LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 192 — Wednesday 12 August 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

2 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FOOD SECURITY) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Lowan introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987*** *and the* ***Environment Effects Act 1978*** *in relation to agricultural land and for other purposes' (Emma Kealy)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

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; 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; 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; 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; 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.

3 **DOCUMENT**

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Chair, tabled a report from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee on the Inquiry into renewable and affordable energy for apartments, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 without amendment.

5 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Ben Carroll be discharged from the Dispute Resolution Committee and that Gabrielle Williams be a member in their place *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

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

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

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams 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 *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

9 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Tim Richardson 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 *(Tim Richardson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

10 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) 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)*.

Sonya Kilkenny made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

11 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos 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 *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

12 **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 — *and on the amendment* — 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' — and, after debate —

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

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

13 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA 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 *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

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

17 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) 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.

18 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

19 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker