

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 189 — Thursday 30 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 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Intersection of Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to urgently assess the intersection of Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga and fund and implement appropriate safety upgrades, bearing 135 signatures (*Tim McCurdy*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — FUNDING FOR FOOTBALL VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale on 28 July 2026 be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Anthony Cianflone*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — INTERSECTION OF MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY AND FRANK DRIVE, YARRAWONGA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Tim McCurdy*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Commission for Children and Young People — With us, not against us: A systemic inquiry to learn from the experiences of children who entered the criminal justice system before 14 — Ordered to be published

Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 — Review of the operation of the Act under s 102

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 109

Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 110

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 74, 103, 104.

- 6 **AMENDMENT TO SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026 to suspend standing

and sessional orders to consider a motion for a parliamentary apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools be amended as follows:

- (1) In paragraph (5) omit 'Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Education' and insert 'Premier and the Leader of the Opposition to speak on the motion for a maximum of 15 minutes each';
- (2) At the end of paragraph (5) omit 'each' —

(Anthony Carbines) — put and agreed to.

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

8 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS 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 *(Brad Battin)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 August 2026.

9 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Business interrupted at 11.30 am under the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026, as amended on 30 July 2026.

10 **APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS** — Ben Carroll tabled the statement of apology to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools.

Ordered to be published.

11 **APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS** — Motion made and question — That this House endorses the apology to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools

(Ben Carroll) — The Premier, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Sandringham addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME.**

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

14 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

15 **FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — 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 *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

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

16 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 11 August 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

17 **FIREARMS 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 Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 28 July 2026 had expired.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

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

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.

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

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.

- 20 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 8 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carabines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker