LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 188 — Wednesday 29 July 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **MAGISTRATES' COURT AMENDMENT (WORKPLACE PROTECTION) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989** to provide for the Magistrates' Court to make orders to prevent and reduce unacceptable conduct engaged in by members of the public in certain workplaces and for other purposes*' *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

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Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for orders, to be made by the Magistrates' Court or the Children's Court, that impose restrictions on persons who engage in unacceptable conduct that is connected to certain workplaces and to make consequential amendments to the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005** and the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into the recruitment methods and impacts of cults and organised fringe groups, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Electoral Act 2002 — SR 108
Victoria Police Act 2013 — SR 107

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 76, 100, 101.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026.

8 **VALEDICTORY SPEECH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 29 July 2026 to allow the member for Brunswick to make a valedictory speech for a maximum of 15 minutes at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance (*Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing orders be suspended to allow the following motion to be considered, 'That the scope of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 be extended to enable consideration of amendments and a new clause to amend the *Corrections Act 1986* to validate certain actions taken without delegations in place between 29 April 2024 and 18 May 2026' *(Paul Hamer)* — put and agreed to.

10 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — MOTION TO EXTEND SCOPE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the scope of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 be extended to enable consideration of amendments and a new clause to amend the *Corrections Act 1986*

to validate certain actions taken without delegations in place between 29 April 2024 and 18 May 2026 *(Paul Hamer)* — put and agreed to.

11 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the government business program resolution agreed to by this House on 28 July 2026 be amended to change the completion time of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 to 7.00 pm on 29 July 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

13 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

14 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 August 2026.

15 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 August 2026.

16 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

20 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

21 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Paul Hamer made a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clause 4 of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026.

22 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

23 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN ROAD MAINTENANCE** — The Deputy Speaker read Danny O'Brien's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the appalling state of Victorian roads and condemns the Labor Government for more than a decade of cuts to road maintenance, neglect and waste.'

Danny O'Brien addressed the House — Discussion followed.

25 **VALEDICTORY SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House today, the Member for Brunswick made a valedictory speech.

26 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

27 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

28 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 under the resolution of the House on 28 July 2026 and as amended on 29 July 2026 had expired.

29 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.01 pm under sessional orders.

30 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker