LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 199 — Thursday 10 September 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

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

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2024–25

Local Jobs First — Report 2025–26

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 120
Racing Act 1958 — SR 121.

3 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Speaker to interrupt business at 4.00 pm and the Member for Shepparton to make a valedictory statement for a maximum of 15 minutes *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

4 **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (PUBLIC ACCESS) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Ringwood introduce '*A Bill for an Act to require the installation and maintenance of automated external defibrillators in certain buildings, places and vehicles and for other purposes*' *(Will Fowles)* — 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; 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.

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

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

6 **JOINT STANDING ORDERS** — Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) agrees with the request of the Legislative Council and rescinds Joint Standing Order 25, effective from 1 December 2026; and

(2) sends a message to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

7 **ONGOING RESOLUTION** — Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) agrees with the request of the Legislative Council and rescinds the Resolution of the House made on 1 May 2019 relating to the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser, effective from 1 December 2026; and

(2) sends a message to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

8 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) 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.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) 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 *(John Mullahy)* — put and agreed to.

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

12 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 22 September 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

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

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 10 September 2026.

15 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — the Member for Shepparton made a valedictory statement.

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to.

Question — That the amendments made by the Council be agreed to — 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; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; 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; 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; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 8 September 2026 had expired.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 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 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON HOSPITAL PIPELINE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for her plan to make $11.1 billion in cuts and calls on them to rule out cutting, downgrading or closing the pipeline of new hospitals to fill their budget black hole — *and on the amendment* — That the following words be inserted to the end of the motion: 'while noting the impact of $15 billion of corruption on services for Victorians'.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put.

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

AYES 27

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Question defeated.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

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

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Question agreed to.

20 **CONSPIRACY THEORIES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition's personally appointed representatives for recklessly promoting conspiracy theories and sowing division at a time when Victorians want to be coming together.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 52

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Question agreed to.

21 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2026–2027 budget papers.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

22 **NEALE DANIHER AO** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Neale Daniher AO — footballer, coach, Victorian of the Year, Australian of the Year, and co-founder of FightMND — who faced motor neurone disease with extraordinary courage and grace, transforming personal hardship into hope for millions, and whose legacy will endure in Victoria and across the nation.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

23 **COMMUNITY LEADERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House records its sincere thanks to community leaders across Victoria, particularly those who have stood with Victorians targeted by vilification and division arising from recent anti-immigration protests, for their steadfast commitment to a safe, united and multicultural Victoria — *and on the amendment* — That the words 'anti-immigration' be omitted.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.

24 **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 5.38 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker