

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 196 — Thursday 27 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 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Architects Registration Board of Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly opposes legislation or action to abolish the Architects Registration Board of Victoria and ensures that any reform to the regulation of architects — (a) maintains independent oversight; (b) does not impact exports of services; and (c) does not impact the education sector and future workforce, bearing 1,879 signatures (*David Southwick*)

New West Gippsland hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently commit to the planning, funding and construction of a new West Gippsland hospital, bearing 932 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*)

Thorpdale land slip — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to take immediate action by providing funding for a permanent infrastructure solution to the area known as the ‘Thorpdale slip’ to ensure public safety, bearing 646 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*)

Mirboo North–Trafalgar Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver an infrastructure solution for Mirboo North–Trafalgar Road to ensure the safety of road users and the local community, bearing 59 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BOARD OF VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Southwick*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — NEW WEST GIPPSLAND HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **PETITION — THORPDALE LAND SLIP** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.

- 6 **PETITION — MIRBOO NORTH—TRAFALGAR ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.

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

Gender Equality Act 2020:

Review of the operation of the Act under s 52

State Gender Equality Action Plan — Progress Report August 2023 to August 2025

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 to the Minister under s 17B of the *Firearms Act 1996* — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule 115 under the *Building Act 1993*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 111, 112, 115.

- 8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

- 9 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS 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.

- 10 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 12 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS 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 (*Anthony Carbines*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 13 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 8 September 2026 (*Anthony Carbines*) — put and agreed to.

- 14 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM 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 25 August 2026 had expired.

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

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

AYES 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; 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; 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 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 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.

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

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; 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; Ellen Sandell; 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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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 16 **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.

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

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 17 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) 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 3 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

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Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 18 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) 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.

- 19 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) 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.

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

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Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.17 pm under sessional orders.

- 20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5:47 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker