



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 134, 135 and 136

No. 134 — Tuesday, 14 October 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 16 September 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Act 2025

National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Act 2025.

3 **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 — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to allegations of abuse of children in residential care (QwN 1066).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to criminal offences by children in the child protection system (QwN 1067).

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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:

- **Traralgon racetrack redevelopment (QwN 1064)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 16 October 2025.

CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 PETITIONS —

REVIEW CITY OF CASEY FEES AND PERMITS FOR PRIVATE LAND USE — Jeff Bourman presented a petition bearing 191 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government and the Minister for Local Government to urgently advocate to the City of Casey, and all other local councils, to review fees and permits relating to personal land use and advocate that these councils withdraw any similar permit schemes (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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REDUCE PROBATIONARY DRIVING AGE — Gaelle Broad presented a petition bearing 4,168 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to reduce the minimum probationary driving age to 17 years and provide incentives for learner drivers to do professional driver training, like those offered in New South Wales (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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MORE SERVICES FOR BUS ROUTE 506 — Anasina Gray-Barberio presented a petition bearing 1,151 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to restore Sunday services on bus route 506 and extend operating hours to at least 9.00 pm, seven days a week (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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INTERSECTION OF CENTRE, O'GRADY AND HALLAM SOUTH ROADS, HALLAM — Ann-Marie Hermans presented a petition bearing 428 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to construct traffic lights, widen the road and provide for pedestrians at the intersection of Centre, O'Grady and Hallam South roads in Hallam, and implement a traffic management measure in the interim (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Ann-Marie Hermans, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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ONLINE RENEWAL PORTAL FOR FIREARM LICENCES AND PRIVATE SECURITY LICENCES AND REGISTRATION — David Limbrick presented a petition bearing 76 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to introduce and implement an online renewal portal for firearms licences and private security licences and renewals that would replace the current paper-based payment and mailed application renewal process (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND — Joe McCracken presented a petition bearing 43,748 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately cease the introduction of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund, ensure the current Fire Services Property Levy remains in place for the foreseeable future and commit to a genuine consultation process, which includes CFA and SES volunteers, farmers, emergency service workers and other interested parties, to develop a fairer way of funding Victorian emergency services (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

5 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sheena Watt tabled Alert Digest No. 13 of 2025 (including Appendices and a Minority Report) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

Sheena Watt moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Joe McCracken tabled a Report on the Inquiry into Ambulance Victoria (including Appendices, Extracts of Proceedings and a Minority Report) from the Legal and Social Issues Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Joe McCracken moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Audit Act 1994 — Revised Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, year ended 30 June 2025, under section 81(4) of the Act.

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order of 9 July 2025 giving approval to the granting of a lease at Albert Park.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 —

Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 31 (*Gazette G37, 11 September 2025*).

Notice under section 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 (*Gazette G41, 9 October 2025*).

Inquiries Act 2014 — Report of the Board of Inquiry into the McCrae landslide, September 2025 (*Ordered to be published*) (*released on 9 October 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

- Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Minister's certificate of 12 September 2025 to not require the service of a notice of intention to acquire land, under section 7 of the Act.
- Local Government Act 2020 — Commission of Inquiry into Whittlesea City Council (*Ordered to be published*).
- Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission — Matter involving the Member for Western Victoria Region and the Member for Warrandyte District — Investigation report, September 2025 (*Ordered to be published*) (*released on 23 September 2025 – a non-sitting day*).
- Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
- Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendments C240 and C252.
 - Bayside Planning Scheme — Amendment C192.
 - Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C419.
 - Casey Planning Scheme — Amendment C286.
 - Darebin Planning Scheme — Amendment C225.
 - Frankston Planning Scheme — Amendment C161.
 - Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendments C274 and C275.
 - Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendment C481.
 - Horsham Planning Scheme — Amendment C89.
 - Hume Planning Scheme — Amendments C273, C274 and C280.
 - Hume, Knox, Melton and Wyndham Planning Schemes — Amendment GC261.
 - Latrobe and South Gippsland Planning Scheme — Amendment GC217.
 - Latrobe Planning Scheme — Amendment C149.
 - Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C426 and C486.
 - Merri-bek Planning Scheme — Amendment C231.
 - Surf Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C149.
 - Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC288, VC289 and VC292.
 - Wyndham Planning Scheme — Amendment C281.
 - Yarra Planning Scheme — Amendment C317.
 - Yarriambiack Planning Scheme — Amendment C34.
- Road Safety Camera Commissioner — Report, 2024-25.
- Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —
- Accident Towing Services Act 2007 — No. 97.
 - Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — No. 88.
 - Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 — No. 92.
 - Confiscation Act 1997 — No. 90.
 - Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — No. 95.
 - EastLink Project Act 2004 — No. 98.
 - Food Act 1984 — No. 96.
 - Improving Cancer Outcomes Act 2014 — No. 89.
 - Melbourne City Link Act 1995 — No. 99.
 - Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — No. 103.
 - Road Management Act 2004 — No. 100.
 - Road Safety Act 1986 — Nos. 101 and 102.
 - Serious Offenders Act 2018 — No. 94.
 - Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 — No. 93.
 - Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — No. 91.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to —

Order under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 relating to the Psychological health compliance code.

Statutory Rule Nos. 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 and 103.

Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of a Notice to fix fees under section 73 of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007.

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2024 local government elections, October 2025.

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 — Guidelines No. 1/2025, effective 6 October 2025, under section 36 of the Act.

WorkSafe Victoria — Report of requests for the approval of persons or bodies by the Governor in Council, 2024-25, under section 10(2) of the Dangerous Goods Act 1985, section 11(2) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, and section 595(4) of the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013.

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

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023.

Response from the Minister for Outdoor Recreation to petition titled Victorian Fisheries Authority workforce changes (petition No. 664) (presented by Bev McArthur on 12 August 2025) (*released on 7 October 2025*).

Response from the Minister for Planning to petitions titled Reject the proposed Koyuga Nanneella wind farm (petition Nos. 576 and 685) (presented by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell on 12 and 13 August 2025) (*released on 29 September 2025*).

Responses from the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to petitions titled —

Safety improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Conness Street in Chiltern (petition No. 648) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 29 July 2025) (*released on 17 September 2025*).

Safety work on Main and Conness Streets in Chiltern (petition No. 677) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 29 July 2025) (*released on 6 October 2025*).

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

Bail Further Amendment Act 2025 — Whole Act, other than Division 2 of Part 2 — 30 September 2025 (*Gazette S518, 23 September 2025*).

Corrections Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Remaining provisions — 11 September 2025 (*Gazette S488, 9 September 2025*).

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

PROPERTY MARKET REVIEW 2022 — In response to a resolution of the Council on 13 August 2025 (on the motion of Aiv Puglielli), relating to the Property Market Review 2022, the Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 10 October 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to one document in full.

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WATER GRID PLAN — In response to a resolution of the Council on 19 March 2025 (on the motion of Sarah Mansfield), and further to the Government's initial response on 13 May 2025, relating to the Water Grid Plan, the Clerk tabled —

- one document in full; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 10 October 2025.

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FOUR-BIN WASTE AND RECYCLING SYSTEM — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 10 October 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 10 September 2025 (on the motion of Bev McArthur), relating to the four-bin waste and recycling system, 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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MACHETE SAFE DISPOSAL BINS — In response to a resolution of the Council on 10 September 2025 (on the motion of David Limbrick), relating to the Machete Safe Disposal Bins, the Clerk tabled —

- seven documents in full, and a schedule of the documents identified; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 10 October 2025.

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SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP COSTINGS — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 2 October 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 27 August 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the Suburban Rail Loop costings, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

7 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Georgie Purcell moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 15 October 2025 —

- (1) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Purcell on animal shelter obligations;
- (2) notice of motion given this day by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell on the Australian national and Victorian state flags;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on retail crime; and
- (4) order of the day No. 1, resumption of debate on the second reading of the Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

9 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1086, be postponed until later this day.

10 AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Katherine Copsey (*KC60C*) and Gayle Tierney (*GT10C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Gayle Tierney moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman;
Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan;
David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane;
David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken;
Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; 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, 5

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

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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.

