LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 190 — Tuesday 11 August 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 July 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN DYSON HARROWFIELD** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable John Dyson Harrowfield and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Mitcham from 1982 to 1992, Minister for Small Business from 1991 to 1992 and Minister for Finance from January to October 1992 *(Ben Carroll)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable John Dyson Harrowfield, the House, at 12.16, adjourned until 1.16 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 191 — Tuesday 11 August 2026
(1.19 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *to provide for a new regulatory scheme for apprenticeships and traineeships and in relation to the permission to teach scheme and school community safety orders and to amend the* ***Workforce Inspectorate Victoria Act 2020*** *to provide for the appointment, functions and powers of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Commissioner and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Tim Richardson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Crimes Act 1958****, the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009****, the* ***Equal Opportunity Act 2010****, the* ***Family Violence Protection Act 2008****, the* ***Fines Reform Act 2014****, the* ***Infringements Act 2006****, the* ***National Domestic Violence Order Scheme Act 2016****, the* ***Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010****, the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Sentencing Act 1991*** *and the* ***Youth Justice Act 2024*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*** *in relation to guarantees and supported accommodation, the* ***Accident Compensation Act 1985*** *in relation to supported accommodation, the* ***Transport Accident Act 1986*** *in relation to supported accommodation, the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *in relation to the powers of representatives and coercive conduct and to make consequential amendments to the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AI DATA CENTRES MORATORIUM) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Melbourne introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987*** *to provide for a moratorium on AI data centre approvals and for other purposes' (Ellen Sandell)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 31

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

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; 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; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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.

7 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Monash Freeway pedestrian bridge adjacent to Salesian College — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to support upgrades to the Monash Freeway pedestrian bridge adjacent to Salesian College to enhance pedestrian safety and support community wellbeing, bearing 1,284 signatures *(Matt Fregon)*

wallan wallan Regional Park — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit to the establishment and adequate funding of the wallan wallan Regional Park and to complete research studies to address knowledge gaps and ensure well-informed holistic parkland planning, bearing 2,879 signatures *(Ros Spence)*

Tram route 58 accessibility — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to prioritise the delivery of accessible tram super stops along Route 58 at intervals of no more than 500 metres and commit to the delivery of a fully accessible, entirely low-floor tram fleet on Route 58 within a clear, funded and publicly reported timeframe, bearing 263 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*

Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive intersection, Yarrawonga — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Roads to urgently assess the intersection of the Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga, and fund and implement appropriate safety upgrades, including traffic controls and other infrastructure improvements, bearing 669 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*

Altona North train station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly commits to the planning and reopening of a train station in Altona North, utilising the existing rail line that passes through the suburb, in order to address the current gap in train service coverage, bearing 5,779 signatures *(Melissa Horne)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — MONASH FREEWAY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ADJACENT TO SALESIAN COLLEGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ashwood be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Matt Fregon)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — TRAM ROUTE 58 ACCESSIBILITY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY AND FRANK DRIVE INTERSECTION, 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.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Cannabis Legalisation Plebiscite Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitating Timely Reporting) Bill 2026
Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Frankston North Public Park and Recreation Reserve

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Operation Richmond — Released on 5 August 2026

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ballarat — C266
Banyule — GC259
Bass Coast — C182
Cardinia — C283
Casey — GC259
Darebin — GC259
Glen Eira — C277
Latrobe — C150
Melbourne — C492, C502
Mitchell — C162
Yarra — C271, C273, C291, C336

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 73, 96, 108, 109, 110

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2026* — Ministerial Order No 1514 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1228 — Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale and fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to Medical Panels under Part VBA *(Gazette G30, 23 July 2026)*.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026 without amendment.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 4 August 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026.

17 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 13 August 2026:

Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

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; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

19 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) 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.

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

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

20 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government releases the strategic review of the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme undertaken by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action' *(Matthew Guy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **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