144.

Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C224.

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Nomination Order and Application Order of 10 December 2024, and a statement of reasons for making a Nomination Order of 3 December 2024, under section 9 of the Act.

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report, 2023-24.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 — No. 141/2024.

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — No. 138/2024.

County Court Act 1958 — No. 135/2024.

Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 — No. 131/2024.

Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — No. 134/2024.

National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 — No. 137/2024.

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — No. 132/2024.

Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — No. 130/2024.

Service Victoria Act 2018 — No. 140/2024.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — No. 136/2024.

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — No. 133/2024.

Water Industry Act 1994 — No. 139/2024.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 129/2024, 131/2024, 133/2024, 134/2024, 135/2024, 136/2024, 138/2024, 139/2024, 140/2024 and 141/2024.

Legislative Instruments and related documents under section 16B in respect of —

EPA Designation – Classification of PFAS-impacted soil, under the Environment Protection Act 2017.

Order to fix the greenhouse gas reduction rates for electricity and for gas in 2025, under the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007.

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Government response to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Report on Inquiry into pig welfare in Victoria (*released on 20 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Responses from the Minister for Environment to petitions titled —

Resolve corella issue in Bridgewater (petition No. 568) (presented by Gaelle Broad on 27 August 2024) (*released on 3 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Stop the aerial culling of deer (petition No. 578) (presented by Jeff Bourman on 26 November 2024) (*released on 4 February 2025*).

Response from the Minister for Local Government to petition titled Cease the rollout of the Rainbow Libraries Toolkit (petition No. 601) (presented by Bev McArthur on 29 October 2024) (*released on 19 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Responses from the Minister for Planning to petitions titled —

Desist from high-rise high-density zone planning (petition Nos. 604 and 607) (presented by David Davis on 12 November 2024 and 26 November 2024) (*released on 20 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Kongwak Butter Factory development (petition No. 608) (presented by Renee Heath on 27 November 2024) (*released on 5 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Ports and Freight to petitions titled Restore the Newhaven Jetty (petition Nos. 561 and 593) (presented by Melina Bath on 17 October 2024) (*released on 17 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Transport Infrastructure to petition titled Halt the closure of Progress Street in Dandenong South (petition No. 541) (presented by Ann-Marie Hermans on 15 October 2024) (*released on 4 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Premier to petitions titled End partnership with Elbit Systems (petition Nos. 547 and 553) (presented by Samantha Ratnam on 18 June 2024 and 2 May 2024) (*released on 6 December 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

PROCLAMATIONS — The Clerk tabled proclamations of the Governor in Council fixing operative dates for the following Acts:

Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act (other than Part 2) — 1 January 2025 (*Gazette S671, 3 December 2024*).

Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Act 2024 — Remaining provisions — 19 December 2024 (*Gazette S686, 10 December 2024*).

Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Act 2024 — Parts 2 and 3 — 1 January 2025 — Parts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 — 1 March 2025 (*Gazette S700, 17 December 2024*).

Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Act 2024 — Whole Act — 1 January 2025 (*Gazette S700, 17 December 2024*).

11 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS —

In response to a resolution of the Council on 15 May 2024 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the Ministerial advisory committee on infrastructure contributions, the Clerk tabled —

- nine documents and schedules of the 11 documents identified within the scope of the Order; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 26 November 2024, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to two documents in full.

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SOCIAL HOUSING REGULATION REVIEW FINAL REPORT — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Treasurer, dated 20 December 2024, one document and a schedule of the document identified, in response to a resolution of the Council on 16 October 2024 (on the motion of Samantha Ratnam), relating to the Social Housing Regulation Review final report.

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LAND USE IN THE GRAMPIANS AND ARAPILES REGION — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 31 January 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 27 November 2024 (on the motion of David Limbrick), relating to land use in the Grampians and Arapiles region, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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UNPROTECTION OF DINGOES ORDER IN COUNCIL — In response to a resolution of the Council on 13 November 2024 (on the motion of Georgie Purcell), relating to the unprotection of dingoes Order in Council, the Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 31 January 2025, advising that there —

- was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible; and
- is currently a legal proceeding in the Supreme Court related to the dingo Order in Council and noting the sub judice convention that is observed and applied by the Council.

REVIEW OF POLICE OVERSIGHT — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Treasurer, dated 3 February 2025, one document and a schedule of the document identified, in response to a resolution of the Council on 27 November 2024 (on the motion of Rachel Payne), relating to the review of police oversight.

12 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 5 February 2025 —

- (1) order of the day No. 2, second reading of the Constitution Amendment (Abortion) Bill 2024;
- (2) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on crime in Prahran;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by Evan Mulholland on infrastructure in Werribee;
- (4) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Crozier on Victoria's health system; and
- (5) notice of motion given this day by Sarah Mansfield on access to abortion.

Question — put and agreed to.

13 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

14 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 778, and orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until later this day.

15 EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 35

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 1

David Limbrick.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Gayle Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.51 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 99 — Wednesday, 5 February 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — The President advised the House that David Davis resigned from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee, effective from 4 February 2025.

3 PETITION — SAVE SILVERLEAVES FROM COASTAL EROSION — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 4,370 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently fund and implement the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's proposed geotextile revetment to protect homes, public infrastructure and public land in the short term, and work collaboratively with the Silverleaves community to plan and fund long-term solutions to mitigate and manage coastal erosion (*Ordered to be tabled*).

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Melina Bath listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

4 PAPER PRESENTED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following paper:

Auditor-General — Reporting on Local Government Performance: Follow-up, February 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

5 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — David Davis moved, by leave, That David Davis be a participating member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

7 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (ABORTION) BILL 2024 — Sarah Mansfield laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sarah Mansfield moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP RISK REGISTER — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

(a) the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) project is the largest infrastructure project in Victoria's history and is not yet fully funded;

(b) the SRL project has already seen the cost of the project escalate from \$50 billion for three stages to at least \$34.5 billion for stage one alone;

- (c) an early version of the SRL Risk Register, a strategic risks spreadsheet created prior to March 2020, was released by the Suburban Rail Loop Authority under the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's direction of 12 December 2024 in case Z773/2022;
- (2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council —
 - (a) within three weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, the most recent SRL Risk Register; and
 - (b) every three months commencing from the date of tabling of the register in paragraph (2)(a) until the expiration of the project or the expiration of the 60th Parliament, the most current version of the SRL Risk Register.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 CRIME IN PRAHRAN — David Davis moved, That this House notes —

- (1) the resignation of the Victorian Greens party member Mr Sam Hibbins as the Member for Prahran;
- (2) the by-election is to be held in Prahran on 8 February 2025;
- (3) that despite the significant increase in local population, between 2020 and 2023 the Prahran Police Station experienced a fall of 16 per cent in the total number of weekday staff and a fall of 27 per cent in the total number of weekend staff, and all too often the Prahran Police Station has not been open and fully staffed;
- (4) independent Crime Statistics Agency data for the year ending 30 September 2024 shows total recorded criminal incidents in the Prahran electorate to be rising to record highs, including the increase of —
 - (a) residential burglaries in Prahran by 39 per cent;
 - (b) motor vehicle theft in Prahran by 68 per cent;
 - (c) thefts from motor vehicles in South Yarra by 64 per cent;
 - (d) residential burglaries in South Yarra by 43 per cent;
 - (e) retail theft in Windsor by 158 per cent; and
- (5) the tolerance bordering on acquiescence of the Victorian Greens for the rising incidence of crime, particularly violent crime in Prahran.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

10 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Animals impacted by Grampians bushfires (QwN 783)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 7 February 2025.

- **WorkCover modernisation scheme (QwN 787)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 7 February 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

11 CRIME IN PRAHRAN — Debate continued on the question, That this House notes —

- (1) the resignation of the Victorian Greens party member Mr Sam Hibbins as the Member for Prahran;
- (2) the by-election is to be held in Prahran on 8 February 2025;
- (3) that despite the significant increase in local population, between 2020 and 2023 the Prahran Police Station experienced a fall of 16 per cent in the total number of weekday staff and a fall of 27 per cent in the total number of weekend staff, and all too often the Prahran Police Station has not been open and fully staffed;
- (4) independent Crime Statistics Agency data for the year ending 30 September 2024 shows total recorded criminal incidents in the Prahran electorate to be rising to record highs, including the increase of —
 - (a) residential burglaries in Prahran by 39 per cent;
 - (b) motor vehicle theft in Prahran by 68 per cent;
 - (c) thefts from motor vehicles in South Yarra by 64 per cent;
 - (d) residential burglaries in South Yarra by 43 per cent;
 - (e) retail theft in Windsor by 158 per cent; and
- (5) the tolerance bordering on acquiescence of the Victorian Greens for the rising incidence of crime, particularly violent crime in Prahran.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

12 INFRASTRUCTURE IN WERRIBEE — Evan Mulholland moved, That this House notes —

- (1) the resignation of the Hon. Tim Pallas, former Treasurer, as the Member for Werribee;
- (2) the by-election is to be held in Werribee on 8 February 2025;
- (3) that Labor has taken Werribee and other western Melbourne seats for granted for too long, failing to provide adequate infrastructure given the massive population growth, including —

- (a) electrifying lines to Wyndham Vale, despite promising to do so;
- (b) neglecting Werribee's bus network which will suffer another blow after manufacturers were banned by Labor from ordering replacement diesel buses;
- (c) building adequate road infrastructure, forcing the growing local community to wait endlessly in traffic;
- (d) the Suburban Rail Loop West which has no estimated construction and completion dates and is simply a cynical ploy by Labor to string along the long-suffering people of the west;

and calls on the Labor Government to finally prioritise the people of Werribee over Premier Jacinta Allan's Suburban Rail Loop.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negated.

13 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notice of motion, general business, No. 790, be postponed until later this day.

14 ACCESS TO ABORTION — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that it was 17 years since abortion was decriminalised in Victoria;
- (2) acknowledges the many decades of advocacy by fearless individuals that preceded abortion reforms;
- (3) recognises that significant barriers still exist for people seeking to terminate a pregnancy, including —
 - (a) social stigma;
 - (b) some healthcare providers' refusal to participate in abortion provision;
 - (c) costs associated with surgical and medication treatment options as well as employment leave, travel and childcare arrangements;
 - (d) the complete lack of service provision in many local government areas across Victoria;
- (4) further notes the recent efforts in multiple parliaments across Australia seeking to limit and/or repeal reproductive freedoms and access to abortion services;

- (5) reaffirms its commitment to abortion as essential, routine healthcare and a basic right; and
- (6) commits to actively guard against current and future threats to abortion and Victorians' reproductive freedoms, including but not limited to consideration of amendments to the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 5.15 pm, pursuant to Sessional Orders, the debate stood adjourned in the name of Harriet Shing.

- 15 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.

Business interrupted at 5.48 pm, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

- 16 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — RESTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAYS FOR VIOLENT AND HIGH-RISK PRISONERS** — Renee Heath moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT** — Harriet Shing moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.00 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 100 — Thursday, 6 February 2025

- 1** The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 ACTING PRESIDENT** — The President tabled the following Warrant nominating an Acting President:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VICTORIA

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 2.12 of the Legislative Council,
I hereby nominate —

Mrs Gaelle Broad

to be an Acting President whenever requested to do so by the President or Deputy President.

Given under my hand on 6 February 2025.

SHAUN LEANE
President of the Legislative Council

- 3 PETITION — DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING** — David Davis presented a petition bearing 259 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to desist from the announced high-rise high-density zones and recommence proper discussions and consultation

with local communities and councils and heritage peak bodies in all ten affected zones prior to taking any further planning actions (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of David Davis, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

4 PAPERS —

PAPER PRESENTED BY DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNOR — Enver Erdogan presented, by direction of the Governor, the Children’s Court of Victoria Report, 2023-24 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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PAPER PRESENTED BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL — Ingrid Stitt, by leave, presented the New Melton Hospital Project Summary, February 2025 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Electoral Matters Committee’s Report on the Inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election.

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report, 2023-24.

Rural Northwest Health — Report, 2023-24.

Sentencing Advisory Council — Minister’s report of receipt of 2023-24 Report.

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper:
Government response to the Environment and Planning Committee’s Report on the Inquiry into the 2022 flood event in Victoria.

5 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 February 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

6 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP —

Jaclyn Symes moved, by leave, That Jacinta Ermacora and Evan Mulholland be members of the Electoral Matters Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

David Davis moved, by leave, That —

(1) Georgie Crozier be discharged as a member of the Procedure Committee;

(2) David Davis be a member of the Procedure Committee;

(3) Richard Welch be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee;

(4) Richard Welch be discharged as a participating member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee; and

(5) Richard Welch be a member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

8 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 806, be postponed until later this day.

- 9 DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

- 10 QUESTION TIME — QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS** — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Harriet Shing to questions relating to Suburban Rail Loop material risks disclosure (QwN 792) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Duck hunting season (QwN 794)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Gayle Tierney due Monday, 10 February 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 11 DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — The Deputy President advised the House that Ellen Sandell, Member for Melbourne, resigned from the House Committee, effective from today.

- 13 STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

- 14 CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1997, the Estate Agents Act 1980, the Owners Corporations Act 2006, the Conveyancers Act 2006, the Sale of Land Act 1962, the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Victorian Civil and*

Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Harriet Shing laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Retirement Villages Act 1986, to make minor amendments to other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Harriet Shing laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT** — Gayle Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.10 pm until Tuesday, 18 February 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024

Committed Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Clauses 1 to 68 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024

Committed Thursday, 6 February 2025

Clauses 1 to 26 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