- 11 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Ryan Batchelor, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.02 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 135 — Wednesday, 15 October 2025

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

2 PETITIONS —

LANG LANG STRATEGIC EXTRACTIVE RESOURCE AREA — Renee Heath presented a petition bearing 1,744 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to halt works on the Strategic Extractive Resource Areas (SERA) for the Lang Lang area until an updated Lang Lang Township

Strategy is formulated, and amend draft planning controls across the SERA to ensure community consultation is undertaken and considered before approval is granted for new and extended quarries (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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REZONING OF ROSSDALE GOLF COURSE — Ann-Marie Hermans presented a petition bearing 2,042 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to oppose any rezoning of Rosedale Golf Course that bypasses council and community input, protect green space near Ramsar wetlands, support an independent financial review of Rosedale and strengthen planning laws to safeguard urban green space (*Ordered to be tabled*).

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Ann-Marie Hermans listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

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

Auditor-General —

Relief and Recovery Funding for the 2022 Floods, October 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Report, 2024-25.

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report, 2023-24.

Financial Management Act 1994 — Financial Report for the State of Victoria, 2024-25 (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No. 4) (*Ordered to be published*).

Victorian Local Government Grants Commission — Allocation Report, year ended 31 August 2025.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

5 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — ALTERNATIVES TO DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING SITES — Anasina Gray-Barberio moved, That this House —

- (1) notes the Government's plan to demolish all of Melbourne's 44 high-rise public housing sites, with North Melbourne and Flemington estates being the first towers slated for demolition;
- (2) further notes that during the public hearings held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025, for the Inquiry into the Redevelopment of Melbourne's Public Housing Towers, the Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee heard Simon Newport, the CEO of Homes Victoria, confirm the existence of documents containing a cost-benefit analysis of other viable options to demolition, including retrofitting for all 44 towers; and
- (3) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within two months of the House agreeing to this resolution, the document containing the cost-benefit analysis of other viable options to demolition including retrofitting for 120 Racecourse Road and 12 Holland Court in Flemington, and 33 Alfred Street in North Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — CORRUPTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY —

Richard Welch (for David Davis) moved, That this House —

- (1) notes the negative impact of corruption on Victorian employees and businesses both large and small, and the impacts of corruption in the construction sector, including the increased costs of State Government major projects; and
- (2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within four weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, copies of briefs relating to corruption in the construction sector, including the Big Build, and the cost of corruption in construction, provided by government departments to the Premier since 2018, to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure since 2018, to the Minister for Industrial Relations since 2018, and to the Treasurer since 2018.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 ANIMAL SHELTER OBLIGATIONS — Georgie Purcell moved, That this House —

- (1) notes —
 - (a) the community has concerns over the circumstances in which a healthy 12-week-old puppy along with his litter mate and their mother were euthanised;
 - (b) a remaining sibling named Milly remains alive but her whereabouts unknown;
 - (c) the Lost Dogs Home's claims for killing these animals, including "genetics", "anti-social behaviour" and a "high risk of developing aggression", are contested by dog behaviour specialists;
 - (d) this incident is not isolated and concerns around transparency have been raised in the past;
 - (e) since shelters have been required to report the fate of animals, the Lost Dogs Home have —
 - (i) killed 662 cats and 355 dogs for behavioural reasons in 2023;
 - (ii) killed 971 cats and 611 dogs for behavioural reasons in 2024;
 - (f) Victorians have a right to know that all organisations, especially those who receive considerable government grant funding and public donations, use scientifically accurate methods for testing the re-homeability of animals;
- (2) calls on the Government to commit to investigating —
 - (a) appointing an independent oversight mechanism to approve euthanasia for behavioural reasons by open-intake shelters;
 - (b) mandating pounds and shelters to offer all animals set to be euthanised for behavioural reasons to authorised pet rehoming organisations except in instances where an animal has been legally declared dangerous;
 - (c) requiring open-intake shelters to change to quarterly reporting on animal fate data; and
 - (d) ensuring animal data is more transparent and outlines what steps were taken when an animal is euthanised for behavioural reasons.

Debate ensued.

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 Nick McGowan, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to the closure of Parentline (QwN 1076) 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 ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Pride Street Party (QwN 1069)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Harriet Shing due Friday, 17 October 2025.
- **Decriminalisation of cannabis (QwN 1075)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by David Ettershank — response from Enver Erdogan due Friday, 17 October 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

9 ANIMAL SHELTER OBLIGATIONS — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the community has concerns over the circumstances in which a healthy 12-week-old puppy along with his litter mate and their mother were euthanised;
- (b) a remaining sibling named Milly remains alive but her whereabouts unknown;
- (c) the Lost Dogs Home's claims for killing these animals, including "genetics", "anti-social behaviour" and a "high risk of developing aggression", are contested by dog behaviour specialists;
- (d) this incident is not isolated and concerns around transparency have been raised in the past;
- (e) since shelters have been required to report the fate of animals, the Lost Dogs Home have —
 - (i) killed 662 cats and 355 dogs for behavioural reasons in 2023;
 - (ii) killed 971 cats and 611 dogs for behavioural reasons in 2024;
- (f) Victorians have a right to know that all organisations, especially those who receive considerable government grant funding and public donations, use scientifically accurate methods for testing the re-homeability of animals;

(2) calls on the Government to commit to investigating —

- (a) appointing an independent oversight mechanism to approve euthanasia for behavioural reasons by open-intake shelters;
- (b) mandating pounds and shelters to offer all animals set to be euthanised for behavioural reasons to authorised pet rehoming organisations except in instances where an animal has been legally declared dangerous;

- (c) requiring open-intake shelters to change to quarterly reporting on animal fate data; and
- (d) ensuring animal data is more transparent and outlines what steps were taken when an animal is euthanised for behavioural reasons.

Question — put and agreed to.

10 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AND VICTORIAN STATE FLAGS — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the Australian national flag and the Victorian state flag are enduring symbols of the nation, representing Australian and Victorian history, values and unity;
 - (b) the deliberate desecration of the Australian and Victorian flags are not harmless acts of protest but a threatening act of aggression, a symbolic call to violence against Australia, its institutions and its people;
 - (c) 77 per cent of Australians polled by the Institute of Public Affairs believe that burning the Australian national flag should be against the law;
 - (d) 63 per cent of Australians polled by the Institute of Public Affairs believe that those who burn the Australian national flag should face jail time;
 - (e) 71 per cent of Australians polled by the Institute of Public Affairs believe that non-citizens who burn the Australian national flag should be deported; and
- (2) calls on the Alban Labor Government to enact legislation to criminalise the desecration of the Australian national and Victorian state flags.

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, 17

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; Evan Mulholland; 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, 23

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; 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.

11 AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

- 12 CRIME IN RETAIL SETTINGS** — David Davis moved, That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for failing to adequately respond to the surge in crime in retail settings in Victoria.

Debate ensued.

The 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, 19

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

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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; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; 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 negated.

- 13 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until the next day of meeting.

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

Business interrupted at 5.55 pm, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

- 15 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — RENAMING OF BERWICK SPRINGS LAKE** — Ann-Marie Hermans moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 3

Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 33

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; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

Question negatived.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.06 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 136 — Thursday, 16 October 2025

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

2 PETITIONS —

REVERSE DECISION TO CLOSE PARENTLINE — Katherine Copsey presented a petition bearing 242 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to do whatever it can to keep Parentline open so it can continue to serve Victorian parents and guardians (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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RENAMING OF BERWICK SPRINGS LAKE — Ann-Marie Hermans presented a petition bearing 1,610 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to revoke the unilateral renaming of Berwick Springs Lake, implement proper local community consultation regarding any future naming decision regarding the lake found in the Berwick Springs Reserve and investigate the processes which led to the unilateral approval by the Minister for Planning (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Ann-Marie Hermans, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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

Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — Report, 2024-25 by the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, under section 148R of the Act.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 105.

Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — Report, 2024-25 by the Game Management Authority, under section 30L of the Act.

Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — Report, 2024-25 by Victoria Police, under section 37F of the Act.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report, 2024-25 (*replacement for copy tabled on Thursday, 11 September 2025*).

4 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Gayle Tierney moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 28 October 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 1108, be postponed until later this day.

7 DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Melina Bath (*MB13C*) and Georgie Purcell (*GP05C* and *GP08C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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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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:

- **Forest Fire Management vehicles (QwN 1079)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Gayle Tierney due Monday, 20 October 2025.
- **Bayside Health merger (QwN 1080)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Crozier — response from Ingrid Stitt due Monday, 20 October 2025.
- **Police force resourcing (QwN 1082)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 20 October 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

9 DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

The Acting President advised that the President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Georgie Purcell (*GP05C*) are outside the scope of the Bill and not reasonably connected to the subject matter of the Bill.

