LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 194 — Tuesday 25 August 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 13 August 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Paynesville Coast Guard — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly identifies a location for the future base of the Paynesville Coast Guard on the waterfront in Paynesville, bearing three signatures *(Tim Bull)*

Maroondah Hospital redevelopment — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately restore funding for the full redevelopment of Maroondah Hospital and honour its commitment made to the people of Melbourne's eastern suburbs by delivering the complete hospital rebuild as a matter of urgency, bearing 372 signatures *(Will Fowles)*

Youth justice reforms — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Youth Justice Act 2024* in relation to serious and violent offenders to strengthen the response, reduce reoffending, and focus on victim wellbeing, bearing 2,558 signatures *(Kim O'Keeffe)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — YOUTH JUSTICE REFORMS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim O'Keeffe)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the 2026–27 Budget Estimates, together with Transcripts of Evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the 60th Parliament end of term report, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 11 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Associations Incorporation Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Liquor Control Reform and Other Acts Amendment (Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms) Bill 2026
Planning and Environment Amendment (Agricultural Land and Food Security) Bill 2026
Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the Annual Review 2025 — Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments, 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 Lynch's Bridge Historic Precinct Reserve

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2025–26

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 20 *(Gazette S402, 10 July 2026)*

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into 2024–25 Financial and Performance Outcomes

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Compliance Officer — Statement of Findings under s 9H — Ordered to be published

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

Brimbank — C219
East Gippsland — C165
Glen Eira — C240
Hume — C283
Melbourne — C496, C497, C500, GC296
Mount Alexander — C106
Moyne — C82
Port Phillip — C218, GC296
Surf Coast — C147, C150
Warrnambool — C222

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Land Act 1958 — SR 113
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 114
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — SRs 111, 112

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 99, 113, 114.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Firearms Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

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

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

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

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

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

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 18 August 2026
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026

On 25 August 2026
Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Victoria Bill 2026.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 26 August 2026 to allow the Speaker, following the Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country, to invite members to stand for a minute's silence, if they are able, to honour the service and sacrifice of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart, who were tragically killed in the line of duty at Porepunkah on Tuesday 26 August 2025 *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

12 **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 27 August 2026:

Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026
Associations Incorporation Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

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

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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; 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; 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.

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

Question agreed to.

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

14 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick 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.

Under SO 64, Michaela Settle 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 sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

19 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) 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 *(Melissa Horne)* — put and agreed to.

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

20 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker