



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 128, 129 and 130

No. 128 — Tuesday, 26 August 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 12.02 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on 19 August 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Corrections Legislation Amendment Act 2025

Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Act 2025

Financial Management Legislation Amendment Act 2025

Local Jobs First Amendment Act 2025

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Act 2025.

3 **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 a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Joint burials of people and pets (QwN 1014)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 28 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 **PETITIONS** —

INQUIRY INTO KOALA MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THE IMPACT OF THE BLUE GUM INDUSTRY ON KOALA POPULATIONS — Georgie Purcell presented an e-petition bearing 7,102 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to establish an independent inquiry into the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's aerial culling and

broader koala management practices, including an investigation into the blue gum plantation industry's direct and indirect impacts on koalas, and immediately halt further harvesting in southwest Victoria until accurate, science-based population estimates are established in plantation areas (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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INQUIRY INTO KOALA MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THE IMPACT OF THE BLUE GUM INDUSTRY ON KOALA POPULATIONS — Georgie Purcell presented a paper petition bearing 2,607 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to establish an independent inquiry into the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's aerial culling and broader koala management practices, including an investigation into the blue gum plantation industry's direct and indirect impacts on koalas, and immediately halt further harvesting in southwest Victoria until accurate, science-based population estimates are established in plantation areas (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

5 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE —

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 11 of 2025 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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

Essential Services Commission — Accident Towing Fees Review 2025: Final Report, 21 May 2025, under section 212G of the Accident Towing Services Act 2007.

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Council — Ordinary Returns, 1 February 2025 to 30 June 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the — Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendment C243 (Part 1).

Bass Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C169.

Bass Coast, Knox, Latrobe and Wyndham Planning Schemes — Amendment GC189.

Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C405.

Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendment C432.

Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme — Amendment C243.

Kingston Planning Scheme — Amendment C228.

Mitchell Planning Scheme — Amendment C177.

Mitchell and Whittlesea Planning Schemes — Amendment GC249.

Queenscliffe Planning Scheme — Amendment C41.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC279 and VC290.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Building Act 1993 — No. 76.

Local Government Act 1989 — No. 77.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 73, 74 and 77.

Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of Ministerial Order No. 1478 – Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 1228 – Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper: Response from the Minister for Education to petition titled New public high school for Kilmore (petition No. 622) (presented by Gaelle Broad on 29 July 2025) (*released on 21 August 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

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

Bail Amendment Act 2025 — sections 11 and 12 — 26 August 2025 (*Gazette S436, 19 August 2025*).

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025 — section 54A — 1 September 2025 (*Gazette S436, 19 August 2025*).

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — SILVER REVIEW — In response to a resolution of the Council on 30 July 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the Silver Review, the Clerk tabled —

- a schedule of the two documents identified within the scope of the Order; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 21 August 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to two documents in full.

7 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Aiv Puglielli moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 27 August 2025 —

- (1) order of the day No. 1, second reading of the Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025;
- (2) order of the day No. 3, resumption of debate on the second reading of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025;
- (3) notice of motion No. 1002, standing in Rachel Payne’s name referring matters relating to the development and expansion of waste-to-energy infrastructure to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee;
- (4) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on increases in crime; and
- (5) order of the day No. 71, resumption of debate on a motion on delivery of health services.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — Aiv Puglielli moved, by leave, That Sarah Mansfield be a member of the Procedure Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

10 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1047, be postponed until later this day.

- 11 BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Joe McCracken (*JMC03C*), Katherine Copsey (*KC56C, KC57C and KC58C*) and Rachel Payne (*RP18C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Katherine Copsey moved, as a reasoned amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted and replaced with “the Bill be withdrawn and not reintroduced until the Government commits to changes to the Bill so that it —

- (1) does not exacerbate the risk of human rights abuses; and
- (2) does not result in disproportionate incarceration of vulnerable groups, including women and First Nations peoples, leading to deaths in custody.”.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until later this day.

- 12 WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025** — The Acting President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Worker Screening Act 2020 in relation to working with children and the time limit for prosecuting certain offences and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Enver Erdogan, the Bill was read a first time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 14.35, Enver Erdogan declared the Bill to be an urgent bill and moved, That the Bill be treated as an urgent bill.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Enver Erdogan moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Enver Erdogan incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

Debate ensued.

[Sitting suspended from 6.25 pm to 7.33 pm]

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.

- 13 BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time — and on the reasoned amendment moved by Katherine Copsey — That all the words after “That” be omitted and replaced with “the Bill be withdrawn and not reintroduced until the Government commits to changes to the Bill so that it —
- (1) does not exacerbate the risk of human rights abuses; and
 - (2) does not result in disproportionate incarceration of vulnerable groups, including women and First Nations peoples, leading to deaths in custody.”.

Question — That the reasoned amendment moved by Katherine Copsey be agreed to — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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

NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

Question negated.

Question — That the Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The President ruled amendments 1, 4, 5 and 6 proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Joe McCracken (*JMC03C*) contravene Standing Order 7.06 as they are the same in substance as amendments proposed and resolved in the previous six months.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Gayle Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Gayle Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

The Council continued to sit after 12.00 midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2025

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the sitting be extended.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Enver Erdogan moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman;
Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan;
Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane;
David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken;
Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra;
Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli;
Georgie Purcell.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill 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 ADJOURNMENT — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 1.05 am until later this day.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 129 — Wednesday, 27 August 2025

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

2 PAPERS —

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

Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 — under section 43 of the Act —

Advancing the Victorian Treaty Process — Report, 2024-25.

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria — Report, 2024-25.

Auditor-General — Financial Management of Local Councils, August 2025
(Ordered to be published).

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper:

Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Renaming of Berwick Springs Lake (petition No. 678) (presented by Ann-Marie Hermans on 30 July 2025)
(released on 26 August 2025).

3 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

4 SAFER PROTEST WITH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A BAN ON FACE COVERINGS

BILL 2025 — David Davis laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

David Davis moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

5 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — WORKER SCREENING UNIT AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS APRIL 2025 REVIEW — Georgie Crozier (for David Davis) moved,

That this House —

(1) notes that the Premier, the Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, stated on —

(a) 31 July 2025, that “...in April of this year I directed the Attorney-General and the Minister for Government Services to undertake a review of the Working with Children Check settings”;

(b) 12 August 2025, that “...through the work that was commissioned in April to review the system, there have been strengthened arrangements with the worker-screening unit”;

(c) 14 August 2025, that “...we have also, as a result of work taken back in April – work that has been undertaken by the Attorney and the Minister for Government Services – strengthened the worker-screening unit with regard to the Working with Children Check”; and

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 14 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, the review done by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Government Services that was commissioned in April 2025 and any documents used by the Attorney-General and Minister for Government Services for the review that influenced this change to the Worker Screening Unit and Working with Children Checks.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP COSTINGS — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes the Suburban Rail Loop costings were done ahead of the Suburban Rail Loop Business and Investment Case which was released publicly in August 2021;

(2) further notes that construction costs have increased significantly in the more than four years since the costing work was undertaken;

(3) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 30 days of the House agreeing to this resolution —

(a) copies of all additional or updated costing undertaken and presented either to the Department and/or the Government to the date of the House agreeing to this resolution; and

(b) updates or refreshed costings or newly initiated costings works, including estimates of overall cost for the Cheltenham to Box Hill component or other components of the Suburban Rail Loop.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 7 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT (RIGHT TO HOUSING) BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

8 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 Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to the Working with Children Checks – Ombudsman's recommendations (QwN 1022) 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:

- **Illegal rubbish dump (QwN 1021)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 29 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 9 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT (RIGHT TO HOUSING) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Aiv Puglielli, the debate was adjourned until later this day.

- 10 ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF WASTE-TO-ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE** — Rachel Payne moved, That this House requires the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by August 2026, on the development and expansion of waste-to-energy (WtE) infrastructure in Victoria, including —

- (1) the suitability of existing WtE infrastructure plans and policies, including —
 - (a) the proximity of WtE projects to residential communities and transport infrastructure;
 - (b) annual caps on waste that can be used in thermal WtE processing;
- (2) economic, social, and environmental consequences of WtE, including from —
 - (a) the terms of commercial arrangements between proposed WtE operators and governments;
 - (b) separating recycling and organic material from WtE streams;
 - (c) nature and management of emissions, toxic waste and ash byproducts;
 - (d) the cost-benefit of WtE generation to consumers and businesses;
- (3) alternative waste management approaches and emerging technologies that better align with circular economy principles, having regard to the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee's 2020 Inquiry into recycling and waste management and the role of WtE in the Victorian Government's circular economy plan;
- (4) the adequacy of community consultation and social licensing; and
- (5) any other related matters.

Debate ensued.

David Ettershank moved, as amendments —

1. In paragraph (1)(a), **omit** “proximity of WtE projects to” and **replace** it with “impact of WtE projects on”.
2. After paragraph (1)(b), **insert** the following new paragraph:
“(c) the regulatory framework to establish and manage WtE facilities;”.
3. In paragraph (2), **omit** “economic, social, and environmental consequences” and **replace** it with “the impact”.
4. **Omit** paragraph (2)(a).
5. In paragraph (2)(c), **omit** “toxic”.
6. In paragraph (3), **omit** “better” and **replace** it with “also”.
7. In paragraph (3), after “circular economy plan” **insert** “, including Victoria’s landfill management, capacity and strategy”.
8. In paragraph (4), **omit** “and social licensing”.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — That the amendments moved by David Ettershank be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That the motion, amended as follows, be agreed to — That this House requires the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by August 2026, on the development and expansion of waste-to-energy (WtE) infrastructure in Victoria, including —

- (1) the suitability of existing WtE infrastructure plans and policies, including —
 - (a) the impact of WtE projects on residential communities and transport infrastructure;
 - (b) annual caps on waste that can be used in thermal WtE processing;
 - (c) the regulatory framework to establish and manage WtE facilities;
- (2) the impact of WtE, including from —
 - (a) separating recycling and organic material from WtE streams;
 - (b) nature and management of emissions, waste and ash byproducts;
 - (c) the cost-benefit of WtE generation to consumers and businesses;
- (3) alternative waste management approaches and emerging technologies that also align with circular economy principles, having regard to the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee’s 2020 Inquiry into recycling and waste management and the role of WtE in the Victorian Government’s circular economy plan, including Victoria’s landfill management, capacity and strategy;
- (4) the adequacy of community consultation; and
- (5) any other related matters — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 18

Ryan Batchelor; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 10

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Joe McCracken.

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

Question agreed to.

- 11 ASSENT TO ACT** — The President read a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had, this day, given the Royal Assent to the following Act presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Act 2025.

- 12 INCREASES IN CRIME** — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the recent serious and violent home invasions across metropolitan Melbourne, including home invasions in Kew;
- (b) the aggravated retail burglaries in retail outlets, including supermarkets, across Melbourne;
- (c) comments of Mr Anthony Heraghty, CEO of the Super Retail Group;
- (d) concern regarding community safety in country Victoria;
- (e) the lack of police resources available in our suburbs; and

(2) expresses legitimate concern at the failure of the Allan Labor Government to control this serious situation putting many Victorians at risk.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 17

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

(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 the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until later this day.

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

15 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — CANCEL PLANS TO COMMISSION A STATUE OF FORMER PREMIER DANIEL ANDREWS — Moira Deeming moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the time allocated for debate had concluded.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 8

Gaelle Broad; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 13

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; David Ettershank; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Harriet Shing; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negated.

16 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1043, be postponed until later this day.

17 PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — Jaclyn Symes moved, That Gaelle Broad, Tom McIntosh and Richard Welch be members of the Parliamentary Ethics Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; 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)

NOES, 8

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

Question agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.16 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 130 — Thursday, 28 August 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 9.33 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Orders, of 26 August 2025, under section 22 of the Act, for the following NBA x NBL Melbourne Series 2025 Tour to be held at Rod Laver Arena —

New Orleans Pelicans v Melbourne United on 3 October 2025.

New Orleans Pelicans v South East Melbourne Phoenix on 5 October 2025.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —

Baw Baw Planning Scheme — Amendment C151.

Bayside Planning Scheme — Amendment C209.

Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C420.

Campaspe Planning Scheme — Amendment C127.

Maroondah Planning Scheme — Amendment C153.

Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendment C353.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 82.

3 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — INITIAL REVIEW OF VICTORIA'S WORKING WITH CHILDREN SCHEME — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 August 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 30 July 2025 (on the motion of Rachel Payne), relating to the Initial review of Victoria's Working with Children scheme, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

4 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Gayle Tierney moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9 September 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1047, be postponed until later this day.

7 WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — 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.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

8 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 Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to Working with Children Checks – overseas criminal history (QwN 1035) 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:

- **Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co-op (QwN 1034)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Jaclyn Symes due Monday, 1 September 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

9 NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Davis (*DD188C*), Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell (*RT11C*), Sarah Mansfield (*SMA37C*) and David Ettershank (*DE08C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; 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)

NOES, 17

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Adem Somyurek; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

[Sitting suspended from 6.30 pm to 7.32 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Gayle Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Gayle Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 16

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

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill with amendments and requesting their agreement.

- 10 AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Grands Prix Act 1994 in relation to the race period, the definition of grand prix insignia, acting appointments and public access areas, to provide for the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to host approved events and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Gayle Tierney), 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 11 DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 to further provide for the administration of medication to residents in aged care and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Ingrid Stitt), 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 Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 12 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of Victoria* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Jaclyn Symes), 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council continued to sit after 12.00 midnight.

FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 2025

Debate continued.

The Council adjourned at 12.14 am until Tuesday, 9 September 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 128, 129 and 130

WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Amendments circulated: Georgie Crozier (GC78C) (pp. 1146-51)

Clause 1 — Georgie Crozier (GC78C) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Georgie Crozier moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (GC78C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

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

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NOES, 21

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

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Question negated.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 16 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 16A — Georgie Crozier moved amendment No. 10 (GC78C).

Question — That New Clause 16A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

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

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NOES, 21

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

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Question negated.

Clauses 17 to 19 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Amendments circulated: Katherine Copsey (KC56C, KC57C and KC58C) (pp. 1151-3), Joe McCracken (JMC03C) (pp. 1153-4) and Rachel Payne (RP18C) (p. 1155)

Clause 1 — Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 1 (RP18C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negated.

Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 (KC58C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negatived.

Joe McCracken moved amendment Nos. 2 and 3 (*JMC03C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

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

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NOES, 20

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

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Question negatived.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 (*KC56C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negatived.

Katherine Copsey moved amendment Nos. 2 and 3 (KC56C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negatived.

Clause 5 — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Katherine Copsey moved amendment Nos. 4 to 6 (KC56C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negatived.

Clause 6 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 18 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 18A — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 (KC57C).

Question — That New Clause 18A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 28

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 19 to 23 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 28 August 2025

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD188C) (pp. 1155-6), David Ettershank (DE08C) (pp. 1157-8), Sarah Mansfield (SMA37C) (p. 1158) and Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell (RT11C) (p. 1158)

Clause 1 — David Davis moved amendment No. 1 (DD188C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

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

(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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell moved amendment No. 1 (RT11C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 17

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Adem Somyurek; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 49 — put and agreed to.

Clause 50 — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (*SMA37C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 15

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

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

Question agreed to.

David Davis moved amendment Nos. 4 to 6 (*DD188C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

David Davis moved amendment No. 7 (*DD188C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

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

(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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

David Davis moved amendment No. 8 (DD188C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and negatived.

Clause 50, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 51 to 60 — put and agreed to.

Clause 61 — Question — That Clause 61 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 16

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

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Question agreed to.

Clause 62 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 62A — David Ettershank moved amendment No. 1 (DE08C).

Question — That New Clause 62A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 63 — David Ettershank moved amendment No. 2 (DE08C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That Clause 63, as amended, stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 16

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

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

Question agreed to.

Clause 64 — Question — That Clause 64 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 16

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

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

Question agreed to.

Clause 65 — David Ettershank moved amendment Nos. 3 to 5 *(DE08C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

David Ettershank moved amendment Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 *(DE08C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

David Ettershank moved amendment No. 8 *(DE08C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

David Ettershank moved amendment Nos. 12 to 15 *(DE08C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That Clause 65, as amended, stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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

NOES, 16

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

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

Question agreed to.

Clauses 66 to 75 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 75A — David Ettershank moved amendment No. 16 (*DE08C*).

Question — That New Clause 75A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 76 to 77 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —

1. WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025

Amendments circulated by Georgie Crozier (GC78C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 20, omit "information." and insert "information; and".
2. Clause 1, page 2, after line 20 insert—

"(f) to make other amendments relating to the screening of persons who work with or care for children."

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 3—

'3A How to apply for a WWC check

- (1) After section 54(1)(g) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(ga) if the child-related work in which the applicant is engaged or intends to engage is for profit or gain, be accompanied by evidence that the applicant has completed, within the previous 12 months, training about—

- (i) the Child Safe Standards under the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**; and
- (ii) the mandatory reporting requirements under the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**; and"

- (2) In section 54(2) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**—

- (a) before paragraph (a) insert—

"(aa) complete, in the form or manner determined by the Secretary, training about child sexual abuse and other forms of child abuse; and";

- (b) for paragraph (b) substitute—

"(b) consent to enquiries being made about the applicant to any of the following in connection with the consideration of the application and, if a WWC clearance is given, from time to time while that clearance remains in force—

- (i) the ACC;
- (ii) any disciplinary or regulatory entity;
- (iii) any person or source that the Secretary thinks fit; and".'. .

NEW CLAUSES

4. Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 5—

'5A Determination of WWC category B application

After section 63(1)(i) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(ia) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the application; and".

5B Determination of WWC category C application

After section 65(2)(i) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(ia) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the application; and".

5C New section 65A inserted

After section 65 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"65A Determination of application for a WWC check—general discretion to refuse

- (1) Despite anything to the contrary in this Division, the Secretary may refuse to give a WWC clearance on an application for a WWC check if, having regard to the factors set out in subsection (2), the Secretary is satisfied that giving the WWC clearance would pose an unjustifiable risk to the safety of children.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Secretary must have regard to—
 - (a) the likelihood of future threat to a child caused by the applicant; and
 - (b) any information given by the applicant in, or in relation to, the application; and
 - (c) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the application; and
 - (d) any other matter that the Secretary considers relevant to the application."

5D Secretary to notify applicant for WWC check of intention to exclude

- (1) In section 66(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "or 65" **substitute** ", 65 or 65A to a person who does not already hold a WWC clearance".
- (2) In section 66(2)(b) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "a WWC category B application or a WWC category C application" **substitute** "any other application for a WWC check".

5E Secretary must give WWC exclusion to applicant who fails to make submission within timeframe

In section 67 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**—

- (a) after "WWC check" **insert** "to whom a notice is given under section 66(1)";

(b) in paragraph (a), for "a notice" **substitute** "the notice".

5F Outcome of application for WWC check

In section 68(2) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "or 65" **substitute** ", 65 or 65A".

5G Duration of a WWC clearance

(1) In section 71 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "5 years" **substitute** "the period determined under subsection (2)".

(2) At the end of section 71 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(2) The period for the purposes of subsection (1) is—

(a) for a WWC clearance, the application for which specifies that the child-related work that the applicant engages in or intends to engage in is for profit or gain—3 years; or

(b) for any other WWC clearance—5 years."

5H Re-assessment of eligibility to hold WWC clearance

(1) Before section 78(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(1AA) The Secretary may re-assess a person's eligibility to hold a WWC clearance if for any reason the Secretary considers that it is appropriate to do so."

(2) For section 78(3) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** substitute—

"(3) For the purposes of Part 6.2 or 6.3, a person to whom an interim WWC exclusion has been given under section 88(1)(b) must be regarded as not holding a current WWC clearance for the period in which the interim WWC exclusion is in force."

5I Suspension powers on re-assessment of WWC clearance

(1) Before section 79(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(1AA) The Secretary may suspend a person's WWC clearance pending the carrying out and completion of a re-assessment of that person's eligibility to hold a WWC clearance if the Secretary reasonably suspects that the person would pose an unjustifiable risk to the safety of children."

(2) In section 79(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "Despite section 78(3) and subject" **substitute** "Subject".

NEW CLAUSES

5. Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 7—

'7A Determination of WWC category B re-assessment

After section 85(1)(i) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(ia) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the re-assessment; and".

7B Determination of WWC category C re-assessment

After section 87(2)(i) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"(ia) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the re-assessment; and".

7C New section 87AA inserted

After section 87 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"87AA Determination of re-assessment—general discretion to revoke

- (1) Despite anything to the contrary in this Division, the Secretary may revoke a WWC clearance on a re-assessment of the person's eligibility to hold a WWC clearance if, having regard to the factors set out in subsection (2), the Secretary is satisfied that the person holding the WWC clearance would pose an unjustifiable risk to the safety of children.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Secretary must have regard to—
 - (a) the likelihood of future threat to a child caused by the holder; and
 - (b) any information given by the holder in, or in relation to, the re-assessment; and
 - (c) any relevant information obtained from any other person or source in relation to the re-assessment; and
 - (d) any other matter that the Secretary considers relevant to the re-assessment.".'.

6. Clause 8, line 21, omit "Despite section 78(3), the" and insert "The".

NEW CLAUSES

7. Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 8—

'8A Submission sought from holder before determining to revoke WWC clearance

- (1) In section 88(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "or 87" substitute ", 87 or 87AA".
- (2) In section 88(2)(b) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "a WWC category B re-assessment or a WWC category C re-assessment" substitute "any other re-assessment of a person's eligibility to hold a WWC clearance".

8B Revocation of WWC clearance on failure to provide information during re-assessment

In section 89(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "Despite section 78(3), if" **substitute** "If".

8C Revocation of WWC clearance after completing re-assessment and surrender of document

In section 91(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, for "or 87" **substitute** ", 87 or 87AA".'

8. Clause 10, after line 29 insert—

'(1A) In section 105(1) of the **Worker Screening Act 2020**—

(a) for paragraph (b) **substitute**—

"(b) a decision to give a WWC exclusion on an application for a WWC check (other than a WWC category A application);";

(b) for paragraph (d) **substitute**—

"(d) a decision under section 85, 87 or 87AA to revoke a WWC clearance following a re-assessment.".'

NEW CLAUSE

9. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 11—

'11A New section 108A inserted

After section 108 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"108A Jurisdiction of VCAT—discretionary refusal or revocation by the Secretary

(1) In a review of any of the following decisions, VCAT must determine whether in the particular circumstances it would be appropriate to refuse to give a WWC clearance, having regard to any matters to which the Secretary must have regard under section 65A(2)—

(a) a decision to give a WWC exclusion on an application for a WWC check that is refused under section 65A;

(b) a decision under section 87AA to revoke a WWC clearance following a re-assessment.

(2) VCAT must determine that it is appropriate to refuse to give a WWC clearance unless VCAT is satisfied that giving the WWC clearance would not pose an unjustifiable risk to the safety of children.

(3) Even if VCAT does not determine under subsection (1) or (2) that it would be appropriate to refuse to give a WWC clearance, VCAT must determine that it is appropriate to refuse to give the clearance unless it is satisfied that it is in the public interest to give the clearance.".'

NEW CLAUSE

10. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 16—

'16A New section 130A inserted

Before section 131 of the **Worker Screening Act 2020** insert—

"130A Secretary to provide Chief Commissioner of Police with information for Law Enforcement Assistance Program

The Secretary must provide the Chief Commissioner of Police with the following information about each person who holds a WWC clearance or who has made an application for a WWC check for the purpose of the information being included in the electronic document and records management system known as the Law Enforcement Assistance Program—

- (a) the full name of the person and any other names by which the person is or has been known;
- (b) the date and place of birth of the person;
- (c) the gender of the person;
- (d) the residential address and telephone number of the person."

2. BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025*Amendments circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC56C)*

1. Clause 5, line 24, after "burglary)" insert "in circumstances where what the intent that is alleged is the intent of committing an offence involving an assault to a person".
2. Clause 5, page 4, line 9, omit "(a)." and insert "(a); and".
3. Clause 5, page 4, after line 9, insert—
 - "(c) who is alleged to have used or threatened to use force against any other person in the commission of—
 - (i) the offence of which they are accused as referred to in paragraph (a); and
 - (ii) the offence for which they were on bail as referred to in paragraph (b)."
4. Clause 6, after line 9 insert—
 - "(ab) an offence against section 197(1) or (3) of the **Crimes Act 1958** that is not charged as arson; or".
5. Clause 6, line 16, omit "4;" and insert '4;".
6. Clause 6, lines 17 and 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
7. Clause 9, line 19, omit "or (4C)".
8. Clause 9, lines 28 to 30, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
9. Clause 9, page 9, lines 1 to 4, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

10. Clause 9, page 9, line 9, omit "or (4C)".
11. Clause 12, line 24, omit "**Schedules 4 and 5**" and insert "**Schedule 4**".
12. Clause 12, page 10, after line 7 insert—
 "(1AA) Section 74 (theft).".
13. Clause 12, page 10, after line 29 insert—
 "**Note**
 An offence against section 197(1) or (3) of the **Crimes Act 1958** (destroying or damaging property) that is not charged as arson is also a Schedule 4 offence; see paragraph (ab) of the definition of **Schedule 4 offence** in section 3.".
14. Clause 12, page 11, after line 26 insert—
 "(4) Section 73 (possession of a drug of dependence).".
15. Clause 12, page 21, line 4, omit "offence." and insert 'offence.'.
16. Clause 12, page 21, lines 5 to 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
17. Clause 12, page 22, lines 1 to 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
18. Clause 12, page 23, lines 1 to 27, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

Amendment circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC57C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause before clause 19—
 '**18A Guiding principles**
 In section 1B(1) of the Principal Act—
 (a) in paragraph (d), for "procedures." **substitute** "procedures; and";
 (b) after paragraph (d) **insert**—
 "(e) taking into account issues that arise due to a person's Aboriginality when making a determination under this Act in relation to that person.".'.

Amendments circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC58C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, after line 13 insert—
 "(iva) to provide that where that Act requires surrounding circumstances to be taken into account, this includes particular circumstances relating to family violence and social or economic disadvantage; and".

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Division to follow Division 4 of Part 2—

'Division 4A—Family violence and social or economic disadvantage

17A Surrounding circumstances

- (1) In section 3AAA(1)(h)(iv) of the Principal Act, after "impairment;" **insert** "or".
- (2) After section 3AAA(1)(h)(iv) of the Principal Act **insert**—
 - "(v) being a victim of family violence; or
 - (vi) being a protected person (within the meaning of the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**); or
 - (vii) experiencing social or economic disadvantage, including homelessness and unstable housing;".

Amendments circulated by Joe McCracken (JMC03C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, after line 2 insert—
 - "(iia) to provide that the following offences are to be Schedule 2 offences—
 - (A) robbery; and
 - (B) burglary; and
 - (C) the offence of committing an indictable offence on bail; and
 - (D) the offence of contravening certain conduct conditions of bail undertakings; and".
2. Clause 1, page 2, line 24, omit "offence." and insert "offence; and".
3. Clause 1, page 2, after line 24 insert—
 - "(c) to further amend the **Summary Offences Act 1966** so that the offence of contravening certain conduct conditions applies to children on bail."

NEW CLAUSES

4. After clause 10 insert—
 - '10A **Power of police officer, sheriff or authorised person**
 In the note at the foot of section 10(5) of the Principal Act, for "Schedule 2 offences" **substitute** "certain Schedule 2 offences".
 - 10B **Power of bail justice to grant or refuse bail**
 In the note at the foot of section 10A(5) of the Principal Act, for "Schedule 2 offences" **substitute** "certain Schedule 2 offences".
 - 10C **Treason, murder, certain other offences**
 In section 13(4) of the Principal Act—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), for "person." **substitute** "person; or".

(b) after paragraph (a) **insert—**

"(b) the offence to which section 4AA(2)(c) or (d) relates is—

- (i) an offence referred to in item 30H of Schedule 2; or
- (ii) an offence referred to in item 30I of Schedule 2; or
- (iii) an offence of conspiracy to commit, incitement to commit or attempting to commit an offence referred to in item 30H or 30I of Schedule 2."

10D Accused on 2 or more undertakings of bail

(1) In section 13A(1) of the Principal Act, after "a Schedule 2 offence" **insert** "(other than an offence excepted by subsection (3))".

(2) After section 13A(2) of the Principal Act **insert—**

"(3) The following offences are excepted for the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) an offence referred to in item 30H or 30I of Schedule 2;
- (b) an offence of conspiracy to commit, incitement to commit or attempting to commit an offence referred to in item 30H or 30I of Schedule 2."

5. Clause 11, line 15, before "For" insert "(1)".

6. Clause 11, after line 23 insert—

'(2) In item 22 of Schedule to the Principal Act, after paragraph (aab) **insert—**

"(aac) section 75 (robbery)

(aad) section 76 (burglary);".

(3) Before item 31 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Act **insert—**

"30H. An offence against section 30B (commit indictable offence while on bail).

30I. An offence against section 49F of the **Summary Offences Act 1966** (contravening certain conduct conditions of bail undertakings)."

7. Clause 22, after line 8 insert—

"(3) Section 49F(3) of the **Summary Offences Act 1966** is **repealed**.

(4) In section 49F(4) of the **Summary Offences Act 1966**, the definition of *child* is **repealed**."

Amendments circulated by Rachel Payne (RP18C)

1. Clause 1, line 5, omit "that" and insert "that, for 3 years,".

NEW CLAUSE

2. After clause 5 insert—

'5A New section 32D inserted

After section 32C of the Principal Act insert—

"32D Repeal of section 4F after 3 years

On the third anniversary of the commencement of Division 1 of Part 2 of the **Bail Further Amendment Act 2025**—

- (a) in section 4E(2)(b) **omit** "(whether because of section 4F or otherwise)";
- (b) in section 4E(3) **omit** "(whether because of section 4F or otherwise)";
- (c) section 4F is **repealed**;
- (d) this section is **repealed**."

3. Clause 20, line 26, omit 'undertaking.'" and insert "undertaking."

4. Clause 20, after line 26 insert—

"(24F) An amendment made to this Act by section 32D as inserted by the **Bail Further Amendment Act 2025** applies to an application made, or an appeal commenced, under this act on or after the commencement of that amendment, regardless of when the offence is alleged to have been committed."

3. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025

Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD188C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, lines 20 to 23, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Clause 1, page 3, lines 27 to 30, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
3. Clause 2, line 2, omit ", 3".
4. Clause 50, page 81, line 24, omit "Fund;" and insert "Fund."
5. Clause 50, page 81, lines 25 and 26, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
6. Clause 50, page 82, lines 1 to 5, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

7. Clause 50, page 82, after line 28 insert—

"93A Retailer to notify customer of Fund costs passed on

- (1) If a retailer passes a Fund cost on to a customer as described in subsection (2), the retailer must notify the customer of that cost.
- (2) A retailer passes on a Fund cost to a customer if—
 - (a) the retailer charges the customer for electricity; and
 - (b) that charge includes an amount (a **Fund cost**) that is subsequently to be paid to VicGrid (whether by the retailer or by any other entity) for payment into the REZ Community Energy Fund.
- (3) A notification under subsection (1) must be made within 12 months of the Fund cost being passed on.
- (4) In this section—

retailer has the same meaning as in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**."

8. Clause 50, page 85, after line 22 insert—

"95A Retailer to notify customer of Fund costs passed on

- (1) If a retailer passes a Fund cost on to a customer as described in subsection (2), the retailer must notify the customer of that cost.
- (2) A retailer passes on a Fund cost to a customer if—
 - (a) the retailer charges the customer for electricity; and
 - (b) that charge includes an amount (a **Fund cost**) that is subsequently to be paid to VicGrid (whether by the retailer or by any other entity) for payment into the Traditional Owners Fund.
- (3) A notification under subsection (1) must be made within 12 months of the Fund cost being passed on.
- (4) In this section—

retailer has the same meaning as in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**."

9. Clause 59, omit this clause

10. Clause 61, omit this clause.

11. Division heading preceding clause 63, omit this heading.

12. Clause 63, omit this clause.

13. Clause 64, omit this clause.

14. Clause 65, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by David Ettershank (DE08C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause before clause 63—

'62A Definitions

In section 3 of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** insert the following definition—

"public sector employee has the same meaning as in the **Public Administration Act 2004**;" .

2. Clause 63, line 8, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
3. Clause 65, line 26, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
4. Clause 65, line 27, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
5. Clause 65, page 127, lines 1 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
6. Clause 65, page 132, line 6, omit "60" and insert "30".
7. Clause 65, page 137, line 26, omit "60" and insert "30".
8. Clause 65, page 139, after line 29 insert—
 - "(1A) In determining whether there are reasonable grounds for making the order, the Magistrates' Court must have regard to the extent to which an electricity corporation or the CEO VicGrid has complied with the relevant obligations described in subsection (1B) in relation to entering—
 - (a) onto the land in respect of which the application is made; and
 - (b) in the circumstances in relation to which entry is sought to be authorised under the entry order; and
 - (c) for the purpose for which entry is sought to be authorised under the entry order.
 - (1B) The relevant obligations for the purposes of subsection (1A) are obligations that—
 - (a) are imposed by the provisions of a Code of Practice referred to in section 93(5)(d); and
 - (b) require things to be done before (and not during or after) entry onto land."
9. Clause 65, page 143, line 17, omit "60" and insert "30".
10. Clause 65, page 149, line 4, omit "60" and insert "30".
11. Clause 65, page 149, line 25, omit "60" and insert "30".
12. Clause 65, page 152, line 4, omit "6" and insert "4".
13. Clause 65, page 152, line 9, omit "6" and insert "4".

14. Clause 65, page 152, line 14, omit "6" and insert "4".
15. Clause 65, page 152, line 24, omit "6" and insert "4".

NEW CLAUSE

16. After clause 75 insert—

'75A Magistrates' Court may make entry order

In section 93BL(1A) of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** omit "or the CEO VicGrid".'

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA37C)

1. Clause 50, page 80, line 20, omit "subparagraph (i)." and insert "subparagraph (i); and".
2. Clause 50, page 80, after line 20 insert—

"(c) to, through the payment of grants of money from the Fund, support biodiversity outcomes in Victoria, including support for the implementation of biodiversity programs, and the carrying out of biodiversity research, in Victoria."
3. Clause 50, page 81, line 24, omit "Fund;" and insert "Fund."
4. Clause 50, page 81, lines 25 and 26, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
5. Clause 50, page 82, lines 1 to 5, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

Amendments circulated by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell (RT11C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, lines 27 to 30, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Clause 2, line 2, omit ", 3".
3. Clause 61, omit this clause.
4. Division heading preceding clause 63, omit this heading.
5. Clause 63, omit this clause.
6. Clause 64, omit this clause.
7. Clause 65, omit this clause.