Georgie Purcell moved, by leave, That Standing Orders be suspended to the extent necessary to provide that it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and New Clauses to amend the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* to provide that that Act does not prevent the placement and burial of animal remains in places of interment.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Gayle Tierney moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 36

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Jeff Bourman; 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; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; 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.

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NOES, 1

David Limbrick.

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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 CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION 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.

- 11 STATUTE LAW REVISION 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.

- 12 BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002, the Building Act 1993, the Environment Effects Act 1978, the Heritage Act 2017 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987 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 (except for the statement under section 85(5) of the *Constitution Act 1975*).

Harriet Shing made a statement pursuant to section 85(5) of the *Constitution Act 1975* on the reasons for altering or varying this section.

On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 13 MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, information sharing and other matters, to amend the Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997 to abolish the Forensic Leave Panel and to provide for the functions and powers of the Mental Health Tribunal under that Act, to amend the Freedom of Information Act 1982 in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, to amend the Health Services Act 1988 in relation to information sharing 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.

- 14 PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Carlton (Recreation Ground) Land Act 1966, the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978, the Forests Act 1958, the Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020, the Heritage Rivers Act 1992, the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990, the National Parks Act 1975 and the St. Kilda Land Act 1965 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 Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to establish a First Peoples' representative and deliberative body named Gellung Warl, to amend the Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 and the Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act 2022, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.*

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Lizzie Blandthorn), 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.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Enver Erdogan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.10 pm until Tuesday, 28 October 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Amendments circulated: Katherine Copsey (KC60C) (p. 1196) and Gayle Tierney (GT10C) (pp. 1196-1200)

Clause 1 — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 (KC60C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

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

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NOES, 31

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

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Question negatived.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Gayle Tierney moved amendment Nos. 1 to 3 (GT10C).

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

Clause 6, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 15 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 15A — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 2 (KC60C).

Question — That New Clause 15A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 8

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

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NOES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad;
Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Michael Galea;
Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu;
Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing;
Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell;
Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negated.

Clauses 16 to 21 — put and agreed to.

Clause 22 — Gayle Tierney moved amendment Nos. 4 and 5 (*GT10C*).

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

Clause 22, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 — put and agreed to.

Clause 25 — Katherine Copsey moved suggested amendment No. 5 (*KC60C*).

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

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 8

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

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NOES, 30

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

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Question negated.

Clause 25 — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 25A and 25B — Gayle Tierney moved amendment No. 6 (*GT10C*).

Question — That New Clauses 25A and 25B stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 29 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

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**DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS)
BILL 2025**

Committed Thursday, 16 October 2025

Amendments circulated: Melina Bath (MB13C) (pp. 1200-1) and Georgie Purcell (GP05C (and Alternative Amendment No. 2 (GP05C)) and GP08C) (pp. 1201-4)

Clause 1 — consideration of clause commenced.

Georgie Purcell, by leave, circulated Alternative Amendment No. 2 (GP05C).

Georgie Purcell withdrew amendment No. 1 (GP08C).

Clause 1 — Question — That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — put and negatived.

New Clause 1 — Georgie Purcell moved Alternative Amendment No. 2 (GP05C).

Question — That New Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 2 (GP08C).

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

Clause 2, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 — put and agreed to.

Part heading preceding clause 5 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 3 (GP08C).

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

Part heading preceding clause 5, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Melina Bath moved amendment No. 1 (MB13C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

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

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NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; 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; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 6 — put and agreed to.

Clause 7 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 4 (GP08C).

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

Georgie Purcell moved amendment Nos. 5 to 8 (GP08C).

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

Clause 7, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 23 — put and agreed to.

Division heading preceding clause 24 — Melina Bath moved amendment No. 2 (MB13C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

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

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NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; 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; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 24 to 33 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 33A — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 9 (GP08C).

Question — That New Clause 33A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 34 to 37 — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 37A and 37B — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 10 (*GP08C*).

Question — That New Clauses 37A and 37B stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 38 to 41 — put and agreed to.

Clause 42 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 11 (*GP08C*).

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

Clause 42, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 43 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 12 (*GP08C*).

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

Clause 43, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 44 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 13 (*GP08C*).

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

Clause 44, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 45 to 50 — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 50A and 50B — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 3 (*GP05C*).

Question — That New Clauses 50A and 50B stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 51 — put and agreed to.

Long title — Georgie Purcell moved amendment No. 4 (*GP05C*).

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

Question — That the long title, as amended, be the long title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025***Amendments circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC60C)*

1. Clause 1, lines 5 and 6, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 15—

'15A Membership

- (1) In section 10(1) of the Principal Act, after "Council" **insert** "by notice published in the Government Gazette".
- (2) After section 10(2) of the Principal Act **insert**—
 - "(2A) Before appointing a member under this section, the Governor in Council must be satisfied that the person being appointed has not served as a Minister, Cabinet Secretary, Parliamentary Secretary or ministerial officer at any time in the 2 years immediately preceding the appointment.".

3. Clause 22, omit this clause.
4. Clause 23, omit this clause.
5. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly -**
Clause 25, line 24, omit "\$200 000" and insert "\$500 000".
6. Clause 28, lines 29 to 31 and page 20, lines 1 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

7. Long title, omit "the race period,".

Amendments circulated by Gayle Tierney (GT10C)

1. Clause 6, page 4, line 14, omit "information." and insert "information; and".
2. Clause 6, page 4, after line 14 insert—
 - "(e) unless section 27CA applies, be made within one month after a declaration under section 27 of a declared area is made.".

3. Clause 6, page 5, after line 17 insert—

"27CA Minister may direct Corporation to make public access area declaration

- (1) If the Corporation does not make a public access area declaration within one month after a declaration under section 27 of a declared area is made, the Minister may—

- (a) request that the Corporation provide the reasons no public access area declaration was made; and
 - (b) direct the Corporation to make a public access area declaration.
- (2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1)(b), the Minister must have regard to—
 - (a) the operational requirements of the Formula One event in respect of which the declared area will be in force; and
 - (b) safety considerations related to the event."
- 4. Clause 22, line 23, omit "In section 27(b)" and insert "(1) In section 27(b)".
- 5. Clause 22, after line 24 insert—
 - '(2) At the end of section 27 of the Principal Act **insert**—
 - "(2) Before making a declaration under subsection (1)(b), the Ministers must have regard to—
 - (a) the operational requirements of the Formula One event in respect of which the declared area will be in force; and
 - (b) safety considerations related to the event.".'

NEW CLAUSES

6. Insert the following new clauses to follow clause 25—

'25A Division 1 of Part 3 heading inserted

Before section 26 of the Principal Act, **insert** the following Division heading—

"Division 1—General".

25B New Division 2 of Part 3 inserted

At the end of Part 3 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"Division 2—Annual compensation scheme

42AA Definitions for this Division

In this Division—

annual compensation scheme means a scheme approved under section 42AAC(3);

direct loss method has the meaning given in section 42AAI;

eligible Albert Park tenant means an entity that holds a lease, licence or other agreement in the declared area for a race period in respect of a year where the lease, licence or other agreement was entered into before 1 January 2026;

fixed amount method has the meaning given in section 42AAH.

42AAB Corporation to make compensation payments to eligible Albert Park tenants

The Corporation must pay compensation to eligible Albert Park tenants in accordance with the annual compensation scheme.

42AAC Annual compensation scheme

- (1) Each year, the Corporation must develop a draft annual compensation scheme for the purpose of payments under section 42AAB.
- (2) Not later than 3 months after the end of the race period in relation to a year, the Corporation must prepare and submit the draft annual compensation scheme to the Minister for approval.
- (3) The Minister may approve the draft annual compensation scheme if satisfied it is appropriate to do so, having regard to—
 - (a) the business plan under section 25; and
 - (b) in the case of any fixed amount method, the overall approach to assessing and calculating amounts.

42AAD Eligibility for compensation under the annual compensation scheme

- (1) An eligible Albert Park tenant is eligible for compensation under the annual compensation scheme if the eligible Albert Park tenant has suffered direct losses or expenses as a result of a race period for a year being a period not exceeding 21 days.
- (2) An entity is not eligible for compensation under the annual compensation scheme if a lease, licence or other agreement in the declared area to which the entity is a party is entered into on or after 1 January 2026.
- (3) An eligible Albert Park tenant may be eligible for compensation under the annual compensation scheme even if the tenant has closed the business or other operation conducted pursuant to a lease, licence or other agreement in the declared area for a race period in respect of a year during that race period.

42AAE Compensation under section 30(5) not affected

Nothing in this Division affects the operation of section 30(5) in relation to an eligible Albert Park tenant.

42AAF Corporation may request information

For the purposes of developing and administering the annual compensation scheme in accordance with this Division, the Corporation may request an eligible Albert Park tenant to provide any information necessary for the Corporation to make a proper assessment of the compensation payable to that tenant, including specifying a time for the provision of that information.

42AAG Compensation to be by fixed amount method or direct losses method

- (1) The Corporation must offer an eligible Albert Park tenant compensation from the annual compensation scheme by a fixed amount method based on a formula developed by the Corporation for calculating a fixed amount of compensation approved by the Minister in the annual compensation scheme approval.
- (2) If the eligible Albert Park tenant offered compensation under subsection (1) elects not to accept the compensation by the fixed amount method, the tenant must—
 - (a) advise the Corporation that the tenant seeks compensation by the direct losses method for direct losses incurred due to the period of the race period in respect of a year being a period not exceeding 21 days; and
 - (b) provide in support independently audited financial statements.

42AAH What does the Corporation consider for fixed amount method of compensation?

The Corporation must consider the following when an eligible Albert Park tenant chooses compensation by the fixed amount method—

- (a) the duration of the race period in respect of the year, being the race period minus 7 days and not exceeding a maximum of 14 days;
- (b) the number of days the eligible Albert Park tenant was directly affected by the period referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) estimated losses by the eligible Albert Park tenant as a direct result of the period referred to in paragraph (a);
- (d) whether the eligible Albert Park tenant is entitled to compensation under section 30(5) or any other payment or remuneration under an arrangement entered into between the Corporation and the tenant;
- (e) any other matter the Corporation considers relevant.

42AAI What does the Corporation consider for direct losses method of compensation?

- (1) The Corporation must consider the following when an eligible Albert Park tenant chooses compensation by the direct losses method—
 - (a) the duration of the race period declared for the year, being the race period minus 7 days and not exceeding a maximum of 14 days;
 - (b) the number of days the eligible Albert Park tenant was directly affected by the period referred to in paragraph (a);
 - (c) actual quantifiable losses incurred by the eligible Albert Park tenant as a direct result of the period referred to in paragraph (a) which—

- (i) must be supported by independently audited financial statements; and
- (ii) may benchmark direct losses by consideration of losses or profits in a comparison period in the previous year to the current year which are the same days in that previous year as the days for the race period in relation to the current year for which the compensation is sought;

Example

The race period for 2026 is 1 to 21 April 2026. The race period in relation to the year 2025 is 1 to 21 March 2025. The comparison period for losses or profits for the 2026 race period is 1 to 21 April 2025.

- (d) whether the eligible Albert Park tenant is entitled to compensation under section 30(5) or any other payment or remuneration under an arrangement entered into between the Corporation and the tenant;
 - (e) any other matter the Corporation considers relevant.
- (2) The Corporation may negotiate an amount of compensation with an eligible Albert Park tenant not exceeding the amount of direct loss claimed by the tenant.".'. .

2. DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB13C)

1. Clause 6, page 5, line 13, omit "body" and insert "body, including a community foster care network,".
2. Division heading preceding clause 24, omit this heading.
3. Clause 24, omit this clause.
4. Clause 25, omit this clause.
5. Clause 26, omit this clause.
6. Clause 27, omit this clause.
7. Clause 28, omit this clause.
8. Clause 29, omit this clause.
9. Clause 30, omit this clause.
10. Clause 31, omit this clause.
11. Clause 32, omit this clause.
12. Clause 33, omit this clause.

13. Clause 34, omit this clause.
14. Clause 35, omit this clause.
15. Clause 36, omit this clause.
16. Clause 37, omit this clause.
17. Clause 42, lines 2 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
'After section 68U(2)(b) of the Principal Act **insert—**
"(ba) for purchasing or obtaining from an authorised pet rehoming organisation, the source number of the pet rehoming organisation;".'
18. Clause 43, line 14, omit "Part 5BA" and insert "Part 5B, 5BA".
19. Clause 44, lines 17 to 18, omit "Part 5BA" and insert "Part 5B, 5BA".

Amendments circulated by Georgie Purcell (GP05C)

1. Clause 1, omit this clause.

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause before clause 2—

"1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are—

(a) to amend the **Domestic Animals Act 1994—**

- (i) to provide for an authorisation scheme for pet rehoming organisations to assist those organisations to rehome dogs and cats; and
- (ii) to further provide for Councils to be informed about animals in foster care in their municipal districts; and
- (iii) to provide for the collection of information about the outcome of efforts to rehome dogs and cats; and
- (iv) to clarify the powers of authorised officers in relation to entering premises for certain purposes; and
- (v) to provide for other minor and related matters; and

(b) to amend the **Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003** to provide that that Act does not prevent the placement and burial of animal remains in places of interment."

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Part after Part 6—

'Part 6A—Amendment of Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003

50A Power to make cemetery trust rules

After section 26(2)(g) of the **Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003** insert—

"(ga) the placement and burial of animal remains in places of interment;"

50B New section 78A inserted

After section 78 of the **Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003** insert—

"78A Placement and burial of animal remains

Nothing in this Act prevents the placement and burial of animal remains in a place of interment.".

4. Long title, after "dogs and cats" insert "and the **Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003** in relation to the placement and burial of animal remains".

Alternative Amendment No. 2 circulated by Georgie Purcell (GP05C)

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause before clause 2—

"1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to amend the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**—

- (i) to provide for a voluntary authorisation scheme for pet rehoming organisations to assist those organisations to rehome dogs and cats; and

- (ii) to further provide for Councils to be informed about animals in foster care in their municipal districts; and

- (iii) to provide for the collection of information about the outcome of efforts to rehome dogs and cats; and

- (iv) to clarify the powers of authorised officers in relation to entering premises for certain purposes; and

- (v) to provide for other minor and related matters; and

- (b) to amend the **Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003** to provide that that Act does not prevent the placement and burial of animal remains in places of interment."

Amendments circulated by Georgie Purcell (GP08C)

1. Clause 1, line 5, omit "an authorisation" and insert "a voluntary authorisation".
2. Clause 2, line 17, omit "2027" and insert "2028".
3. Part heading preceding clause 5, omit "**Pet**" and insert "**Voluntary pet**".
4. Clause 7, lines 3 and 4, omit "**Pet rehoming organisations**" and insert "**Voluntary pet rehoming organisation authorisation scheme**".
5. Clause 7, page 10, lines 26 to 28, omit "domestic animal business (other than an animal shelter or Council pound)" and insert "rearing domestic animal business or pet shop".
6. Clause 7, page 10, after line 28 insert—

"(3) In this section—

rearing domestic animal business means—

 - (a) a breeding domestic animal business; and
 - (b) a domestic animal business to which paragraph (e) of the definition of domestic animal business applies."
7. Clause 7, page 13, lines 21 to 23, omit "domestic animal business (other than an animal shelter or Council pound)" and insert "rearing domestic animal business or pet shop".
8. Clause 7, page 14, after line 19 insert—

"(4) In this section—

rearing domestic animal business means—

 - (a) a breeding domestic animal business; and
 - (b) a domestic animal business to which paragraph (e) of the definition of domestic animal business applies."

NEW CLAUSE
9. Insert the following New Clause after clause 33—

'33A Persons who may inspect the information register

 - (1) Section 68U(2)(b) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.
 - (2) In section 68U(3) of the Principal Act **omit** ", (b)(ii)".'

NEW CLAUSES
10. Insert the following New Clauses after clause 37—

'37A Offence to disclose information

In section 100B(1) of the Principal Act (where twice occurring) **omit** "5B,".

37B Permitted disclosures

In section 100C of the Principal Act (wherever occurring) **omit** "5B,".'

11. Clause 42, lines 2 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 'After section 68U(2)(b) of the Principal Act **insert**—
 "(ba) for purchasing or obtaining from an authorised pet rehoming
 organisation, the source number of the pet rehoming organisation;".'
12. Clause 43, line 14, omit "Part 5BA" and insert "Part 5B, 5BA".
13. Clause 44, lines 17 to 18, omit "Part 5BA" and insert "Part 5B, 5BA".