



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 159, 160 and 161

No. 159 — Tuesday, 17 March 2026

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 11 March 2026, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Act 2026

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Act 2026

Crimes Amendment Act 2026

Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Act 2026.

3 **QUESTION TIME** —

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

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 **PETITIONS** —

NON-LETHAL WEAPONS FOR SECURITY GUARDS AT SHOPPING CENTRES —

Moir Deeming presented a petition bearing 92 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to introduce legal and reasonable powers for security guards at shopping centres to use non-lethal weapons such as OC spray, extendable batons and handcuffs (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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SUPPORT THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN IN SPORT AND RECREATION — Georgie Purcell presented a petition bearing 1,801 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently reinstate the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation as a standalone, properly funded body, reverse cuts to gender equality and violence prevention programs, including those run by Sport and Recreation Victoria, and commit to a long-term investment in structural

change that supports the participation, leadership, and safety of women and girls in all levels of sport, particularly at grassroots and community levels (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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. 4 of 2026 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

Gaelle Broad moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2025-26 Mid-Year Financial Report (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No. 2), March 2026 (*Ordered to be published*) (*released on 6 March 2026 – a non-sitting day*).

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

Benalla Planning Scheme — Amendment C45.

Cardinia Planning Scheme — Amendments C271 and C285.

Casey Planning Scheme — Amendment C296.

East Gippsland Planning Scheme — Amendment C171.

Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C269.

Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme — Amendment C250.

Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendment C483.

Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme — Amendment C250.

Kingston Planning Scheme — Amendment C227.

Knox Planning Scheme — Amendment C194.

Latrobe Planning Scheme — Amendment C153.

Melbourne and Yarra Planning Schemes — Amendment GC287.

Moorabool Planning Scheme — Amendment C108.

Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme — Amendment C243.

Mount Alexander Planning Scheme — Amendment C101.

Nillumbik Planning Scheme — Amendment C143 (Part 1).

Northern Grampians Planning Scheme — Amendment C64.

Pyrenees Planning Scheme — Amendment C50.

Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendment C339 (Part 1).

Wellington Planning Scheme — Amendment C130.

Wyndham Planning Scheme — Amendment C282.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — No. 15.

Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — No. 14.

Trustee Companies Act 1984 — No. 16.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 14 and 15.

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

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025 — Remaining provisions — 15 April 2026 (*Gazette S134, 11 March 2026*).

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Part 4 — 16 March 2026 (*Gazette S134, 11 March 2026*).

6 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Evan Mulholland moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 18 March 2026 —

(1) order of the day No. 2, second reading of the Equal Opportunity Amendment (Medical Treatment) Bill 2026;

(2) order of the day No. 1, listed for Wednesday, 18 March 2026, resumption of debate on the second reading of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Bill 2026;

(3) notice of motion given this day by Renee Heath on crime; and

(4) notice of motion No. 1336 standing in Sarah Mansfield's name on cohealth funding.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

8 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1322, be postponed until later this day.

9 ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Melina Bath (for Richard Welch) (*RW19C*) and Sarah Mansfield (*SMA68C and SMA78C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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

10 NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Davis (*DD195C*) and Sarah Mansfield (*SMA59C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

[Sitting suspended from 6.28 pm to 7.32 pm]

Debate continued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question — put and 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.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 10.04 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 160 — Wednesday, 18 March 2026

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:

Auditor-General —

Modernising myki, March 2026 (*Ordered to be published*).

Timely Payments Performance, March 2026 (*Ordered to be published*).

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Report on its inspections of controlled operations records and reports for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (*Ordered to be published*).

Ombudsman — Outsourcing small claims handling: How councils manage fairness and responsibility, March 2026 (*Ordered to be published*).

Wildlife Act 1975 — Notices under section 86 of the Act —

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Boat Prohibition) Notice No. 1/2026 (*Gazette S139, 13 March 2026*).

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Game Ducks) Notice No. 1/2026 (*Gazette S139, 13 March 2026*).

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Wetlands Closure) Notice No. 1/2026 (*Gazette S139, 13 March 2026*).

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

Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Desist from high-rise high-density zone planning (Petition No. 632) (presented by Georgie Crozier on 3 February 2026) (*released on 17 March 2026*).

3 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (MEDICAL TREATMENT) BILL 2026 — David Ettershank laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

David Ettershank 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 — MONASH UNIVERSITY PRIMATES RESEARCH —

Georgie Purcell moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) primates, including macaques and marmosets, are highly intelligent and socially complex animals whose use in scientific experimentation raises significant ethical concerns;
 - (b) Monash University operates a research facility in Victoria where primates are bred, housed and used in experiments;
 - (c) the keeping of exotic species such as primates is regulated under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*, which requires permits to ensure the containment of “pest” animals;
 - (d) concerns have been raised by animal protection organisations and members of the public about the ongoing use of primates in experimentation and the welfare of animals held in research colonies;
 - (e) calls have been made for primates currently held in research facilities to be retired to appropriate sanctuary environments where possible;
- (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, all documents in the possession, custody or control of the Victorian Government relating to primates kept for research purposes by Monash University, including —
- (a) Monash University’s Pest Animal Research/Education Collections Permits issued under the Victorian *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*;
 - (b) any other applications, approvals or renewals associated with those permits;
 - (c) any documents relating to the potential retirement, relocation or long-term housing of primates currently held in research facilities operated by Monash University; and
 - (d) any correspondence between the Victorian Government and Monash University regarding the keeping, containment or management of primates.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — PHARMACISTS INITIATING SUPPLY OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILL — Georgie Crozier moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the announcement by the Premier of the expansion of the Chemist Care Now program from July 2026 to allow participating pharmacists to provide the oral contraceptive pill to women without a prescription;
- (b) the concerns raised by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Australian Medical Association that this practice undermines established clinical safety standards and is contrary to determinations from the Therapeutic Goods Administration that the pill should only be prescribed by medical practitioners; and

- (2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within three weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, all briefings, correspondence and other documents provided to the Premier by the Department of Health and the Minister for Health, or her office, relating to the expert medical advice sought and received on the safety of pharmacists initiating supply of the oral contraceptive pill.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) (*EM68C*) and Sarah Mansfield (*SMA71C and SMA72C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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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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:

- **Recreational duck shooting (QwN 1271)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 20 March 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

9 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026 — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 23

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; Moira Deeming; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 14

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Tom McIntosh; 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)

Question agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

Bill reported with an amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill transmitted to the Assembly with a Message requesting their agreement.

10 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notice of motion, general business, No. 1351, be postponed until later this day.

11 COHEALTH FUNDING — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) a Federal Government review into cohealth's funding has just closed, with the report due mid-March;
 - (2) regardless of the outcome of the review, Victoria cannot afford to lose cohealth services in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Kensington;
 - (3) cohealth will have to begin wrapping up services at the end of April, if no funding is offered before then;
 - (4) staff and patients deserve certainty that they will be able to continue to deliver and access free, integrated healthcare at their local community health centre;
 - (5) community pressure resulted in an emergency \$1.5 million from the Federal Government in 2025 to keep cohealth operating until 31 July 2026;
 - (6) no funding or support has so far been offered by the Victorian State Government, including infrastructure support to keep their services operational in Collingwood;
 - (7) Infrastructure Victoria has recommended that the Victorian Government increase community health funding from 0.3 to three per cent of their health infrastructure budget;
 - (8) community health centres play a critical role in Victoria's healthcare system and cohealth's closure and reduction in services would be disastrous and result in increased poverty, disadvantage, poor health and hospital overloading;
 - (9) operational funding for primary and community health funding is a shared responsibility between Federal and State Governments;
- and calls on the Federal and Victorian Labor Governments to commit to long-term, sustainable funding for community health and infrastructure funding for cohealth in Collingwood.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

12 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.

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

14 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — PROHIBIT WASTE-TO-ENERGY INCINERATION — Sarah Mansfield moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

15 ADJOURNMENT — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.44 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 161 — Thursday, 19 March 2026

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

2 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have rejected this Bill.

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

Statutory Rule under the Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005 — No. 17.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 13.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

5 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1367, be postponed until later this day.

6 ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) 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 committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

7 QUESTION TIME —

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

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Harriet Shing to questions relating to the Homes Victoria Advisory Board (QwN 1281) 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:

- **Watsonia carparks (QwN 1278)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Harriet Shing due Monday, 23 March 2026.
- **Kangaroo culls (QwN 1280)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Monday, 23 March 2026.

- **Firewood collection (QwN 1284)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Gayle Tierney due Monday, 23 March 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

8 ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS)

BILL 2025 — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 30

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; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; 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, 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)

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.

9 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of order of the day, government business, No. 2, be postponed until later this day.

10 JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Enver Erdogan (*EE18C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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 David Limbrick (*DL73C*) are outside the scope of the Bill.

David Limbrick moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and a New Clause to amend the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004* to prohibit registrable offenders working in commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, 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 with amendments and requesting their agreement.

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

Evan Mulholland (*EM61C*) and Sarah Mansfield (*SMA69C and SMA70C*) 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, 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 with amendments and requesting their agreement.

Business interrupted at 6.30 pm.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the meal break scheduled for this day was suspended.

12 REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, the Competition Policy Reform (Victoria) Act 1995, the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987, the Environment Protection Act 2017, the Gas Industry Act 2001, the Grain Handling and Storage Act 1995, the Local Government Act 2020, the Spent Convictions Act 2021, the Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972, the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 and the Accident Compensation Act 1985 in relation to minor, technical and operational matters, to make statute law revision amendments to the Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2025 and minor amendments to the Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Act 2025 and for other purposes* 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 Evan Mulholland (for Richard Welch), the debate was adjourned for one week.

13 SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to establish Safe Food Victoria and to provide for it to perform functions in regulating the Victorian food industry, to abolish Dairy Food Safety Victoria and PrimeSafe, to amend the Dairy Act 2000 to regulate foods that have not traditionally been produced or processed for human consumption in Victoria or that are produced or processed using new technologies, to make consequential and*

related amendments to the Dairy Act 2000, the Food Act 1984, the Meat Industry Act 1993, the Seafood Safety Act 2003 and certain other Acts 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 Evan Mulholland (for Melina Bath), the debate was adjourned for one week.

14 ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS)

BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they had —

- (1) agreed to amendment Nos 1 to 17, 19 to 24 and 27 to 44;
- (2) refused to entertain amendment Nos 18, 25 and 26 as they seek to force an appropriation from the Consolidated Fund, a direct infringement of the privileges of the House as set out in the *Constitution Act 1975*; and
- (3) made further amendments with which agreement is requested.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the Assembly's Message was ordered to be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments remaining for consideration by the Council were circulated and are as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 18 (resolved by the Council on 19 March 2026)

18. Clause 123, after line 15 insert—

'(1A) After section 421(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—

"(1A) The Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—

- (a) is to be appointed for the period, not exceeding 5 years, specified in the instrument of appointment; and
- (b) is eligible for reappointment; and
- (c) holds office on any other terms and conditions, including remuneration and any travelling or other allowances, that are determined by the Governor in Council.".'

AMENDMENT No. 25 (resolved by the Council on 19 March 2026)

25. Clause 126, lines 16 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental" (where first occurring) substitute "the Mental";
 - (b) for "the office of a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" (where secondly occurring) substitute "that office".
- (3) After section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—

- "(2A) The Minister may appoint a person to act in the office of the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner for a period of not more than 6 months during a vacancy in that office."
- (4) In section 424(3) and (5) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (1)" **insert** "or (1A)".
- (5) In section 424(4) and (6) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (2)" **insert** "or (2A)".

AMENDMENT No. 26 (resolved by the Council on 19 March 2026)

26. Clause 127, lines 20 to 25, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

- '(1) In section 425(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "A Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "A person specified in subsection (3)".
- (2) In section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "a person specified in subsection (3)".
- (3) After section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **insert**—
- "(3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the following persons are specified—
- (a) the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;
 - (b) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.".

How dealt with by the Assembly

Not entertained and the following further amendments were made to the Bill:

1. Clause 123, after line 15 insert—

'(1A) After section 421(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **insert**—

"(1A) The Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—

- (a) is to be appointed for the period, not exceeding 5 years, specified in the instrument of appointment; and
- (b) is eligible for reappointment; and
- (c) holds office on any other terms and conditions, including remuneration and any travelling or other allowances, that are determined by the Governor in Council.".

2. Clause 126, lines 16 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental" (where first occurring) **substitute** "the Mental";
 - (b) for "the office of a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" (where secondly occurring) **substitute** "that office".
 - (3) After section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—
"(2A) The Minister may appoint a person to act in the office of the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner for a period of not more than 6 months during a vacancy in that office.".
 - (4) In section 424(3) and (5) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (1)" **insert** "or (1A)".
 - (5) In section 424(4) and (6) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (2)" **insert** "or (2A)".
3. Clause 127, lines 20 to 25, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
- '(1) In section 425(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "A Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "A person specified in subsection (3)".
 - (2) In section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "a person specified in subsection (3)".
 - (3) After section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **insert**—
"(3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the following persons are specified—
 - (a) the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;
 - (b) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.".

Harriet Shing moved, That —

- (1) the Council does not insist on its amendment Nos. 18, 25 and 26 to the Bill; and
- (2) the further amendments made by the Assembly be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Assembly informing them accordingly.

15 RIGHTS OF REPLY — MOHAMED MOHIDEEN OAM JP AND DEEPAK VINAYAK OAM JP —

Pursuant to Standing Order 21.03, the President tabled Rights of Reply from —

Mohamed Mohideen OAM JP, President, Islamic Council of Victoria relating to statements made by Renee Heath on 3 February 2026 (*Ordered to be published*).

Deepak Vinayak OAM JP, relating to statements made by Evan Mulholland on 5 March 2026 (*Ordered to be published*).

16 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Harriet Shing moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.11 pm until Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 159, 160 and 161

NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 17 March 2026

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD195C) (p. 1522) and Sarah Mansfield (SMA59C) (pp. 1522-24)

Clauses 1 and 2 — put and agreed to.

Clause 3 — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment Nos. 1 to 3 (SMA59C).

Question — That the amendments 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, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; 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; 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.

Sarah Mansfield moved amendment Nos. 4 and 6 to 8 (SMA59C).

Question — That the amendments 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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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; 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.

David Davis moved amendment No. 1 (*DD195C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

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

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

NOES, 22

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; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negatived.

David Davis moved amendment Nos. 2 and 3 (*DD195C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

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

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

NOES, 22

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; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negatived.

David Davis moved amendment No. 4 (*DD195C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 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)

NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; 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; 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.

Sarah Mansfield moved amendment Nos. 9 and 10 (SMA59C).

Question — That the amendments 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, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; 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; 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)

Question negatived.

Clause 3 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026

Committed Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Amendments circulated: Sarah Mansfield (SMA71C and SMA72C) (pp. 1525-26) and Evan Mulholland (EM68C) (p. 1527)

Clauses 1 to 5 — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 5A to 5C — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment No. 1 (SMA72C).

Question — That New Clauses 5A to 5C 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.

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

NOES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; 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)

Question negated.

New Clauses 5A and 5B — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment No. 1 (*SMA71C*).

Question — That New Clauses 5A and 5B stand part of the Bill — put and negated.

New Clause 5A — Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 (*EM68C*).

Question — That New Clause 5A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with an amendment.

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ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 19 March 2026

Amendments circulated: Sarah Mansfield (SMA68C and SMA78C) (pp. 1527-28), Jaclyn Symes (JS76C) (pp. 1528-36) and Richard Welch (RW19C) (pp. 1536-39)

Clause 1 — Jaclyn Symes (*JS76C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Richard Welch moved amendment No. 1 (*RW19C*).

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

Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (*JS76C*).

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

Richard Welch moved amendment No. 5 (*RW19C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 17

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Aiv Puglielli; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negatived.

Richard Welch moved amendment No. 6 (*RW19C*).

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

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 49 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 49A — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment No. 1 (*SMA78C*).

Question — That New Clause 49A stand part of the Bill — 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.

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

NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; 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; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 50 to 100 — put and agreed to.

Clause 101 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 3 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 101, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 102 — put and agreed to.

Clause 103 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 4 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 103, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 104 to 113 — put and agreed to.

Clause 114 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 5 and 6 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 114, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 115 — put and agreed to.

Clause 116 — put and negatived.

Clause 117 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 8 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 117, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 118 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 9 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 118, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 119 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 10 to 12 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 119, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 120 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 13 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 120, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 121 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 14 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 121, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 122 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 15 to 17 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 122, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 123 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 18 and 19 (*JS76C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 123, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 124 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 20 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 124, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 125 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 21 to 23 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 125, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 126 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 24 and 25 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 126, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 127 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 26 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 127, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 128 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 27 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 128, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 129 to 131 — put and negatived.

Clause 132 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 31 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 132, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 133 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 32 and 33 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 133, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 134 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 34 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 134, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 135 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 35 and 36 (*JS76C*).
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 135, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 136 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 37 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 136, as amended — put and agreed to.

New Clause 136A — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 38 (*JS76C*).

Question — That New Clause 136A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 137 to 139 — put and negatived.

Clause 140 — put and agreed to.

Clause 141 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 42 to 44 (*JS76C*).

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

Clause 141, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 142 to 162 — put and agreed to.

Schedule 1 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 19 March 2026

Amendments circulated: Enver Erdogan (EE18C) (p. 1539), David Limbrick (DL73C) (pp. 1540-43) and Sarah Mansfield (SMA60C, SMA61C and SMA63C) (pp. 1543-46)

Clause 1 — Enver Erdogan moved amendment No. 1 (EE18C).

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

David Limbrick moved amendment No. 1 (DL73C).

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; Evan Mulholland; 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.

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

Question negated.

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 76 — put and agreed to.

Part heading preceding Clause 76A and Clause 76A — put and negated.

Clause 76B — put and negated.

Clause 77 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 19 March 2026

Amendments circulated: Sarah Mansfield (SMA69C and SMA70C) (pp. 1546-51), Evan Mulholland (EM61C) (p. 1552) and Jaclyn Symes (JS73C) (p. 1552)

Clause 1 — Jaclyn Symes (*JS73C*) circulated an amendment proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 (*EM61C*).

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

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 61 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 61A — Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 4 (*EM61C*).

Question — That New Clause 61A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 62 to 91 — put and agreed to.

Clause 92 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 1 (*JS73C*).

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

Clause 92, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 93 to 103 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 103A — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment No. 1 (*SMA69C*).

Question — That New Clause 103A stand part of the Bill — 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.

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

NOES, 30

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; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; 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)

Question negatived.

New Clause 103B — Sarah Mansfield moved amendment No. 1 (SMA70C).

Question — That New Clause 103B stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 4

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

(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; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; 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)

Question negatived.

Clauses 104 to 108 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025***Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD195C)*

1. Clause 3, page 7, line 4, omit "may" and insert "must".
2. Clause 3, page 8, line 9, omit "provider." and insert "provider; and".
3. Clause 3, page 8, after line 9 insert—
 - "(e) the AER; and
 - (f) any customer advocacy body prescribed for the purposes of this section or, if no body is prescribed, any body that the Minister reasonably considers represents the interests of customers or a class of customer; and
 - (g) any gas retailer that the Minister reasonably considers has customers that are likely to be materially affected by the making of the proposed Order; and
 - (h) any other person or body (other than a small customer) that the Minister reasonably considers is likely to be materially affected by the making of the proposed Order."
4. Clause 3, page 9, after line 5 insert—
 - "(3) Without limiting this section, the Minister's reasons published under subsection (1) or (2) must include—
 - (a) the potential costs to end users of the improvement or improvement services specified in the Order; and
 - (b) any alternatives to the improvement or improvement services specified in the Order that were considered and assessed before the making of the Order; and
 - (c) the potential costs to end users of any alternatives referred to in paragraph (b); and
 - (d) details of any advice received from AEMO and the AER under section 58E(1) before the making of the Order."

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA59C)

1. Clause 3, page 5, after line 31 insert—
 - "(g) require a declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider to submit a gas transition plan for the specified improvement to the Minister;"
2. Clause 3, page 5, line 32, omit "(g)" and insert "(h)".
3. Clause 3, page 6, after line 26 insert—
 - "(4) In this section—

electricity distribution company has the same meaning as ***distribution company*** has in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**;

electricity retailer has the same meaning as ***retailer*** has in the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**;

gas transition plan, in relation to a specified improvement, means a written plan setting out—

- (a) any actions proposed to be taken by a declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider to dismantle, decommission or remove the following—
 - (i) any part of a declared transmission system that is to be extended, or the capacity of which is to be expanded, in the carrying out of the specified improvement;
 - (ii) a pipeline or pipeline equipment that is to be improved, upgraded or connected in the carrying out of the specified improvement;
 - (ii) a facility for storing liquified natural gas that is to be improved or upgraded in the carrying out of the specified improvement; and
- (b) details of the proposed timing of, or the circumstances required for, the carrying out of the actions described in paragraph (a); and
- (c) how the specified improvement will reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of consistency with the long-term emissions reduction target; and
- (d) any consultation the declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission service provider proposes to take before carrying out of the actions described in paragraph (a), including but not limited to consultation with an electricity distribution company or an electricity retailer; and
- (e) proposed strategies for managing economic loss resulting from any decrease in the value of any part of a declared transmission system, pipeline, pipeline equipment or facility described in paragraph (a);

long-term emissions reduction target has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**."

- 4. Clause 3, page 7, line 3, before "In" insert "(1)".
- 5. Clause 3, page 7, line 4, omit "may" and insert "must".
- 6. Clause 3, page 7, after line 32 insert—
 - "(g) the long-term emissions reduction target and the interim emissions reduction targets;
 - (h) any reasonable alternative options for achieving the Order's objective, including but not limited to measures designed to reduce customer demand for gas;"
- 7. Clause 3, page 7, line 33, omit "(g)" and insert "(i)".

8. Clause 3, page 7, after line 34 insert—
"(2) In this section—

interim emissions reduction target has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**;

long-term emissions reduction target has the same meaning as in the **Climate Action Act 2017**."
9. Clause 3, page 12, line 24, omit "58B.'" and insert "58B."
10. Clause 3, page 12, after line 24 insert—
"58K Minister may require gas network data to be provided
 - (1) For the purposes of making an Order under section 58B, the Minister, by notice in writing, may require AEMO, a declared transmission system service provider or a prospective declared transmission system service provider to provide to the Minister details of the location, capacity, age or use of one or more of the following—
 - (a) a declared transmission system;
 - (b) pipeline equipment;
 - (b) a facility for storing liquified natural gas.
 - (2) A notice under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) specify or describe the information that AEMO, the declared transmission system service provider or prospective declared transmission system service provider must provide to the Minister; and
 - (b) specify the date by which the information must be provided to the Minister;
 - (c) specify the manner in which the information must be provided to the Minister.
 - (3) AEMO, the declared transmission system service provider or the prospective declared transmission system service provider must comply with the notice under subsection (1).
 - (4) Subject to subsection (5), the Minister, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving information under this section, must ensure that a copy of the information is published on the Department's internet site.
 - (5) If the Minister considers that any information received under this section is confidential, the Minister must omit that information from the copy of the information published under subsection (4)."

2. INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA71C)

NEW CLAUSES

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

'5A Special reports

After section 162(6) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"(6A) To avoid doubt, subsection (6)(a) does not prohibit the IBAC from including in a report under this section a finding or opinion that a specified person has committed or engaged in corrupt conduct.

(6B) However, if the IBAC includes in a report under this section a finding or opinion that a specified person has committed or engaged in corrupt conduct, the IBAC must include in the report a statement that the finding or opinion is not a finding or an opinion that a specified person is guilty of or has committed, is committing or is about to commit, any criminal offence or disciplinary offence."

5B Matters to be included in annual report

After section 165(6) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** substitute—

"(6A) To avoid doubt, subsection (6)(a) does not prohibit the IBAC from including in a report under this section a finding or opinion that a specified person has committed or engaged in corrupt conduct.

(6B) However, if the IBAC includes in a report under this section a finding or opinion that a specified person has committed or engaged in corrupt conduct, the IBAC must include in the report a statement that the finding or opinion is not a finding or an opinion that a specified person is guilty of or has committed, is committing or is about to commit, any criminal offence or disciplinary offence."

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause before clause 6—

'5C New section 200 inserted

After section 199 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"200 Transitional provision—Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026

This Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** applies to and in respect of conduct all or part of which occurred before the commencement of this section if the corrupt conduct concerns a public officer or public body within the meaning of this Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** had this subsection been in force at the time the conduct occurred.".'.

Amendment circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA72C)

NEW CLAUSES

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

5A Definitions

In section 3(1) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**, the definition of *relevant offence* is repealed.

5B Corrupt conduct

- (1) In section 4(1) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**—

(a) in paragraph (e), for "or (da)—" substitute "or (da).";

(b) omit "being conduct that would constitute a relevant offence.".

- (2) Section 4(1A) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** is repealed.

5C Conduct occurring before the commencement of this section

At the end of section 11 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"(2) This Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** applies to and in respect of conduct all or part of which occurred before the commencement of this subsection if the conduct would have been corrupt conduct within the meaning of this Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** had this subsection been in force at the time the conduct occurred.".'.

Amendment circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM68C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 5—

'5A New section 200 inserted

After section 199 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"200 Transitional provision—Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026

This Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** applies to and in respect of conduct all or part of which occurred before the commencement of this section if the corrupt conduct concerns a public officer or public body within the meaning of this Act as amended by the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Act 2026** had this subsection been in force at the time the conduct occurred.".'.

3. ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA68C)

1. Clause 101, lines 15 and 16, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 647(6)(b) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "2 members of the Board are persons who identify" **substitute** "one member of the Board is a person who identifies".

(3) Section 647(7) and (8) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** are **repealed**.'.

2. Clause 138, lines 24 to 34 and page 112, lines 1 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'In section 526(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "may" **substitute** "must".'.

Amendment circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA78C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause after clause 49—

'49A Powers of the Commissioner

After section 9(2) of the **Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003** insert—

- "(3) A Reference Group established under subsection (2)(b) must include an Expert Land Use Panel for the specific purpose of providing advice to the Commissioner relating to the protection and ecologically sustainable management of the environment and natural resources of public land.
- (4) The Expert Land Use Panel described in subsection (3) must consist of 5 members who collectively have experience, skills and knowledge in the following areas—
- (a) environment protection and conservation;
 - (b) natural resource management;
 - (c) tourism and recreation;
 - (d) economics and business management;
 - (e) rural and regional affairs;
 - (f) issues relating to indigenous peoples;
 - (g) local government;
 - (h) social and community affairs;
 - (i) community consultation and participation.".'.

Amendments circulated by Jaclyn Symes (JS76C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, lines 23 to 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(ii) to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner; and".
2. Clause 1, page 3, line 29, omit "(iv)" and insert "(iii)".
3. Clause 101, lines 15 and 16, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) For section 647(6) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** substitute—

"(6) In making a recommendation to the Governor in Council, the Minister must ensure that—

 - (a) at least one member of the Board is a person who identifies as experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; and
 - (b) at least one member of the Board, other than the member referred to in paragraph (a), is a person who identifies as—
 - (i) experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; or
 - (ii) caring for or supporting, or having cared for or supported, a person experiencing mental illness or psychological distress; and

- (c) if the Board is to consist of 7 or more members, at least one member of the Board, other than the members referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), is a person who identifies as—
 - (i) experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; or
 - (ii) caring for or supporting, or having cared for or supported, a person experiencing mental illness or psychological distress."
- (3) Section 647(7) and (8) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** are **repealed**.'
- 4. Clause 103, lines 26 to 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - ""(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Centre Board is a majority of the members of the Board for the time being and—
 - (a) if the Board consists of 6 members or fewer, must include at least one member who identifies as—
 - (i) experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; or
 - (ii) caring for or supporting, or having cared for or supported, a person experiencing mental illness or psychological distress; or
 - (b) if the Board consists of 7 or more members, must include at least 2 members who identify as—
 - (i) experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; or
 - (ii) caring for or supporting, or having cared for or supported, a person experiencing mental illness or psychological distress."
- 5. Clause 114, lines 30 and 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - ""**Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner** means the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner appointed under section 420(1A);".'
- 6. Clause 114, page 103, lines 5 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - '(3) In section 3(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, in the definition of **Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner**—
 - (a) for "a Mental" **substitute** "the Mental";
 - (b) for "section 420" **substitute** "section 420(1)".'
- 7. Clause 116, omit this clause.
- 8. Clause 117, lines 2 and 3, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - 'For section 417(a) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **substitute**—

- "(a) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;".
9. Clause 118, lines 6 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'In section 419(4) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

 - (a) for "a Mental" **substitute** "the Mental";
 - (b) after "Commissioner" **insert** "or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".
 10. Clause 119, line 9, omit "**Sections 419A and 419B**" and insert "**Section 419A**".
 11. Clause 119, line 10, omit "Sections 419A and 419B" and insert "Section 419A".
 12. Clause 119, line 11, omit "are" and insert "is".
 13. Clause 120, lines 15 to 17, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 419C(b) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

 - (a) for "a Mental" **substitute** "the Mental";
 - (b) after "Commissioner" **insert** "or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".
 14. Clause 121, line 21, after "**Commissioner**" insert "**and Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner**".
 15. Clause 122, line 25, after "**Commissioner**" insert "**and Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner**".
 16. Clause 122, lines 28 to 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'"(1) On the recommendation of the Minister, the Governor in Council, by instrument, may appoint a person to be the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.

(1A) On the recommendation of the Minister, the Governor in Council, by instrument, may appoint a person to be the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.".
 17. Clause 122, page 105, lines 1 to 11, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(3) For section 420(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **substitute**—

"(2) In making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1) or (1A), the Minister must ensure that either the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner is—

 - (a) a person who identifies as experiencing, or having experienced, mental illness or psychological distress; or

- (b) a person who identifies as caring for or supporting, or having cared for or supported, a person experiencing mental illness or psychological distress."
- (4) In section 420(3) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—
 - (a) after "Council" **insert** "under subsection (1) or (1A)";
 - (b) for "Commissioners" **substitute** "Commissioner and Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".
- (5) For section 420(4) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **substitute**—
 - "(4) To avoid doubt—
 - (a) the appointment of a person referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) as the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner does not prevent another person referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) from being appointed as the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner; and
 - (b) the appointment of a person referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) as the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner does not prevent another person referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) from being appointed as the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.".'.
- 18. Clause 123, after line 15 insert—
 - '(1A) After section 421(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **insert**—
 - "(1A) The Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—
 - (a) is to be appointed for the period, not exceeding 5 years, specified in the instrument of appointment; and
 - (b) is eligible for reappointment; and
 - (c) holds office on any other terms and conditions, including remuneration and any travelling or other allowances, that are determined by the Governor in Council.".'.
- 19. Clause 123, lines 16 to 19, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - '(2) For section 421(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act** **substitute**—
 - "(2) The **Public Administration Act 2004** (other than Part 3 of that Act) applies—
 - (a) to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner in respect of the office of Commissioner; and
 - (b) to the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner in respect of the office of Deputy Commissioner.".'.
- 20. Clause 124, lines 21 to 23, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'In section 422 of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "A Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" **substitute** "The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner";
- (b) after "the Commissioner" **insert** "or Deputy Commissioner (as the case requires)".'

21. Clause 125, lines 25 to 27, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(1) In section 423(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental" **substitute** "the Mental";
- (b) after "Commissioner" **insert** "or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".

(1A) In section 423(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner";
- (b) for "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" (where first occurring) **substitute** "the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner (as the case requires)";
- (c) in paragraph (e), for "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" **substitute** "the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner".'

22. Clause 125, line 32, after "Commissioner" insert "or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".

23. Clause 125, page 106, lines 1 and 2, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

- '(b) for "the Chair's removal" (where first occurring) **substitute** "that removal";
- (c) for "the Chair's removal from office" **substitute** "that removal".'

24. Clause 126, after line 15 insert—

'(1A) After section 424(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—

"(1A) The Governor in Council may appoint a person to act in the office of the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—

- (a) during a vacancy in that office; or
- (b) during any period when the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—
 - (i) is absent; or
 - (ii) for any other reason is unable to perform the duties of the office of Deputy Commissioner.".'

25. Clause 126, lines 16 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
- '(2) In section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—
 - (a) for "a Mental" (where first occurring) **substitute** "the Mental";
 - (b) for "the office of a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner" (where secondly occurring) **substitute** "that office".
 - (3) After section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—
 - "(2A) The Minister may appoint a person to act in the office of the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner for a period of not more than 6 months during a vacancy in that office."
 - (4) In section 424(3) and (5) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (1)" **insert** "or (1A)".
 - (5) In section 424(4) and (6) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after "subsection (2)" **insert** "or (2A)".'
26. Clause 127, lines 20 to 25, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
- '(1) In section 425(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "A Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "A person specified in subsection (3)".
 - (2) In section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "a person specified in subsection (3)".
 - (3) After section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—
 - "(3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the following persons are specified—
 - (a) the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;
 - (b) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.".'
27. Clause 128, page 107, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
- '(2) In section 426(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "Commissioners are collectively" **substitute** "Commissioner is".'
28. Clause 129, omit this clause.
29. Clause 130, omit this clause.
30. Clause 131, omit this clause.
31. Clause 132, lines 14 to 16, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
- 'For section 500(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **substitute**—

"(2) The following persons may administer an oath or affirmation to a person for the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;
- (b) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;
- (c) a member of the staff of the Commission who is authorised to do so."

32. Clause 133, lines 19 and 20, omit 'for "**a Mental**" **substitute** "**Mental**".' and insert 'after "**Commissioner**" **insert** ", **Deputy Commissioner**".'

33. Clause 133, lines 21 to 23, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 508 of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "was" **substitute** "has been";
- (b) after "Commissioner" **insert** ", a Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".'

34. Clause 134, lines 26 to 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(1) In section 517(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental" **substitute** "the Mental";
- (b) after "Commissioner," **insert** "the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,".

(2) In section 517(3) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,";
- (b) for "the person employed or the person engaged (as the case may be)" **substitute** "Deputy Commissioner or person".

(3) In section 517(4) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner," **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,";
- (b) after "the Commissioner" **insert** ", Deputy Commissioner".'

35. Clause 135, lines 31 to 33, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(1) In section 518(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "A Mental" **substitute** "The Mental";
- (b) after "Commissioner," **insert** "the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,".

36. Clause 135, page 111, lines 1 to 4, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(2) In section 518(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Commissioner," **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,";
- (b) in paragraphs (a) and (g), after "Commissioner" **insert** ", Deputy Commissioner".'

37. Clause 136, lines 6 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(1) In section 519(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "A Mental" **substitute** "The Mental";
- (b) after "Commissioner," **insert** "the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,".

(2) In section 519(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "a Commissioner," **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,".

(3) In section 519(3) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "a Commissioner" **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner or Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner".

(4) In section 519(4) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

- (a) for "a Commissioner," **substitute** "the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,";
- (b) after "the Commissioner" **insert** ", Deputy Commissioner".'

NEW CLAUSE

38. Insert the following New Clause before clause 137—

'136A New section 524A inserted

After section 524 of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—

"524A Requirement to disclose certain information to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

- (1) The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, by written notice, may request from the Health Secretary information that is relevant to the performance of the Commission's functions or the exercise of the Commission's powers.
- (2) On receiving a request under subsection (1), the Health Secretary must give to the Commission the information specified in the request that the Health Secretary holds.
- (3) Information that is disclosed under subsection (2) must not include information that identifies an individual.".'

39. Clause 137, omit this clause.
40. Clause 138, omit this clause.
41. Clause 139, omit this clause.
42. Clause 141, page 114, line 11, omit "section 420 as amended" and insert "section 420(1) as substituted".
43. Clause 141, page 114, line 14, omit '**2025.**' and insert "**2025.**".
44. Clause 141, page 114, after line 14 insert—

'793 Appointment of interim Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner

- (1) Despite anything to the contrary in this Act, the Minister, by instrument, may appoint a person to be the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner for a period beginning on or after the commencement of Division 2 of Part 8 of the **Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Act 2025** and ending on a day that is no later than 6 months after the commencement of that Division.
- (2) Despite anything to the contrary in the instrument of appointment, a person appointed under subsection (1) goes out of office on an appointment of a person under section 420(1A) as substituted by Division 2 of Part 8 of the **Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Act 2025.**'.

Amendments circulated by Richard Welch (RW19C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, lines 5 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Clause 1, page 3, lines 19 to 22, omit "one Commissioner, and to consequentially amend the **Public Administration Act 2004**" and insert "3 Commissioners".
3. Clause 1, page 3, lines 23 to 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
4. Clause 1, page 3, line 29, omit "(iv)" and insert "(ii)".
5. Clause 1, page 4, lines 1 to 5, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
6. Clause 1, page 4, lines 6 to 11, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
7. Part heading preceding clause 93, omit this heading.
8. Clause 93, omit this clause.
9. Clause 94, omit this clause.
10. Clause 95, omit this clause.
11. Clause 114, lines 27 to 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
12. Clause 114, line 27, omit "(1)" (where first occurring).

13. Clause 114, page 103, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
14. Clause 114, page 103, line 1, omit "(2)" and insert "(1)".
15. Clause 114, page 103, line 5, omit "(3)" and insert "(2)".
16. Clause 114, omit this clause.
17. Clause 115, omit this clause.
18. Clause 116, omit this clause.
19. Clause 117, omit this clause.
20. Clause 118, omit this clause.
21. Clause 119, lines 9 to 11, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'119 Meetings of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

In section 419A(3) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "3 Mental" **substitute** "2 Mental".'

22. Clause 120, omit this clause.
23. Clause 121, omit this clause.
24. Clause 122, lines 22 to 31 and page 105, lines 1 to 11, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'122 Appointment of Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioners

In section 420(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "4 persons" **substitute** "3 persons".'

25. Clause 123, omit this clause.
26. Clause 124, omit this clause.
27. Clause 125, omit this clause.
28. Clause 126, omit this clause.
29. Clause 127, omit this clause.
30. Clause 128, lines 27 to 29, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
31. Clause 128, page 107, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'For section 426(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** **substitute**—

"(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioners are collectively responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission in accordance with a statement of expectations issued to the Commission.".'

32. Clause 128, page 107, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'In section 426(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for "Commissioners are collectively" **substitute** "Commissioner is".'

33. Clause 128, page 107, lines 9 to 15, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
34. Clause 128, omit this clause.
35. Clause 129, omit this clause.
36. Clause 130, omit this clause.
37. Clause 131, omit this clause.
38. Clause 132, omit this clause.
39. Clause 133, omit this clause.
40. Clause 134, omit this clause.
41. Clause 135, omit this clause.
42. Clause 136, omit this clause.

NEW CLAUSE

43. Insert the following New Clause before clause 137—

'136A New section 524A inserted

After section 524 of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** insert—

"524A Requirement to disclose certain information to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

- (1) The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, by written notice, may request from the Health Secretary information that is relevant to the performance of the Commission's functions or the exercise of the Commission's powers.
- (2) On receiving a request under subsection (1), the Health Secretary must give to the Commission the information specified in the request that the Health Secretary holds.
- (3) Information that is disclosed under subsection (2) must not include information that identifies an individual.".'

44. Clause 137, omit this clause.
45. Clause 138, omit this clause.
46. Clause 139, omit this clause.
47. Clause 141, lines 20 to 34 and page 114, lines 1 to 14, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'791 Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioners continue to hold office

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioners holding office immediately before the commencement of Division 2 of Part 8 of the **Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Act 2026** continue to hold office as Commissioners on and after that commencement on the same terms and conditions on which they held office as Commissioners immediately before that commencement.".'.

48. Clause 142, omit this clause.
49. Division and Subdivision headings preceding clause 143, omit these headings.
50. Clause 143, omit this clause.
51. Subdivision heading preceding clause 144, omit this heading.
52. Clause 144, omit this clause.
53. Division and Subdivision headings preceding clause 145, omit these headings.
54. Clause 145, omit this clause.
55. Clause 146, omit this clause.
56. Clause 147, omit this clause.
57. Clause 148, omit this clause.
58. Subdivision heading preceding clause 149, omit this heading.
59. Clause 149, omit this clause.
60. Clause 150, omit this clause.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

61. Long title, omit "the **Financial Management Act 1994**,".
62. Long title, omit "the **Local Government Act 1989**,".
63. Long title, omit "the **Essential Services Commission Act 2001**,".
64. Long title, omit "the **Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017**,".

4. JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025*Amendments circulated by Enver Erdogan (EE18C)*

1. Clause 1, page 2, lines 32 to 34 and page 3, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Part heading preceding clause 76A, omit this heading.
3. Clause 76A, omit this clause.
4. Clause 76B, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by David Limbrick (DL73C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, after line 12 insert—

"(ga) to amend the **Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004** to prohibit registrable offenders working in commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment; and".
2. Clause 2, line 17, after "6" insert ", 7A".
3. Clause 2, line 21, after "6" insert ", 7A".

NEW CLAUSE

4. Insert the following New Part after Part 7—

'Part 7A—Amendment of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004**71A New Part 4B inserted**

After Part 4A of the **Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004** insert—

"Part 4B—Registrable offenders prohibited from commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment**66ZZE Definitions**

- (1) In this Part—

commercial sexual services means services involving the use or display of the body of the person providing the services for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of another for—

- (a) commercial benefit; or
- (b) payment; or
- (c) reward (including the supply of a drug of dependence within the meaning of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**)—

whether or not the commercial benefit, payment or reward accrues to, or is given to, the person providing the services or to another person;

commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment means—

- (a) provision of commercial sexual services; or
- (b) performance of sexually explicit entertainment; or
- (c) employment at a place at which commercial sexual services are provided or sexually explicit entertainment is performed; or

Examples

1. A brothel.

2. Premises licensed under the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998**, the licence for which is subject to a condition relating to the provision of sexually explicit entertainment.

- (d) employment providing transport or security for a person who provides commercial sexual services or who performs sexually explicit entertainment where that transport or security is in connection with provision of those services or that performance;

employment means performance of work—

- (a) under a contract of employment or a contract for services (whether written or unwritten); or
- (b) for gain or reward other than under a contract of employment or contract for services;

sexually explicit entertainment means live entertainment that may be performed for an audience, by a person or persons performing an act of an explicit sexual nature.

66ZZF Registrable offender excluded from commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment

- (1) A registrable offender must not—

- (a) apply for; or
- (b) engage in—

employment that is commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment.

Penalty: 240 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

- (2) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), it is a defence to the charge for the accused to prove that, at the time the offence is alleged to have been committed, the accused did not know that the employment was commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment.

66ZZG Offence to advertise provision of commercial sexual services or performance of sexually explicit entertainment

A registrable offender must not advertise the provision of commercial sexual services or the performance of sexually explicit entertainment by that registrable offender.

Penalty: 240 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

66ZZH Offence to fail to disclose charges

- (1) A person engaged in commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment (including employment under a contract for services) who is charged with a registrable offence must disclose the charge to the person's employer within 7 days after the filing of the

charge-sheet charging the offence or (in the case of a charge that is pending immediately before the commencement of this subsection) within 7 days after that commencement.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) A person who applies for employment (including employment under a contract for services) that is commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment and against whom there is a pending charge of a registrable offence must disclose the charge to the person's prospective employer at the time of making the application.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (3) A person who has (whether before or after the commencement of this subsection) applied for employment (including employment under a contract for services) that is commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment and who, while the application is still current, is charged with a registrable offence must disclose the charge to the person's prospective employer within 7 days after the filing of the charge-sheet charging the offence or (in the case of a charge that is pending immediately before the commencement of this subsection) within 7 days after that commencement.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

66ZZI Confidentiality

- (1) A person must not give to any other person, whether directly or indirectly, any information acquired by the person under section 66ZZH.

Penalty: 60 penalty units.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the giving of information—
- (a) to a court or tribunal in the course of legal proceedings; or
 - (b) pursuant to an order of a court or tribunal; or
 - (c) to the extent reasonably required to enable the investigation or the enforcement of a law of this State or of any other State or of a Territory or of the Commonwealth; or
 - (d) to an Australian legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice or representation relating to a matter under this Act; or
 - (e) with the written authority of the person to whom the information relates or, if the person to whom the information relates is a child or a person with a cognitive impairment or mental illness within the meaning of Subdivision (8E) of Division 1 of Part I of the **Crimes Act 1958**, with the written authority of a person authorised to act on that person's behalf; or
 - (f) in good faith for the purposes of this Act; or
 - (g) as required or authorised by or under any other Act."

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

5. Long Title, after "Magistrates' Court," insert "to amend the **Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004** in relation to registrable offenders working in commercial sexual services or sexually explicit entertainment employment,".

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA60C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, line 15, omit "Court." and insert "Court;".
2. Clause 1, page 3, after line 15 insert—
 - "(ha) to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**—
 - (i) to expand the jurisdiction of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission by amending the definition of **corrupt conduct**; and
 - (ii) to provide for the investigation of conduct occurring before the commencement of this Act; and
 - (iii) to make consequential amendments."

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Part to follow Part 8—

**'Part 8AAAA—Amendment of Independent Broad-based
Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**

76AAAA Definitions

In section 3(1) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**, the definition of **relevant offence** is repealed.

76AAAB Corrupt conduct

- (1) In section 4(1) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**—
 - (a) in paragraph (e), for "or (da)—" substitute "or (da).";
 - (b) omit "being conduct that would constitute a relevant offence."
- (2) Section 4(1A) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** is repealed.

76AAAC Conduct occurring before the commencement of this section

At the end of section 11 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

- "(2) This Act as amended by the **Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2025** applies to and in respect of conduct all or part of which occurred before the commencement of this subsection if the

conduct would have been corrupt conduct within the meaning of this Act as amended by the **Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2025** had this subsection been in force at the time the conduct occurred."

76AAAD Determination of matter previously considered by the IBAC

At the end of section 11A of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"(2) The IBAC may determine to investigate any complaint or notification to the IBAC that the IBAC has before the commencement of section 76AAAD of the **Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2025**—

- (a) dismissed under section 58(a); or
- (b) referred to a person or body (other than the Ombudsman) under section 73; or
- (c) referred to the Ombudsman under section 73 and the Ombudsman has dismissed it or has determined not to investigate it."

LONG TITLE

4. Long title, after "Magistrates' Court," insert "the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** in relation to the jurisdiction of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission."

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA61C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, line 15, omit "Court." and insert "Court;"
2. Clause 1, page 3, after line 15 insert—
 - "(hb) to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**—
 - (i) to expand the jurisdiction of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission; and
 - (iii) to make other related amendments."

NEW CLAUSES

4. Insert the following New Part to follow Part 8—

'Part 8AAA—Amendment of Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011

76AAA Definitions

In section 3(1) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**, the definition of *relevant offence* is repealed.

76AAB Corrupt conduct

After section 4(1)(a) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"(ab) of any person that impairs, or that could impair, public confidence in public administration; or

Examples

Examples of conduct that could impair public confidence in public administration include—

- (a) collusive tendering;
- (b) fraud in relation to the grant by the State of any interest, benefit, licence or permission;
- (c) dishonestly obtaining or assisting in obtaining, or dishonestly benefiting from, the payment or application of public funds for private advantage or the disposition of public assets for private advantage;
- (d) evading a State tax, levy or duty or otherwise fraudulently causing a loss of State revenue;
- (e) fraudulently obtaining or retaining employment or appointment as a public officer."

76AAC Offence to disclose certain information received from the IBAC

After section 184(5)(h) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** insert—

"(ha) disclosure with the written authorisation of the IBAC;".

LONG TITLE

5. Long title, after "Magistrates' Court," insert "the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** in relation to the jurisdiction of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission."

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA63C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, line 15, omit "Court." and insert "Court;".
2. Clause 1, page 3, after line 15 insert—

"(hc) to amend **the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** in relation to examinations generally being held in private."

NEW CLAUSE

3. Insert the following New Part to follow Part 8—

"Part 8AA—Amendment of Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011

76AA Examinations generally to be held in private

Section 117(1)(a) of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011** is repealed."

LONG TITLE

4. Long title, after "Magistrates' Court," insert "the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** in relation to examinations generally being held in private."

5. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Amendment circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA69C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 103—

'103A New section 217BA inserted

After section 217B of the Principal Act insert—

"217BA Political donations from property developers, building and construction industry entities, fossil fuel entities and others banned

- (1) It is unlawful for a prohibited donor to make a political donation or for a registered political party, a candidate at an election, a group, an elected member, a nominated entity, an associated entity or a third party campaigner to accept a political donation from a prohibited donor.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a *prohibited donor* is—
 - (a) a property developer; or
 - (b) a building and construction industry entity; or
 - (c) a fossil fuel industry entity; or
 - (d) a tobacco industry entity; or
 - (e) a gambling industry entity; or
 - (f) a supermarket entity; or
 - (g) an estate agent; or
 - (h) a banking industry entity.
- (3) Each of the following is a *property developer* for the purposes of this section—
 - (a) an individual or a corporation if—
 - (i) the individual or corporation carries on a business mainly concerned with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit; and

- (ii) in the course of that business—
 - (A) 1 planning application has been made by or on behalf of the individual or corporation and is pending; or
 - (B) 3 or more planning applications made by or on behalf of the individual or corporation have been determined within the preceding 7 years;
 - (b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a).
- (4) Any activity engaged in by an individual or a corporation for the dominant purpose of providing commercial premises at which the individual or corporation, or a related body corporate of the corporation, will carry on business is to be disregarded for the purpose of determining whether the individual or corporation is a property developer unless that business involves the sale or leasing of a substantial part of the premises.
- (5) In this section—

approved venue has the meaning given by section 1.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

fossil fuel entity means—

- (a) an individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with the mining, extraction or sale of a fossil fuel; or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

banking industry entity means—

- (a) a corporation that carries on a business as an ADI; or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

building and construction industry entity means—

- (a) an individual or a corporation that carries on a business in the building and construction industry (other than as a property developer); or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

close associate—

- (a) of a corporation means each of the following—
 - (i) a director or officer of the corporation or the spouse or domestic partner of such a director or officer;
 - (ii) a related body corporate of the corporation;
 - (iii) a person whose voting power in the corporation or a related body corporate of the corporation is greater than 20% or the spouse or domestic partner of such a person;

- (iv) if the corporation or a related body corporate of the corporation is a stapled entity in relation to a stapled security—the other stapled entity in relation to that stapled security;
 - (v) if the corporation is a trustee, manager or responsible entity in relation to a trust—a person who holds more than 20% of the units in the trust (in the case of a unit trust) or is a beneficiary of the trust (in the case of a discretionary trust);
 - (vi) in relation to a corporation that is a property developer referred to in subsection (3)(a)—a person in a joint venture or partnership with the property developer in connection with a planning application made by or on behalf of the property developer who is likely to obtain a financial gain if development that would be or is authorised by the application is authorised or carried out;
- (b) of an individual means each of the following—
- (i) the spouse or domestic partner of the individual;
 - (ii) in relation to an individual who is a property developer referred to in subsection (3)(a)—a person in a joint venture or partnership with the property developer in connection with a planning application made by or on behalf of the property developer who is likely to obtain a financial gain if development that would be or is authorised by the application is authorised or carried out;

club has the meaning given by section 1.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

club gaming machine entitlement has the meaning given by section 1.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

club licence has the meaning given by section 1.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

director has the meaning given by section 9 of the Corporations Act;

domestic partner of a person means—

- (a) a person who is in a registered relationship with a person; or

Note

A **registered relationship** is defined in subsection (6).

- (b) a person to whom the person is not married but with whom the person is living as a couple on a genuine domestic basis (irrespective of gender);

estate agent means—

- (a) a licensed estate agent or an agent's representative as defined by section 4(1) of the **Estate Agents Act 1980**; or

- (b) a person who holds a licence in another State or a Territory that is equivalent to an estate agent's licence under the **Estate Agents Act 1980**; or
- (c) a person who is a close associate of a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b);

fossil fuel means any of the following substances—

- (a) coal;
- (b) petroleum;
- (c) methane gas;
- (d) any other hydrocarbon-based fuel derived from material formed in the geological past from the remains of living organisms;

fossil fuel industry entity means—

- (a) an individual or a corporation that carries on a business mainly concerned with the mining, extraction or sale of a fossil fuel; or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

gambling industry entity means—

- (a) a corporation engaged in a business undertaking that is mainly concerned with wagering, betting or other gambling (including the manufacture of gaming machines or other machines used primarily for that purpose); or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of a corporation referred to in paragraph (a); or
- (c) a club that holds, or on whose behalf another person holds, a club venue operator's licence or racing club licence club in respect of an approved venue to which a club gaming machine entitlement applies; or
- (d) a person who, for a club referred to in paragraph (c), is—
 - (i) the secretary of the club; or
 - (ii) a member of the governing body of the club; or
 - (iii) the spouse or domestic partner of the secretary or member of the governing body; or
 - (iv) a close associate of the club; or
- (e) an individual or a corporation that holds a hotel venue operator's licence; or
- (f) an individual or a corporation that represents or promotes the interests of a person or persons referred to in paragraph (e), whether or not the individual or corporation also represents or promotes the interests of any other persons; or

- (f) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (e) or (f);

hotel venue operator's licence means a hotel venue operator's licence issued under Division 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 3 of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

officer has the meaning given by section 9 of the Corporations Act;

planning application means an application for a planning permit or a request for the amendment of a planning scheme under the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

racing club licence has the meaning given by section 1.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**;

related body corporate has the meaning given by section 9 of the Corporations Act;

spouse of a person means a person to whom the person is married;

stapled entity means an entity the interests in which are traded along with the interests in another entity as stapled securities and (in the case of a stapled entity that is a trust) includes any trustee, manager or responsible entity in relation to the trust;

supermarket entity means—

- (a) an individual or a corporation that carries on a business under which a person sells to consumers bread, breakfast cereal, butter, eggs, flour, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh milk, meat, rice, sugar and other packaged food or most of those groceries; or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of an individual or a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

tobacco industry entity means—

- (a) a corporation engaged in a business undertaking that is mainly concerned with the manufacture or sale of tobacco products; or
- (b) a person who is a close associate of a corporation referred to in paragraph (a);

voting power has the meaning given by section 610 of the Corporations Act.

- (6) For the purposes of the definition of **domestic partner** in subsection (5)—

- (a) **registered relationship** has the same meaning as it has in the **Relationships Act 2008**; and
- (b) in determining whether persons who are not in a registered relationship are domestic partners of each other, all of the circumstances of their relationship are to be taken into account, including any one or more of the matters referred to in section 35(2) of the **Relationships Act 2008** as may be relevant in a particular case."

Amendment circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA70C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause before clause 104—

'103B New section 217BB inserted

Before section 217C of the Principal Act **insert—**

"217BB Political donations from persons subject to adverse findings banned for 10 years

- (1) At any time during the relevant period, it is unlawful for a person who is subject to an adverse finding to make a political donation or for a registered political party, a candidate at an election, a group, an elected member, a nominated entity, an associated entity or a third party campaigner to accept a political donation from a person who is subject to an adverse finding.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the adverse finding has been overturned by a court.
- (3) In this section—

adverse finding, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) a finding by the IBAC or a Royal Commission that the person has committed or engaged in corrupt conduct; or
- (b) any other adverse finding about the person, or comment or opinion which is adverse to the person, in an annual report or special report;

annual report means an annual report of the IBAC under Part 7 of the **Financial Management Act 1994**;

corrupt conduct has the meaning given by section 4 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**;

relevant period, in relation to a person who is subject to an adverse finding, means the period of 10 years beginning on the day on which the finding is first made public;

Royal Commission has the meaning given by section 3 of the **Inquiries Act 2014**;

special report means a report of the IBAC under section 162 of the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011**."

Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM61C)

1. Clause 1, lines 9 to 11, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Clause 10, omit this clause.
3. Clause 47, omit this clause.

NEW CLAUSE

4. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 61—

'61A Indicative two candidate preferred distribution of preferences

- (1) In section 116 of the Principal Act, for "If the" **substitute** "Subject to subsection (2), if the".
- (2) At the end of section 116 of the Principal Act **insert**—
 - "(2) In the case of an Assembly election—
 - (a) the Commission must direct the election manager to proceed with the scrutiny referred to in subsection (1) for each district; and
 - (b) the election manager must comply with that direction within 3 months after receiving it.".'.

Amendment circulated by Jaclyn Symes (JS73C)

1. Clause 92, page 53, lines 1 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—
 - '(d) for the definition of **political expenditure substitute**—
 - "political expenditure—**
 - (a) means any expenditure for the dominant purpose of directing how a person should vote at an election, by promoting or opposing—
 - (i) the election of any candidate at the election; or
 - (ii) a registered political party; or
 - (iii) an elected member; but
 - (b) does not include—
 - (i) expenditure incurred by an associated entity or third party campaigner or any material that is published, aired or otherwise disseminated outside of the election campaigning period, unless the material refers to—
 - (A) a candidate or a registered political party; and
 - (B) how a person should vote at an election; or
 - (ii) expenditure for which a registered political party, elected member, group or candidate is entitled to any credit, rebate, refund, reimbursement or other kind of reduction in tax liability under any law;".'.