LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 195 — Wednesday 26 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 **VICTORIA POLICE** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on 25 August 2026, members stood in silence as a mark of respect to honour the service and sacrifice of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart on Tuesday 26 August 2025.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Delivering the Suburban Rail Loop — Ordered to be published

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2026 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Surf Coast Planning Scheme — C146.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026 with amendments.

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

6 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 26 August 2026 to allow the members for Ringwood, Macedon and Bayswater to make valedictory speeches for a maximum of 15 minutes each at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

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

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

9 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION 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.

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

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

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

14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) 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 *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate — put.

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

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Juliana Addison; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; 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; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Gabrielle de Vietri; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) 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.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN LIBERALS** — The Speaker read Pauline Richards's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Victorian Liberals for their plan to cut $40 billion from our schools, hospitals and essential services, and for cosying up to One Nation to help deliver those cuts.'

Pauline Richards addressed the House — Discussion followed.

17 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Under the resolution of the House today, the members for Ringwood, Macedon and Bayswater made valedictory statements.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker