LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

60TH PARLIAMENT

Nos. 180, 181, 182 and 183

No. 180 — Tuesday, 25 August 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 12.03 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **COLOMBIA EARTHQUAKE** — The President made a statement of condolence for the people of Colombia impacted by the devastating earthquake.

3 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read Messages from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on the following dates, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 18 August 2026 —

Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Act 2026

Firearms Amendment Act 2026.

On 25 August 2026 —

Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Victoria Act 2026.

4 **QUESTION TIME** —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to public dental care (QwN 1431).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to Ambulance services data (QwN 1435).

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QUESTION DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to a question without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Ambulance services data (QwN 1435)** — substantive question asked by Georgie Crozier — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 27 August 2026.

CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

5 PETITIONS —

RELOCATE FLYING-FOXES FROM ROSALIND PARK, BENDIGO — Gaelle Broad presented a petition bearing 2,415 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to consider all options to relocate the grey-headed flying-foxes from Rosalind Park in Bendigo *(Ordered to be tabled).*

On the motion of Gaelle Broad, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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BAN REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM WORKING IN THE SEX INDUSTRY — David Limbrick presented a petition bearing 160 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to implement a ban on registered sex offenders working in the sex or stripping industries *(Ordered to be tabled).*

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PROVIDE FUNDING TO SEAL PRIORITY UNSEALED ROADS IN CARDINIA SHIRE — David Limbrick presented a petition bearing 2,001 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to provide targeted funding to support the sealing of unsealed roads in Cardinia Shire, prioritise funding to seal up to 60 kilometres of roads identified through the Local Street Sealing Initiative, recognise such works as essential infrastructure investment, and work with Cardinia Shire Council and the Cockatoo Road Action Group (CRAG21) to accelerate delivery of priority projects within a clearly defined timeframe *(Ordered to be tabled).*

The petition having received the required number of signatures, David Limbrick listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

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REVIEW AND INCREASE CITY OF WYNDHAM BUS SERVICES — Trung Luu presented a petition bearing 189 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council on call on the Government to urgently review and increase bus services from Riverwalk Estate, King's Leigh Estate and adjoining estates to Werribee Secondary College and MacKillop College or consider introducing higher-capacity transport options to support the growing community of Wyndham Vale *(Ordered to be tabled).*

6 DOMESTIC GAS CHOICE (REPEAL OF GAS APPLIANCE BAN) BILL 2026 — David Davis introduced *A Bill for an Act to revoke an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions that prohibits new gas connections for new dwellings, apartments and residential subdivisions and to consequentially amend the Building Act 1993 to repeal regulation-making powers for prohibiting the connection of reticulated gas, extending the capacity of an existing reticulated gas connection and the installation or replacement of reticulated gas appliances and for other purposes*.

On the motion of David Davis, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

7 SALE OF LAND AMENDMENT (PROPERTY DEVELOPER INTEGRITY) BILL 2026 — David Ettershank introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Sale of Land Act 1962 to provide for certain property developers to comply with requirements about the*

provision of information relating to services and facilities which are provided or proposed to be provided to benefit land being sold by the property developers, to make minor related amendments and for other purposes.

On the motion of David Ettershank, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second on the next day of meeting.

8 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE —

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 11 of 2026 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Ordered to be published)*.

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Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled the Annual Review 2025 on Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Ordered to be published)*.

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PROCEDURE COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Wendy Lovell tabled a Report on the Standing Orders review 2026 (including a Minority Report) from the Procedure Committee *(Ordered to be published)*.

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ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Georgie Purcell tabled a Report on the Inquiry into the development and expansion of waste-to-energy (WtE) infrastructure in Victoria (including Appendices, Extracts of Proceedings and Minority Reports) from the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence *(Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published).*

Georgie Purcell moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Joe McCracken tabled a Report on the Inquiry into claims made through the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) (including an Appendix) from the Legal and Social Issues Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence *(Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published).*

Joe McCracken moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE —

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Michael Galea tabled a Report on the 2026-27 Budget estimates from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence *(Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published).*

Michael Galea moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Michael Galea tabled the 60th Parliament end of term report (including Appendices) from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee *(Ordered to be published)*.

Michael Galea moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order of 5 August 2026 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Lynch's Bridge Historic Precinct Reserve.

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report, 2025-26.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 20 *(Gazette S402, 10 July 2026)*.

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2024-25 financial and performance outcomes.

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Compliance Officer — Statement of Findings: Appeal of a decision to reject a claim under the Electorate Office and Communications Budget (Appeal reference 2026/01), under section 9H of the Act *(Ordered to be published).*

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —

Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C240.

Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendment C500.

Melbourne and Port Phillip Planning Schemes — Amendment GC296.

Surf Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C150.

Warrnambool Planning Scheme — Amendment C222.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Land Act 1958 — No. 113.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — No. 114.

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — Nos. 111 and 112.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 99, 113 and 114.

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Responses from the Minister for Planning to petitions titled —

Reject proposal to rezone the Wodonga Golf Course (petition Nos. 755 and 773) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 16 and 18 June 2026) *(released on 18 August 2026)*.

Return Harold Freedman's Geelong regional history mosaic mural to public display (petition No. 738) (presented by Bev McArthur on 28 July 2026) *(released on 18 August 2026)*.

Rezoning of Kingswood Golf Course (petition No. 760) (presented by Ann-Marie Hermans on 12 May 2026) *(released on 20 August 2026)*.

9 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Bev McArthur moved, by leave, That on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 —

(1) Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended to the extent necessary to allow general business to include three petitions that have qualified for debate under Standing Order 11.03(10);

(2) the following general business take precedence —

(a) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Domestic Gas Choice (Repeal of Gas Appliance Ban) Bill 2026;

(b) order of the day No. 1, second reading of the Local Government Amendment (Stability of Councils) Bill 2026;

(c) order of the day No. 4, second reading of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Functions) Bill 2026;

(d) notice of motion given this day by Sarah Mansfield on the Ministerial Code of Conduct;

(e) notice of motion given this day by David Davis disallowing Statutory Rule Nos. 111 and 112 made under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*;

(f) petition qualifying for debate No. 3 standing in the name of Wendy Lovell titled Mernda Police Station;

(g) petition qualifying for debate No. 4 standing in the name of Nick McGowan titled Prostate cancer and men's health awareness; and

(h) petition qualifying for debate No. 7 standing in the name of Renee Heath titled Financial assistance for roadworks in Pakenham.

Question — put and agreed to.

10 CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026 — INSTRUCTION TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — Lee Tarlamis moved, by leave, That Standing Orders be suspended to the extent necessary to provide that it be an instruction to the Committee when considering the Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026 that they have the power to consider amendments and a New Clause to amend the *Crimes Act 1958* to establish a new process for requiring financial institutions to produce documents that are relevant to certain offences.

Question — put and agreed to.

11 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

12 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1583, be postponed until later this day.

13 SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

14 CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The Deputy President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

15 RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The Deputy President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

16 CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Evan Mulholland *(EM76C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

[Sitting suspended from 6.23 pm to 7.30 pm]

Debate continued.

Moira Deeming *(MD02C)* and Jaclyn Symes *(JS94C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 31

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 7

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Moira Deeming *(MD02C)* are outside the scope of the Bill.

Moira Deeming moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments to amend the *Crimes Act 1958* to enact further provisions relating to the recruitment of children to engage in criminal activity and other forms of the criminal corruption of children.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill with amendments and requesting their agreement.

17 ADJOURNMENT — Enver Erdogan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 10.37 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 181 — Wednesday, 26 August 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 POREPUNKAH TRAGEDY — The President made a statement of condolence 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 26 August 2025.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect.

3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Auditor-General — Delivering the Suburban Rail Loop, August 2026 *(Ordered to be published)*.

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Council — Ordinary Returns, 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2026 *(Ordered to be published)*.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of the Surf Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C146.

4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

JOHN MERRITT REVIEW OF INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSITES — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 August 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 29 July 2026 (on the motion of Bev McArthur), relating to the John Merritt review of infrastructure worksites, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

On the motion of David Davis, the Attorney-General's letter was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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BOX HILL BRICKWORKS SITE — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 August 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 12 August 2026 (on the motion of Richard Welch), relating to the Box Hill Brickworks site, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

On the motion of David Davis, the Attorney-General's letter was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 DOMESTIC GAS CHOICE (REPEAL OF GAS APPLIANCE BAN) BILL 2026 — David Davis laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

David Davis moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of John Berger, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (STABILITY OF COUNCILS) BILL 2026 — Bev McArthur laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Bev McArthur moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

8 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FUNCTIONS) BILL 2026 — Rachel Payne laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Rachel Payne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

9 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — WESTERN VICTORIA BUSINESS BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM — Bev McArthur moved, That this House —

(1) notes that documents recently released under freedom of information concerning the 2024-25 Western Victoria Business Bushfire Recovery Grant program reveal that —

(a) $22.84 million was allocated;

(b) more than four months after applications opened, only 23 grants had been approved, totalling a paltry $115,000;

(c) $16.356 million remained in contingency, with the Department recording the program's "mixed reception", "low demand and uptake" and that it was "unlikely to access further contingency funding";

(d) $784,000 was released in July 2025 "to support with the administration of the BBRG";

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, by 12.00 noon on 10 September 2026, all documents held by the Minister for Small and Family Business, the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions and the Department of Treasury and Finance that record or relate to —

(a) the modelling or advice used to determine the $22.84 million allocation, including anticipated eligible businesses, applications and expenditure;

(b) final program outcomes, including pre-application eligibility checker submissions and reasons for ineligibility, applications received, approved, refused or withdrawn, total grants paid, and funds unspent, lapsed or reprioritised;

(c) any review, evaluation, analysis or stakeholder feedback concerning uptake, eligibility or accessibility;
(d) the request and approval for the $784,000 administration funding, actual administrative expenditure, and its apportionment between this grant and other recovery programs; and
(e) decisions to reprioritise unspent funding, including for the Porepunkah and Alpine Region Business Support Package.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

10 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — IMPRISONMENT WARRANTS AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES — Rachel Payne moved, That this House, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within four weeks of this resolution being agreed to, all documents produced by the Magistrates' Court of Victoria that outline the —

(1) total number of current imprisonment warrants issued by the Magistrates' Court of Victoria following default on an instalment order made under section 160(4)(b) of the *Infringements Act 2006* or section 165A(2)(b) of the *Fines Reform Act 2014*; and
(2) number of warrants relating to unpaid toll infringements and the number relating to other infringement notices for each local government area.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

11 MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —
(a) the Ministerial register of gifts, benefits and hospitality, between July 2025 and January 2026 shows —
(i) seven Labor ministers and parliamentary secretaries accepted at least 26 free tickets and VIP hospitality packages to Victoria's biggest sporting events from gambling corporations;
(ii) the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation accepted three hospitality packages for two people to attend Derby Day, the Brownlow Medal, and the AFL Grand Final from Tabcorp Holdings, Crown Casino and Endeavour Group, despite having official responsibility of gambling, gaming and liquor regulation;
(b) the Government has been criticised by experts for watering down gambling and alcohol harm reduction reforms;
(c) the Ministerial Code of Conduct states a minister must not accept any gift, hospitality or other benefit that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest or could reasonably be perceived as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing something in the exercise of official functions;
(2) calls on the Premier to back up claims that integrity is not optional by making changes in time for this year's spring carnival, Brownlow Medal and AFL finals by —

(a) introducing legislation that implements all outstanding recommendations from IBAC's 2022 *Special Report on Corruption Risks Associated with Donations and Lobbying*;
(b) banning all gifts, hospitality packages and other potential inducements from gambling corporations to ministers; and
(c) investigating and taking strong action on potential conflicts of interest and breaches of the Code of Conduct by ministers.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

12 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to planned surgery waitlists (QwN 1438).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to free dental policy (QwN 1442).

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QUESTION DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to a question without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Free dental policy (QwN 1442)** — substantive question asked by Georgie Crozier — response from Ingrid Stitt due Friday, 28 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

13 MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

(1) notes that —
(a) the Ministerial register of gifts, benefits and hospitality, between July 2025 and January 2026 shows —
(i) seven Labor ministers and parliamentary secretaries accepted at least 26 free tickets and VIP hospitality packages to Victoria's biggest sporting events from gambling corporations;
(ii) the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation accepted three hospitality packages for two people to attend Derby Day, the Brownlow Medal, and the AFL Grand Final from Tabcorp Holdings, Crown Casino and Endeavour Group, despite having official responsibility of gambling, gaming and liquor regulation;
(b) the Government has been criticised by experts for watering down gambling and alcohol harm reduction reforms;
(c) the Ministerial Code of Conduct states a minister must not accept any gift, hospitality or other benefit that could reasonably be expected to give rise to

a conflict of interest or could reasonably be perceived as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing something in the exercise of official functions;

(2) calls on the Premier to back up claims that integrity is not optional by making changes in time for this year's spring carnival, Brownlow Medal and AFL finals by —

(a) introducing legislation that implements all outstanding recommendations from IBAC's 2022 *Special Report on Corruption Risks Associated with Donations and Lobbying*;

(b) banning all gifts, hospitality packages and other potential inducements from gambling corporations to ministers; and

(c) investigating and taking strong action on potential conflicts of interest and breaches of the Code of Conduct by ministers.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

14 CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The Acting President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

15 DISALLOWANCE — MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) (EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES) AMENDMENT (FEES) REGULATIONS 2026 — MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) (MINERAL INDUSTRIES) AMENDMENT (FEES) REGULATIONS 2026 — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

(a) that in relation to the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Extractive Industries) Amendment (Fees) Regulations 2026 —

(i) the Notice of Decision on the fees was gazetted on 14 August 2025;

(ii) Statutory Rule No. 111 was made on 18 August 2026 and tabled in this House on 25 August 2026;

(b) that in relation to the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Amendment (Fees) Regulations 2026 —

(i) the Notice of Decision on the fees was gazetted on 14 August 2025;

(ii) Statutory Rule No. 112 was made on 18 August 2026 and tabled in this House on 25 August 2026;

(c) the extraordinary increase to fees averaging 234 per cent; and

(2) disallows Statutory Rule Nos. 111 and 112, pursuant to section 124(4) of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* and section 23 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The Acting President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 19

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

16 CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND PRODUCTION NOTICES) BILL 2026 — The Acting President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

17 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — MERNDA POLICE STATION — Wendy Lovell moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

18 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — PROSTATE CANCER AND MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS — Nick McGowan moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

19 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ROADWORKS IN PAKENHAM — Renee Heath moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

20 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until later this day.

21 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.

22 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — REZONING OF KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE — Ann-Marie Hermans moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

23 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1583, be postponed until later this day.

24 WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) *(EM84C and EM85C)* and Aiv Puglielli *(AP90C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

25 ADJOURNMENT — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.44 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 182 — Thursday, 27 August 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PETITION — SAFE ACCESS TO PARK TRACKS — Jeff Bourman presented a petition bearing 3,192 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently review the current strategic plan and ensure that the Victorian 4x4 community has access to tracks which are available for visitors to safely access remote parts of our parks through the year *(Ordered to be tabled)*.

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Jeff Bourman listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Gender Equality Act 2020 —

Final report on the Statutory review of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, under section 52 of the Act.

State Gender Equality Action Plan progress report, August 2023 to August 2025, under section 50 of the Act.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report to the Minister for Police, 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024, under section 174B of the Firearms Act 1996 *(Ordered to be published)*.

Statutory Rule under the Building Act 1993 — No. 115.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 111, 112 and 115.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

5 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1597, be postponed until later this day.

6 WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 7

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

7 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to specialist surgery wait times in regional Victoria (QwN 1448).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to surgery for prisoners (QwN 1451).

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Parent access to information about their children (QwN 1447)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Moira Deeming — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Monday, 31 August 2026.
- **Kangaroo meat products (QwN 1450)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Monday, 31 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

8 WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026 — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Enver Erdogan moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 8

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

9 MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Limbrick *(DL80C)*, David Davis (for Evan Mulholland) *(EM72C and EM75C),* Moira Deeming *(MD06C),* Anasina Gray-Barberio *(AG30C)* and Ingrid Stitt *(IS41C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 3

Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

[Sitting suspended from 6.30 pm to 7.33 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 34

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 3

Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill with amendments and requesting their agreement.

10 ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes (for Ingrid Stitt), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

11 EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 to provide for a new regulatory scheme for apprenticeships and traineeships and in relation to the permission to teach scheme and school community safety orders and to amend the Workforce Inspectorate Victoria Act 2020 to provide for the appointment, functions and powers of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Commissioner and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes (for Lizzie Blandthorn), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the debate was adjourned for one week.

12 FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2009 and the Victoria Police Act 2013 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

13 JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1958, the Criminal Procedure Act 2009, the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, the Family Violence Protection Act 2008, the Fines Reform Act 2014, the Infringements Act 2006, the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme Act 2016, the Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010, the Road Safety Act 1986, the Sentencing Act 1991 and the Youth Justice Act 2024 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard (except for the statement under section 85(5) of the *Constitution Act 1975*).

Jaclyn Symes made a statement pursuant to section 85(5) of the *Constitution Act 1975* on the reasons for altering or varying this section.

On the motion of Melina Bath (for Georgie Crozier), the debate was adjourned for one week.

14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 2020 to enhance the integrity and governance standards of Councils, to enable the prescription of a Fair Jobs Code and to make provision for the appointment of a Local Government Fair Jobs Code Regulator and to amend the City of Melbourne Act 2001 to increase the permitted ratio between the lowest and highest differential rates if the Melbourne City Council uses the net annual value system of valuation and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes (for Ingrid Stitt), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Bev McArthur, the debate was adjourned for one week.

15 WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 in relation to guarantees and supported accommodation, the Accident Compensation Act 1985 in relation to supported accommodation, the Transport Accident Act 1986 in relation to supported accommodation, the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 in relation to the powers of representatives and coercive conduct and to make consequential amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 10.23 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 183 — Friday, 28 August 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 NEPAL FLOODS — The President made a statement of condolence for the people of Nepal impacted by the devastating floods.

3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, year ended 30 June 2026, under section 81(4) of the Act.

4 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 8 September 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

5 BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — VALEDICTORY STATEMENT — Lee Tarlamis moved, by leave, That the House interrupt business at 2.00 pm and Gayle Tierney make a valedictory statement at that time.

Question — put and agreed to.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

7 STANDING ORDERS — RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE'S STANDING ORDERS REVIEW 2026 — Jaclyn Symes moved, That —

(1) all current Temporary Orders be rescinded on 1 December 2026;

(2) the proposed changes to Standing Orders as set out in Tables 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1 of the Procedure Committee's Report on the Standing Orders review 2026, be adopted and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council be amended accordingly, to take effect on 1 December 2026;

(3) Joint Standing Order 25 be rescinded effective from 1 December 2026 and a Message sent to the Legislative Assembly seeking their agreement;

(4) the resolution of continuing effect adopted on 30 April 2019 relating to the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser be rescinded effective from 1 December 2026 and a Message sent to the Legislative Assembly seeking their agreement;

(5) Standing Order 12.12 be omitted and replaced with the following new Standing Order to take effect on 1 December 2026 —

"**12.12 Personal explanations**

(1) Where there is no question before the Chair and with the consent of the President, a member may explain how they have been misrepresented or explain another matter of a personal nature.

(2) A personal explanation must be brief, factual and not infringe Standing Order 12.18.

(3) A member must provide their proposed personal explanation to the President in writing before consent may be granted.

(4) Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a member must provide their proposed personal explanation to the President at least one hour before it is made in the House.

(5) A personal explanation will not be debated."; and

(6) Standing Order 16.02(2) in Table 2.1 of the Procedure Committee's Report on the Standing Orders review 2026 be amended by inserting "substantial" before "intervening debate".

Debate ensued.

David Davis moved, as an amendment, That after paragraph (5) **insert** the following new paragraph —

"(6) all the words and expressions in Standing Orders 14.06(1)(c) and 14.07(d) be omitted and replaced with "will table the statement of compatibility with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, if required, and the statement will be incorporated in Hansard; and".

The President ruled the amendment proposed by David Davis out of order as the proposal contravenes Standing Order 7.06 as it is the same in substance as a question the House resolved in the previous six months.

Debate continued.

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

Messages sent to the Assembly informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

8 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1597, be postponed until later this day.

9 ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Davis moved, as a reasoned amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted and replaced with "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.".

Debate ensued.

Question — That the reasoned amendment moved by David Davis be agreed to — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Business interrupted at 12.07 pm, pursuant to an order of the Council on 17 June 2026.

10 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Richard Welch, the answers given by Enver Erdogan to questions relating to government expenditure on consultants (QwN 1454) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Victorian medicinal cannabis industry (QwN 1458)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Tuesday, 1 September 2026.

CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

11 ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — Question — That the Bill be now read a second time — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 4

Jeff Bourman; Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm, pursuant to an order of the Council today.

12 VALEDICTORY STATEMENT — Gayle Tierney made a valedictory statement.

13 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of orders of the day, government business, Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until later this day

14 BUDGET PAPERS, 2026-27 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Budget Papers, 2026-27 be taken into consideration.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

15 CONDOLENCE STATEMENT — THE LATE NEALE DANIHER AO — Debate resumed on the 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 — put and agreed to.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 4.03 pm until Tuesday, 8 September 2026.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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Supplement to Minutes Nos. 180, 181, 182 and 183

SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Clauses 1 to 7 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Moira Deeming (MD02C) (pp. 1844-54), Evan Mulholland (EM76C) (pp. 1854-5) and Jaclyn Symes (JS94C) (pp. 1856-64)

Clause 1 — Moira Deeming moved amendment Nos. 1 to 3 *(MD02C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 2

Moira Deeming; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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NOES, 35

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Evan Mulholland moved amendment Nos. 1 to 4 *(EM76C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(JS94C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 9

Katherine Copsey; Moira Deeming; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 3 and 4 *(JS94C)*.

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

Clause 2, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 7A — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 5 *(JS94C)*.

Question — That New Clause 7A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 8 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment Nos. 6 and 7 *(JS94C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 8, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 9 — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 8 *(JS94C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 9, as amended — put and agreed to.

Long title — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 9 *(JS94C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Question — That the long title, as amended, be the long title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Short title — Jaclyn Symes moved amendment No. 10 *(JS94C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Question — That the short title, as amended, be the short title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

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WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026
Committed Thursday, 27 August 2026
Amendments circulated: Evan Mulholland (EM84C and EM85C) (pp. 1864-71) and Aiv Puglielli (AP90C) (p. 1871)

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(EM84C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.
The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.
(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.
(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 2 — put and agreed to.

Clause 3 — put and agreed to.

Clause 4 — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment Nos. 1 to 5 *(AP90C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) moved amendment Nos. 3 and 5 *(EM84C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) moved amendment No. 4 *(EM84C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 4 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 16 — put and agreed to.

Clause 17 — Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) moved amendment Nos. 11 and 14 *(EM84C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 25

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland) moved amendment Nos. 12 and 13 *(EM84C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 24

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 17 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 61 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Thursday, 27 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Moira Deeming (MD06C) (p. 1872), Anasina Gray-Barberio (AG30C) (pp. 1872-3), David Limbrick (DL80C) (pp. 1873-4), Evan Mulholland (EM72C and EM75C) (p. 1874) and Ingrid Stitt (IS41C) (pp. 1875-8)

Clause 1 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(IS41C)*.

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

David Limbrick moved amendment No. 1 *(DL80C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 — put and agreed to.

Division heading preceding Clause 4 and Clause 4 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 3 to 5 *(IS41C)*.

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

Division heading preceding Clause 4 and Clause 4, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 6 and 7 *(IS41C)*.

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

Clause 5, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Moira Deeming moved amendment No. 1 *(MD06C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 4

Jeff Bourman; Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 34

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 6 — put and agreed to.

Clause 7 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 8 *(IS41C)*.

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

Clause 7, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 8 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 9 to 11 *(IS41C)*.

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

Clause 8, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 9 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 12 and 13 *(IS41C)*.

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

Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 *(EM72C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 9, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 10 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 14 to 20 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 10, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 11 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 21 to 24 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 11, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 12 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 25 to 27 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 12, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 13 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 28 to 31 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 13, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 14 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 32 to 38 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Evan Mulholland moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(EM75C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 — put and agreed to.

Clause 17 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 39 to 42 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 17, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 18 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 43 to 46 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 18, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 19 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 47 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 19, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 20 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 48 to 54 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 20, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 21 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 55 to 67 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 21, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 22 — put and agreed to.

Clause 23 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 68 to 80 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 23, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 26 — put and agreed to.

Clause 27 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 81 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 27, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 28 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 82 *(IS41C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 28, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 29 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 29A — Anasina Gray-Barberio moved amendment No. 7 *(AG30C)*.
Question — That New Clause 29A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negatived.

Clause 30 — put and agreed to.

Clause 31 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 83 to 87 *(IS41C)*.

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

Clause 31, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 32 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 88 *(IS41C)*.

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

Clause 32, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 33 — put and agreed to.

Long title — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 89 *(IS41C)*.

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

Question — That the long title, as amended, be the long title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Short title — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 90 *(IS41C)*.

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

Question — That the short title, as amended, be the short title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026

Committed Friday, 28 August 2026

Clauses 1 to 146 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —

1. CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Moira Deeming (MD02C)

1. Clause 1, line 3, omit "**1958**—" and insert "**1958** to enact new provisions relating to the recruitment of children to engage in criminal activity and other forms of the criminal corruption of children.".

2. Clause 1, lines 4 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

3. Clause 1, page 2, lines 1 to 4, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

4. Clause 3, lines 8 to 24, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'**3 Division 11A of Part I substituted**

For Division 11A of Part I of the **Crimes Act 1958 substitute**—

"**Division 11A—Criminal corruption of children**

Subdivision 1—Preliminary

321LA Definitions

(1) In this Division—

adult means a person who is 18 years of age or over;

child means a person aged under 18 years;

coordinate has the meaning set out in section 321LB;

criminal activity means—

(a) tier 1 criminal activity; or

(b) tier 2 criminal activity; or

(c) tier 3 criminal activity;

tier 1 criminal activity means conduct that constitutes an offence punishable on first conviction with imprisonment for life or for a term of 15 years or more;

tier 2 criminal activity means conduct that constitutes an offence punishable on first conviction with imprisonment for a term of 5 years or more (but less than 15 years);

tier 3 criminal activity means conduct that constitutes an offence, other than tier 1 criminal activity or tier 2 criminal activity.

(2) Conduct by a child may be ***criminal activity*** even if, under section 10 or 11 of the **Youth Justice Act 2024**, it is presumed that the child cannot commit the offence that the conduct would constitute.

Notes

1 It is conclusively presumed that a child who is under 12 years of age cannot commit an offence—see section 10 of the **Youth Justice Act 2024**.

2 It is presumed that a child who is 12 or 13 years of age cannot commit an offence—see section 11 of the **Youth Justice Act 2024**.

321LB Meaning of *coordinate*

For the purposes of this Division, a person ***coordinates*** the participation of a group in a particular activity if the person—

(a) plans, arranges or organises for some or all of the group to participate in that activity; or

(b) funds the participation of some or all of the group in that activity; or

(c) recruits some or all of the group to engage in that activity.

Subdivision 2—Offences committed by adults

321LC Adult criminal corruption of children—recruitment

(1) An adult must not recruit a child to participate in tier 1 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 1 imprisonment (life).

(2) An adult must not recruit a child to participate in tier 2 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(3) An adult must not recruit a child to participate in tier 3 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that the accused recruited the child through any other person.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of the accused and the child are to be ascertained at the time of the recruitment.

(6) An adult may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the child referred to in that provision—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LD Adult criminal corruption of children—coordination of criminal activity involving a child

(1) An adult must not, in respect of a group that includes a child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 1 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 1 imprisonment (life).

(2) An adult must not, in respect of a group that includes a child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 2 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(3) An adult must not, in respect of a group that includes a child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 3 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known—

(i) that the group included a child; or

(ii) that any child in the group was a child; or

(b) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused performed any particular act in respect of the child specifically (rather than in respect of some or all of the group); and

(c) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child was an adult; and

(d) it does not matter that the accused coordinated the participation through any other person.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of the accused and the child are to be ascertained at the time of the coordination.

(6) An adult may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the child referred to in that provision—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LE Adult criminal corruption of children—participation involving a child

(1) An adult must not participate in tier 1 criminal activity in which a child also participates.

Penalty: Level 1 imprisonment (life).

(2) An adult must not participate in tier 2 criminal activity in which a child also participates.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(3) An adult must not participate in tier 3 criminal activity in which a child also participates.

Penalty: Level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that—

(i) the accused did not recruit the child to participate in the criminal activity; or

(ii) there is remoteness of any kind between the accused and the child during the criminal activity.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of the accused and the child are to be ascertained at the time of the participation.

(6) An adult may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the child referred to in that provision is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LF Adult criminal corruption of children—grooming

(1) An adult must not expose a child to tier 1 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in the child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 1 imprisonment (life).

(2) An adult must not expose a child to tier 2 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in the child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(3) An adult must not expose a child to tier 3 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in the child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 6 imprisonment (5 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove—

(i) that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the exposed child; or

(ii) that any ability, inclination, familiarity or comfort referred to in those provisions was fostered in the child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that the accused involved any other person in the exposure of the child to the criminal activity.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of the accused and the child are to be ascertained at the time of the recruitment.

(6) An adult may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the child referred to in that provision—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

Subdivision 3—Offences committed by children

321LG Children criminally corrupting other children—recruitment

(1) A child must not recruit another child to participate in tier 1 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(2) A child must not recruit another child to participate in tier 2 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum).

(3) A child must not recruit another child to participate in tier 3 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 7 imprisonment (2 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that the accused recruited the child through any other person.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of both children are to be ascertained at the time of the recruitment.

(6) A child may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the recruited child—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LH Children criminally corrupting other children—coordination of criminal activity involving a child

(1) A child must not, in respect of a group that includes another child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 1 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(2) A child must not, in respect of a group that includes another child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 2 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum).

(3) A child must not, in respect of a group that includes another child, coordinate the participation, by some or all of that group, in tier 3 criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 7 imprisonment (2 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known—

(i) that the group included a child; or

(ii) that any child in the group was a child; or

(iii) that the accused performed any particular act in respect of the included child specifically (rather than in respect of some or all of the group); and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the child included in the group was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that the accused coordinated the participation through any other person.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of both children are to be ascertained at the time of the coordination.

(6) A child may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the child included in the group—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LI Children criminally corrupting other children—participation involving another child

(1) A child must not participate in tier 1 criminal activity in which another child also participates.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(2) A child must not participate in tier 2 criminal activity in which another child also participates.

Penalty: Level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum).

(3) A child must not participate in tier 3 criminal activity in which another child also participates.

Penalty: Level 7 imprisonment (2 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the other child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the other child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that—

(i) the accused did not recruit the other child to participate in the criminal activity; or

(ii) there is remoteness of any kind between the accused and the recruited child during the criminal activity.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of both children are to be ascertained at the time of the participation.

(6) A child may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the other child is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

321LJ Children criminally corrupting other children—grooming

(1) A child must not expose another child to tier 1 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in that other child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 4 imprisonment (15 years maximum).

(2) A child must not expose another child to tier 2 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in that other child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 5 imprisonment (10 years maximum).

(3) A child must not expose another child to tier 3 criminal activity intending, by doing so, to foster in that other child an ability or inclination to participate, or a familiarity or comfort with participating, in criminal activity.

Penalty: Level 7 imprisonment (2 years maximum).

(4) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove—

(i) that the accused knew, suspected or ought to have known the age of the exposed child; or

(ii) that any ability, inclination, familiarity or comfort referred to in those provisions was fostered in the child; and

(b) it is not a defence that the accused believed that the exposed child was an adult; and

(c) it does not matter that the accused involved any other person in the exposure of the exposed child to the criminal activity.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the ages of both children are to be ascertained at the time of the recruitment.

(6) A child may be found guilty of an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) whether or not the accused child—

(a) engages in criminal activity; or

(b) is prosecuted for, or is found guilty of, any offence.

Subdivision 4—Sentencing

321LK Application of Subdivision

This Subdivision applies despite anything to the contrary in the **Sentencing Act 1991** or the **Youth Justice Act 2024**.

321LM Meaning of *affected child*

In this Subdivision—

affected child means, in relation to an offence committed against this Division, a child who is described by whichever of the following paragraphs relates to that offence—

(a) a child recruited to participate in criminal activity; or

(b) a child included in the group whose participation in criminal activity was coordinated by the offender; or

(c) a child who participated in the criminal activity in which the offender also participated; or

(d) the child exposed to criminal activity.

321LN Matters the court must regard as serious

In determining what sentence to impose for an offence against this Division, the court must treat the following aspects of the offending as serious—

(a) the fact that the offender has endeavoured to transfer physical, criminal or legal risk onto a child;

(b) the fact that the offender retains control, authority or benefit while the child bears that risk.

321LO Aggravating factors

(1) In determining what sentence to impose for an offence against this Division, the court must treat as an aggravating factor—

(a) the participation, by the affected child, in criminal activity;

(b) the extent to which the offending was repeated or protracted;

(c) whether any of the following was involved in the commission of the offence—

(i) force;

(ii) threats, coercion, intimidation or blackmail;

(iii) deception;

(iv) exploitation involving—

(A) drugs;

(B) debt;

(C) homelessness;

(D) disability;

(E) trauma;

(F) any other vulnerability;

(v) emotional manipulation, including exploiting a child's need for approval, protection, belonging or status;

(d) the use of other children in the course of the offending;

(e) the extent to which the offender has sought to insulate themselves from risk through the use of other persons in the course of the offending.

(2) In determining what sentence to impose for an offence against this Division, the court must consider that—

(a) the aggravation to be accorded is to increase as the age of the affected child decreases; and

(b) the aggravation to be accorded is to increase along with the extent to which the affected child participated in criminal activity in connection with the offence for which the sentence is to be imposed.

321LP Characteristics and circumstances of child offender to which the court must have regard

In determining what sentence to impose for an offence against Subdivision 3, the court must have regard to—

(a) how much authority the offender held over other children;

(b) the position of the offender within a criminal hierarchy;

(c) whether the offender acted independently or was directed by an older person;

(d) whether the offender was being groomed, coerced or exploited.

321LQ Mandatory cumulation

(1) In this section, each of the following is a ***tier 1 or 2 offence***—

(a) section 321LC(1) or (2);

(b) section 321LD(1) or (2);

(c) section 321LE(1) or (2);

(d) section 321LF(1) or (2);

(e) section 321LG(1) or (2);

(f) section 321LH(1) or (2);

(g) section 321LI(1) or (2);

(h) section 321LJ(1) or (2).

(2) A court that is to sentence an offender for both—

(a) a tier 1 or 2 offence; and

(b) another offence constituted by committing any criminal activity to which the tier 1 or 2 offence relates—

must do so in accordance with this section.

(3) If the court is to impose a sentence of imprisonment or detention in respect of each offence, the court must direct that the following period of the sentence imposed in respect of the tier 1 or 2 offence is to be served cumulatively on the sentence imposed in respect of the other offence—

(a) if the term of imprisonment to be imposed in respect of the tier 1 or 2 offence is at least 12 months, 12 months; or

(b) otherwise, the entirety of the term of imprisonment that is to be imposed in respect of the tier 1 or 2 offence.

(4) The court must not reduce the term of imprisonment it is to impose in respect of either sentence so as to ameliorate the effect of subsection (3).

(5) The court must fix a longer period during which the offender is not eligible to be released on parole than the court would have fixed if the offender were not to be sentenced for the tier 1 or 2 offence.

Subdivision 5—Referral to supporting authorities

321LR Chief Commissioner of Police must ensure referral to supporting authorities

(1) The Chief Commissioner of Police must establish a policy or procedure that provides for suitable public entities, as identified by the Chief Commissioner, to be notified in circumstances where a police officer suspects a child has been—

(a) recruited to participate in criminal activity in contravention of this Division; or

(b) included in a group whose participation in criminal activity was coordinated in contravention of this Division; or

(c) exposed to criminal activity in contravention of this Division.

(2) The policy or procedure is not to be restricted to circumstances where a person has been charged or found guilty of an offence against this Division.

Subdivision 6—Miscellaneous

321LS Limitation on prosecution

A person is not liable to be convicted in respect of the same conduct of both—

(a) an offence against this Division; and

(b) an offence against section 321G(1).".'.

5. Clause 4, omit this clause.

6. Clause 5, omit this clause.

7. Clause 6, omit this clause.

8. Clause 7, omit this clause.

9. Clause 8, omit this clause.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

10. Long title, omit "in relation to" and insert "to enact new provisions relating to".

11. Long title, after "criminal activity" insert "and other forms of the criminal corruption of children".

Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM76C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 1, omit "an adult" and insert "a person".

2. Clause 1, page 2, line 3, omit "adult" and insert "person".

3. Clause 1, page 2, line 4, omit "child." and insert "child; and".

4. Clause 1, page 2, after line 4 insert—

"(d) to provide that these offences may be committed by a child as well as by an adult.".

5. Clause 3, after line 9 insert—

"(aa) the definition of ***adult*** is **repealed**;".

6. Clause 4, line 6, omit "An adult" and insert "A person".

7. Clause 4, line 6, omit "a person" and insert "another person,".

8. Clause 4, line 7, omit "child" and insert "child,".

9. Clause 4, line 8, after "the" insert "other".

10. Clause 4, line 11, omit "an adult" and insert "a person".

11. Clause 4, line 12, omit "adult" and insert "person"

12. Clause 4, line 16, omit "ages" and insert "age".

13. Clause 4, line 17, omit "the adult and".

14. Clause 4, line 17, omit "are" and insert "is".

15. Clause 5, after line 23 insert—

'(aa) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'.

16. Clause 5, line 24, omit "a person" and insert "another person,".

17. Clause 5, line 25, omit "child" and insert "child,".

18. Clause 5, line 28, after "the" insert "other".

19. Clause 5, after line 28 insert—

'(2A) In section 321LB(2) of the **Crimes Act 1958**—

(a) for "an adult" **substitute** "a person";

(b) for "the adult" **substitute** "the person".'.

20. Clause 5, after line 30 insert—

'(4) In section 321LB(3) of the **Crimes Act 1958**, for "the ages of the adult and the child are" **substitute** "the age of the child is".'.

21. Clause 6, line 5, omit "An adult" and insert "A person".

22. Clause 6, after line 12 insert—

'(ab) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'.

23. Clause 7, after line 16 insert—

'(aa) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'.

Amendments circulated by Jaclyn Symes (JS94C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 4, omit "child." and insert "child; and".

2. Clause 1, page 2, after line 4 insert—

"(d) to establish a new process for requiring financial institutions to produce documents that are relevant to certain offences.".

3. Clause 2, line 6, omit "This Act" and insert "(1) This Act (except section 7A)".

4. Clause 2, after line 7 insert—

"(2) Subject to subsection (3), section 7A comes into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

(3) If section 7A does not come into operation before 21 December 2026, it comes into operation on that day.".

NEW CLAUSE

5. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 7—

'**7A New Subdivision (33) inserted in Division 1 of Part III**

After Subdivision (32) in Division 1 of Part III of the **Crimes Act 1958 insert**—

"**(33)** ***Production notices***

470A Definitions

In this Subdivision—

applicable offence means—

(a) an indictable offence against the law of Victoria; or

(b) any other offence against the law of Victoria that is prescribed or that belongs to a class that is prescribed;

bank means—

(a) the Reserve Bank of Australia; or

(b) an ADI; or

(c) a person who carries on State banking within the meaning of section 51(xiii) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth;

building society means a society registered or incorporated as a building society, co-operative housing society or similar society under an Act or the laws of another State or a Territory;

financial institution means—

(a) a bank; or

(b) a building society; or

(c) a credit union; or

(d) a body corporate that is a financial corporation within the meaning of section 51(xx) of the Constitution of the

Commonwealth (or would be if it had been incorporated in Australia); or

(e) a provider of a registrable virtual asset service within the meaning of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 of the Commonwealth; or

(f) a casino operator within the meaning of the **Casino Control Act 1991**; or

(g) a wagering and betting licensee within the meaning of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**; or

(h) an entity that is prescribed or that belongs to a prescribed class;

issuing officer means—

(a) the Chief Commissioner of Police; or

(b) a police officer authorised under section 470C;

production notice has the meaning given by section 470B.

470B What is a *production notice*?

A ***production notice*** is a notice requiring a financial institution to do either or both of the following—

(a) to produce to a police officer one or more documents that—

(i) are possessed or controlled by the institution; and

(ii) contain information in respect of an account that an entity holds or keeps with the institution; or

(b) to compile one or more documents from information that—

(i) is possessed or controlled by the institution; and

(ii) is in respect of an account that an entity holds or keeps with the institution.

470C Chief Commissioner of Police may authorise police officer to be issuing officer

The Chief Commissioner of Police may authorise in writing a police officer of or above the rank of inspector to issue production notices.

470D Police officer may apply for production notice

(1) A police officer may apply to an issuing officer for the issue of a production notice directed to a financial institution if the police officer believes on reasonable grounds that the financial institution possesses or controls information, or one or more documents, that may assist in the investigation or prosecution of an applicable offence.

(2) The application must—

(a) be in writing; and

(b) identity the financial institution; and

(c) identify the documents sought to be produced, including by identifying—

(i) the account in respect of which the production notice is to be issued; or

(ii) the entity that holds or keeps that account; and

Note

See subsection (3).

(d) state the applicable offence the investigation or prosecution of which may be assisted by the documents; and

(e) state the grounds on which the applicant has formed the belief required by subsection (1), including—

(i) the grounds for believing that the financial institution possesses or controls the documents or information referred to in that subsection; and

(ii) the grounds for believing that the production referred to in that subsection may assist in the investigation or prosecution of the applicable offence stated in accordance with paragraph (d); and

(f) set out the facts, matters and circumstances on which the application relies; and

(g) specify the period of time that the applicant proposes for the financial institution to have to comply with the notice; and

Note

See section 470E(6).

(h) specify how, in what form and to which police officer the applicant seeks for the documents to be produced; and

(i) if a form is prescribed, be in that form; and

(j) if additional material is prescribed, include that material.

(3) Without limiting subsection (2)(c), identifying the account, or an entity that holds or keeps the account, for the purposes of that provision may involve—

(a) stating an account number; or

(b) stating a name in which the account is held or kept; or

(c) stating an address, an electronic address or a unique identifier associated with the account or the entity.

Examples

1 A residential or business address used by the entity.

2 An email address used by the entity.

3 An internet protocol address used by the entity.

4 If the account concerns cryptocurrency, a unique identifier, known as a wallet address, that is used by the entity.

(4) The police officer is not required to give notice of the application to any person.

470E Issue of production notice

(1) On an application under section 470D, an issuing officer may issue to the applicant a production notice that—

(a) concerns every document identified in the application; and

(b) is directed at the financial institution identified in the application—

if satisfied of the matters set out in subsection (2) in respect of each document.

(2) The matters of which the issuing officer must be satisfied in respect of each document are that—

(a) the financial institution either—

(i) possesses or controls the document; or

(ii) possesses or controls the information from which the document is to be compiled; and

(b) the document may assist in the investigation or prosecution of the applicable offence stated in the application.

(3) In determining whether to issue the production notice, the issuing officer must have regard to the reliability of the information on which the application relies.

(4) A production notice must—

(a) identify the financial institution to which it is directed; and

(b) identify each document that is to be produced, including by identifying—

(i) the account in respect of which the production notice is to be issued; or

(ii) the entity that holds or keeps that account; and

Note

See subsection (5).

(c) specify, in accordance with subsection (6), the period within which the institution must comply with the notice; and

(d) specify how, in what form and to which police officer the documents are to be produced; and

(e) state the effect of sections 470H and 470I; and

(f) if a form is prescribed, be in that form; and

(g) if additional material is prescribed, include that material.

(5) Without limiting subsection (4)(b), identifying the account, or an entity that holds or keeps the account, for the purposes of that provision may involve—

(a) stating an account number; or

(b) stating a name in which the account is held or kept; or

(c) stating an address, an electronic address or a unique identifier associated with the account or the entity.

Examples

1 A residential or business address used by the entity.

2 An email address used by the entity.

3 An internet protocol address used by the entity.

4 If the account concerns cryptocurrency, a unique identifier, known as a wallet address, that is used by the entity.

(6) The period specified in accordance with subsection (4)(c)—

(a) is to begin on the day that the production notice is served on the financial institution; and

(b) must be no less than 5 days and no more than 28 days.

(7) A production notice may be issued in respect of a financial institution that is not located in Victoria.

470F Service of production notice

(1) As soon as practicable after a production notice is issued, the Chief Commissioner of Police must ensure that the notice is served on the financial institution identified in the notice.

(2) A production notice is to be served—

(a) by delivering the notice personally to the registered office of the financial institution; or

(b) by sending it by post to the registered office of the financial institution; or

(c) if the financial institution has given Victoria Police an electronic address that is to be used for receiving production notices, by sending the notice by electronic communication to that electronic address.

(3) A production notice ceases to have effect if it is not served within 3 months after it is issued.

470G Police powers in relation to produced documents

(1) If a document is produced to a police officer in response to a production notice, any police officer may do any of the following things—

(a) inspect the document;

(b) take an extract from the document;

(c) make a copy of the document;

(d) take the document.

(2) An extract taken or copy made under subsection (1) is to be retained by Victoria Police.

(3) A document taken under subsection (1)(d) is to be retained by Victoria Police for as long as is reasonably necessary for the investigation or prosecution of an offence.

(4) The Chief Commissioner of Police must ensure that a document—

(a) that is taken under subsection (1)(d); and

(b) the retention of which is no longer reasonably necessary for the investigation or prosecution of an offence—

is returned to the financial institution that produced the document.

470H Financial institution must comply with production notice

(1) A financial institution that has been served with a production notice must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice.

Penalty: Level 5 fine (1200 penalty units maximum).

(2) A financial institution that has been served with a production notice must not, in purported compliance with the notice, provide a document that—

(a) is false or misleading in a material particular; and

(b) the financial institution knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: Level 5 fine (1200 penalty units maximum).

(3) An offence against subsection (1) or (2) is a summary offence.

470I Offence to disclose existence of production notice

(1) Subject to subsection (7), a financial institution on which a production notice is served must not disclose the existence of the notice to any person (including the holder of the account to which the notice relates) except—

(a) to a police officer in accordance with the notice; or

(b) to an employee, officer or agent of the institution for the purpose of ensuring the notice is complied with; or

(c) to a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice or representation in relation to the notice.

Penalty: Level 5 fine (1200 penalty units maximum).

(2) Subject to subsection (7), a person to whom the existence of a production notice is disclosed in accordance with subsection (1) must not—

(a) while the person is of a kind referred to in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c), disclose the existence of the notice to any person except another person of that kind for the purpose of—

(i) if the disclosure is made by a police officer, the performance of the officer's duties; or

(ii) if the disclosure is made by an employee, officer or agent of the financial institution, ensuring that the notice is complied with or obtaining legal advice or representation in relation to the notice; or

(iii) if the disclosure is made by a legal practitioner, giving legal advice or providing representation in relation to the notice; or

(b) when the person is no longer of a kind referred to in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c), make a record of, or disclose, the existence of the notice in any circumstances.

Penalty: 240 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

(3) An offence against subsection (1) or (2) is a summary offence.

(4) Nothing in subsection (2) prevents the disclosure by a person of a kind referred to in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) of the existence of a production notice—

(a) for the purposes of, or in connection with, legal proceedings; or

(b) in the course of proceedings before a court.

(5) Nothing in subsection (2) prevents the disclosure by a police officer of the existence of a production notice for the purposes of a report under section 470M.

(6) A reference in this section to disclosing the existence of a production notice to a person includes a reference to disclosing information to the person from which the person could reasonably be expected to infer the existence of the notice.

(7) It is not an offence against subsection (1) or (2) to disclose the existence of a production notice if the existence of the notice has been made known in any proceedings in open court.

470J Protection from liability

The following do not incur any civil liability for any action taken or document produced in response to a production notice—

(a) the financial institution identified in the notice;

(b) a person who is an officer, employee or agent of that financial institution acting in the course of that person's duties as an officer, employee or agent.

470K Admissibility in criminal proceedings

If a financial institution produces a document in response to a production notice, neither the production of the document nor any information, document or thing obtained as a direct or indirect consequence of the production of the document is admissible against that institution in any criminal proceeding other than a proceeding against that institution for an offence against section 470H(1) or (2).

470L Chief Commissioner of Police to keep records

The Chief Commissioner of Police must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the following records are kept—

(a) a record of each application for a production notice;

(b) a record of each production notice issued;

(c) for each production notice that is served, a record of how and when it was served;

(d) a description of each document produced in compliance or purported compliance with a production notice.

470M Annual report to Attorney-General about production notices

(1) The Chief Commissioner of Police must submit a report to the Attorney-General in respect of each financial year that includes the following information for that financial year—

(a) the number of applications for production notices that were made during that year;

(b) the number of production notices issued during that year;

(c) information about the different kinds of offences (as determined by the Chief Commissioner) in respect of whose investigation or prosecution production notices were issued during that year;

(d) any other information that relates to production notices and that the Attorney-General notifies the Chief Commissioner, in writing, is required to be included in the report.

(2) The report must be submitted—

(a) as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year to which it relates; and

(b) no later than 3 months after the end of that financial year.

(3) The Chief Commissioner of Police must advise the Attorney-General of any information in the report that, in the Chief Commissioner's opinion, should be excluded from the report before the report is laid before Parliament because the information, if made public, could reasonably be expected to—

(a) endanger a person's safety; or

(b) prejudice an investigation or prosecution; or

(c) compromise any law enforcement operational activities or methodologies of Victoria Police.

(4) The Attorney-General must—

(a) exclude information from the report if satisfied on the advice of the Chief Commissioner of Police of any of the grounds set out in subsection (3); and

(b) cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 12 sitting days after the day on which the Attorney-General receives the report.".'.

6. Clause 8, line 27, after "**Criminal Activity**" insert "**and Production Notices**".

7. Clause 8, page 5, line 12, after "**Criminal Activity**" insert "**and Production Notices**".

8. Clause 9, lines 15 and 16, omit "the first anniversary of its commencement" and insert "21 December 2027".

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

9. Long title, after "activity" insert ", to further amend that Act to establish a new process for requiring financial institutions to produce documents that are relevant to certain offences".

AMENDMENT OF TITLE

10. Title, after "**Activity**" insert "**and Production Notices**".

2. WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM84C)

1. Clause 2, lines 9 and 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"This Act comes into operation on the day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.".

2. Clause 2, page 2, lines 1 to 3, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

3. Clause 4, page 3, after line 2 insert—

"***final workplace protection order*** means an order under section 21(1);

interim workplace protection order means an order under section 20A(1);".

4. Clause 4, page 4, lines 7 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"***retail operator*** means an entity (other than a transport operator) that carries out a business the predominant purpose of which is either or both of the following—

(a) the sale or hire of goods by retail (including by auction);

(b) the retail provision of services;".

5. Clause 4, page 5, lines 3 and 4, omit "an order under section 21" and insert "an interim workplace protection order or a final workplace protection order".

6. Clause 8, line 11, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

7. Clause 8, line 12, after "(ii)" insert "if the order is a final workplace protection order,".

8. Clause 8, line 27, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

9. Clause 8, line 28, after "(ii)" insert "if the order is a final workplace protection order,".

10. Clause 14, page 14, line 12, omit "its" and insert "the".

11. Clause 17, line 4, omit "Each" and insert—

"(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), each".

12. Clause 17, line 7, omit "union." and insert "union;".

13. Clause 17, after line 7 insert—

"(c) a police officer.".

14. Clause 17, before line 8 insert—

"(2) An applicable business operator must not apply for a workplace protection order unless—

(a) the applicable business operator consists of only one natural person, and that person is the victim of the unacceptable conduct in respect of which the application is to be made; or

(b) the victim of the unacceptable conduct in respect of which the application is to be made has given consent in writing to the making of the application.

(3) An employee union must not apply for a workplace protection order unless the victim of the unacceptable conduct in respect of which the application is to be made has given consent in writing to the making of the application.".

15. Clause 20, line 1, after "**union**" insert "**or police officer**".

16. Clause 20, line 2, after "union" insert "or a police officer".

17. Clause 20, line 3, after "union" insert "or officer".

NEW CLAUSE

18. Insert the following New Clause before clause 21—

"**20A Court may make interim workplace protection order**

(1) On an application under section 17, the court may, without finally determining the application, make an order that requires the respondent to comply with the conditions that are to be imposed under the order if—

(a) the respondent is of or over the age of 14 years; and

(b) the unacceptable conduct alleged by the applicant is alleged to have occurred no earlier than 12 months before the application was made; and

(c) the respondent was of or over the age of 14 years at the time of the unacceptable conduct that the applicant alleges; and

(d) the court is satisfied that—

(i) the respondent is likely to engage in unacceptable conduct at the workplace at which the applicant alleges that the respondent has engaged in unacceptable conduct; and

(ii) it is necessary to make the order in order to protect a person from that conduct; and

(iii) it is necessary to make the order before finally determining the application; and

(e) the respondent is not ineligible under subsection (2); and

Note

Subsection (2) concerns persons who are workers or applicable business operators in relation to the relevant workplace.

(f) the imposition of those conditions is in accordance with Division 3.

Note

Section 34 sets out when a workplace protection order ceases to have effect.

(2) The following persons are ineligible for the purposes of subsection (1)(e)—

(a) each worker of an applicable business operator that has a sufficient connection to the unacceptable conduct alleged by the applicant;

(b) each applicable business operator that—

(i) consists of only one natural person; and

(ii) has a sufficient connection to the unacceptable conduct alleged by the applicant.

(3) The court may make the order—

(a) whether or not there is in force any other restrictive instrument by or under which the respondent is required to do anything or prohibited from doing anything; and

(b) whether or not the respondent is before the court.".

19. Clause 21, line 20, after "**may make**" insert "**final**".

20. Clause 21, line 30, omit "the applicant".

21. Clause 21, after line 30 insert—

"(A) the applicant (if the applicant is an applicable business operator or an employee union); or

(B) an applicable business operator (if the applicant is a police officer); and

(ia) the respondent engaged in that unacceptable conduct—".

22. Clause 21, page 18, after line 25 insert—

"(ba) in the case of an application made by an applicable business operator or an employee union, the victim of the unacceptable conduct referred to in paragraph (b)(i) has given written consent to the making of the application; and".

23. Clause 23, line 9, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

24. Clause 23, line 12, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

25. Clause 25, page 22, line 1, after "(iv)" insert "in the case of a final workplace protection order,".

26. Clause 26, line 2, after "**union**" insert "**or police officer**".

27. Clause 26, line 6, after "union" insert "or a police officer".

28. Clause 26, line 7, after "union" insert "or police officer".

29. Clause 26, line 9, after "union" insert "or officer".

30. Clause 27, after line 13 insert—

"(ba) if the order is an interim workplace protection order, specify the workplace in respect of which the court was satisfied as required by section 20A(1)(d)(i); and".

31. Clause 27, line 14, after "(c)" insert "if the order is a final workplace protection order,".

32. Clause 27, line 18, omit "to the applicant; and" and insert—

"to—

(A) the applicant (if the applicant is an applicable business operator or an employee union); or

(B) the protected operator (if the applicant is a police officer); and".

33. Clause 28, after line 8 insert—

"(ab) if the order is an interim workplace protection order made on the application of an employee union or a police officer, the applicable business operator that the court is satisfied—

(i) performs work, or engages workers who perform work, at the workplace specified in the order under section 27(ba); and

(ii) is the principal applicable business operator that performs work, or engages workers who perform work, at that workplace (if there is any other applicable business operator who does so; or".

34. Clause 28, line 9, after "is" insert "a final workplace protection order".

35. Clause 28, line 12, omit "worker." and insert "worker; or".

36. Clause 28, after line 12 insert—

"(c) if the order is a final workplace protection order made on the application of a police officer—

(i) if the victim of the unacceptable conduct was an applicable business operator that consists of only one natural person, that operator; or

(ii) otherwise, the applicable business operator of which the victim of the unacceptable conduct was a worker.".

37. Clause 28, line 13, after "(1)(b)" insert "and (c)".

38. Clause 28, line 21, omit "conduct." and insert "conduct; and"

39. Clause 28, after line 21 insert—

"(c) a reference to the victim being an applicable business operator that consists of only one natural person refers to that natural person being the only person of whom that operator consisted at the time of the unacceptable conduct.".

NEW CLAUSE

40. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 29—

"**29A When related operator to be specified in interim workplace protection order**

(1) Subject to subsection (3), if—

(a) a court is making an interim workplace protection order; and

(b) the court is satisfied that, besides the protected operator, there is at least one other applicable business operator that performs work, or whose workers perform work, at—

(i) the workplace specified in the order under section 27(ba); or

(ii) a workplace that intersects with that workplace—

the court must specify, in the order and in accordance with subsection (2), the entity that is to be the related operator in relation to the order.

(2) The entity that the court must specify as the related operator is whichever of the other applicable business operators referred to in subsection (1)(b) the court is satisfied is most appropriate to specify, having regard to section 8(2).

(3) The court may decline to specify a related operator in the workplace protection order if satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.".

41. Clause 30, line 28, after "**specified in**" insert "**final workplace protection**".

42. Clause 30, line 29, after "making a" insert "final".

43. Clause 31, line 7, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

44. Clause 34, after line 9 insert—

"(1) An interim workplace protection order ceases to have effect on the final determination of the application on which it was made (including on the withdrawal of that application).".

45. Clause 34, line 10, before "A" insert "(2)".

46. Clause 34, after line 16 insert—

"(3) Without limiting subsection (2), that subsection applies to an interim workplace protection order that has not yet ceased to have effect under subsection (1).".

47. Clause 38, line 3, omit "The" and insert "Subject to subsections (1A) and (1B), the".

48. Clause 38, after line 7 insert—

"(1A) An applicable business operator must not apply for the variation or revocation of a workplace protection order unless—

(a) the applicable business operator consists of only one natural person, and that person is the victim of the unacceptable conduct of which the court was satisfied under section 21(1)(b)(i) when making the workplace protection order; or

(b) the victim of the unacceptable conduct referred to in paragraph (a) has given consent in writing to the making of the application.

(1B) An employee union must not apply for the variation or revocation of a workplace protection order unless the victim of the unacceptable conduct referred to in subsection (1A)(a) has given consent in writing to the making of the application.".

49. Clause 39, page 32, line 15, after "27" insert "(ba) or".

50. Clause 39, page 33, after line 13 insert—

"(5A) The court must not make a variation order or a revocation order on an application that was made in contravention of section 38(1A) or (1B).".

51. Clause 43, line 9, after "**union**" insert "**or police officer**".

52. Clause 43, line 13, after "union" insert "or a police officer".

53. Clause 43, line 14, after "union" insert "or police officer".

54. Clause 43, line 16, after "union" insert "or officer".

55. Clause 48, line 2, omit "**Applicants**" and insert "**Police officers**".

56. Clause 48, line 2, after "**consent**" insert "**to make applications**".

57. Clause 48, line 3, omit "person" and insert "police officer".

58. Clause 51, page 39, after line 7 insert—

"(aa) if the document is to be served on a police officer—

(i) by delivering it personally to the Chief Commissioner of Police; or

(ii) by sending it by prepaid ordinary post to the Chief Commissioner of Police at the Chief Commissioner of Police's office address; or

(iii) by leaving it at the Chief Commissioner of Police's office address with an individual on the premises who is apparently employed there;".

59. Clause 51, page 39, line 9, after "individual" insert "(other than a police officer)".

60. Clause 54, line 14, omit "subsection (2)" and insert "subsections (2) and (3)".

61. Clause 54, after line 20 insert—

"(3) If the court determines to award costs against a police officer, the order must be made against the Chief Commissioner of Police.".

62. Clause 55, line 7, omit "for the order" and insert "on which the order was made".

63. Clause 55, line 22, omit "for that order" and insert "on which the order was made".

64. Clause 55, line 27, omit "for that order" and insert "on which the order was made".

Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM85C)

1. Clause 21, page 18, after line 25 insert—

"(ba) the victim of the unacceptable conduct referred to in paragraph (b)(i) has given written consent to the making of the application; and".

2. Clause 28, after line 8 insert—

"(ab) if the order is an interim workplace protection order made on the application of an employee union, the applicable business operator that the court is satisfied—

(i) performs work, or engages workers who perform work, at the workplace specified in the order under section 27(ba); and

(ii) is the principal applicable business operator that performs work, or engages workers who perform work, at that workplace (if there is any other applicable business operator who does so; or".

3. Clause 28, line 12, omit "worker." and insert "worker; or".

4. Clause 28, after line 12 insert—

"(c) if the order is made on the application of a police officer—

(i) if the victim of the unacceptable conduct was an applicable business operator that consists of only one natural person, that operator; or

(ii) otherwise, the applicable business operator of which the victim of the unacceptable conduct was a worker.".

5. Clause 48, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by Aiv Puglielli (AP90C)

1. Clause 4, lines 13 to 15, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"***applicable business operator*** means an entity that carries out a business the predominant purpose of which is the provision of goods for sale or hire (including by auction) on a retail basis;".

2. Clause 4, lines 19 to 21, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

3. Clause 4, page 3, lines 5 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

4. Clause 4, page 4, lines 7 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

5. Clause 4, page 4, lines 16 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

6. Clause 8, page 7, lines 1 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

7. Clause 14, line 20, omit "a retail" and insert "an applicable business".

8. Clause 14, page 14, line 12, omit "a retail" and insert "an applicable business".

9. Clause 14, page 14, lines 20 to 32, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

10. Clause 14, page 15, lines 1 to 9, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

11. Clause 23, lines 13 to 23, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

12. Clause 27, lines 22 to 27, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

13. Clause 31, omit this clause.

3. MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Amendment circulated by Moira Deeming (MD06C)

1. Clause 6, lines 29 to 33, page 6, lines 1 to 33 and page 7, lines 1 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(1) In section 4(2) of the Principal Act **omit** "and values the richness that such diversity brings to the Victorian community".

(2) For section 4(3) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(3) The Parliament supports the rights and responsibilities of citizenship to which subsection (1) refers by recognising the following principles—

(a) all persons are equal before the law and are entitled to the equal protection of the law without discrimination or preference on the ground of race, culture, religion, ethnicity or national origin;

(b) a public authority must treat all persons equally and must not prefer, advantage or disadvantage any person or group on the ground of race, culture, religion, ethnicity or national origin;

(c) all individuals in Victoria are entitled to mutual respect and understanding regardless of their background;

(d) all individuals in Victoria have a responsibility to abide by the State's laws and respect the democratic processes under which those laws are made;

(e) all individuals in Victoria should be united in a shared commitment to Australia and to community service.".

(3) Section 4(4) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

(4) In section 4(5) of the Principal Act **omit** "of multiculturalism".'.

Amendments circulated by Anasina Gray-Barberio (AG30C)

1. Clause 5, page 5, after line 6 insert—

"***race*** has the same meaning as in section 4(1) of the **Equal Opportunity Act 2010**;

racism or hate incident means an act or behaviour motivated wholly or partly by hatred or prejudice towards a person or group of people because of—

(a) race; or

(b) religious belief or activity;".

2. Clause 5, page 5, after line 9 insert—

"***religious belief or activity*** has the same meaning as in section 4(1) of the **Equal Opportunity Act 2010**;".

3. Clause 17, page 19, line 14, before "The" insert "(1)".

4. Clause 17, page 19, after line 19 insert—

"(ba) any matter relating to racism or hate incidents toward multicultural and multifaith communities or members of such communities obtained through the MCAG's consultation or engagement with such communities; and".

5. Clause 17, page 19, after line 21 insert—

"(2) The MCAG must ensure that no personal information is included in advice provided to Multicultural Victoria when performing the function under subsection (1)(ba)".

6. Clause 21, page 24, after line 11 insert—

"(ba) a report on any information received by Multicultural Victoria from the MCAG or otherwise relating to racism or hate incidents toward multicultural and multifaith communities or members of such communities; and".

NEW CLAUSE

7. Insert the following New Clause before clause 30—

'**29A New section 29AA**

Before section 29 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**29AA Cabinet submissions to include assessments of potential impacts on multicultural affairs and inclusion, and social cohesion**

(1) This section applies if a Minister makes a submission to the Cabinet, or a committee of the Cabinet, that recommends that the Cabinet makes a decision or endorses a decision of the committee of the Cabinet, that, if implemented, may have an impact on multicultural affairs and inclusion and social cohesion in Victoria.

(2) The submission must include an assessment of the potential impacts on multicultural affairs and inclusion and social cohesion in Victoria.".'.

Amendments circulated by David Limbrick (DL80C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, lines 5 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

2. Clause 4, line 17, omit 'Victoria;";' and insert 'Victoria;".'.

3. Clause 4, lines 18 to 22, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

4. Clause 5, page 4, lines 3 and 4, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

5. Clause 5, page 4, lines 27 and 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

6. Clause 5, page 5, lines 4 to 6, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

7. Clause 5, page 5, line 14, omit "Cabinet;" and insert "Cabinet.';".

8. Clause 5, page 5, lines 15 to 22, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

9. Division heading preceding clause 29, omit this heading.

10. Clause 29, omit this clause.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

11. Long title, omit "Victoria, to require certain public sector entities to acquire interpreting and translating services from VITS LanguageLoop" and insert "Victoria".

Amendment circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM72C)

1. Clause 9, page 8, lines 11 to 14, omit "self-determination and the advancement of Statewide Treaty-making between First Peoples in Victoria and the State; and" and insert "self-determination; and".

Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM75C)

1. Clause 14, page 14, before line 1 insert—

"(2A) The Minister must not recommend a person for appointment as the Multicultural Coordinator General if that person held a position or office referred to in subsection (2)(a) to (e) in the previous 12 months.".

2. Clause 14, page 15, after line 21 insert—

"(3A) The Minister must not recommend a person for appointment as a Deputy Multicultural Coordinator General if that person held a position or office referred to in subsection (3)(a) to (e) in the previous 12 months.".

3. Clause 31, page 39, line 31, omit 'office.".' and insert "office.".

4. Clause 31, page 39, after line 31 insert—

'(4) Despite section 14(4)(a), if a person is appointed as the Multicultural Coordinator General before 30 January 2027, that person's appointment must end on 30 January 2027.

(5) Despite section 15(5)(a), if a person is appointed as a Deputy Multicultural Coordinator General before 30 January 2027, that person's appointment must end on 30 January 2027.".'.

Amendments circulated by Ingrid Stitt (IS41C)

1. Clause 1, line 5, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

2. Clause 1, line 8, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

3. Division heading preceding clause 4, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

4. Clause 4, line 8, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

5. Clause 4, line 17, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

6. Clause 5, page 4, line 22, after "***Multicultural***" insert "***and Multifaith***".

7. Clause 5, page 4, lines 25 and 26, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

> "***Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria*** means Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria established by section 6;".

8. Clause 7, line 14, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

9. Clause 8, line 17, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

10. Clause 8, line 18, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

11. Clause 8, line 19, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

12. Clause 9, line 26, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

13. Clause 9, line 27, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

14. Clause 10, line 9, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

15. Clause 10, line 10, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

16. Clause 10, line 12, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

17. Clause 10, line 28, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

18. Clause 10, page 10, line 8, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

19. Clause 10, page 10, line 20, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

20. Clause 10, page 10, line 23, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

21. Clause 11, line 9, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

22. Clause 11, line 12, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

23. Clause 11, line 15, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

24. Clause 11, line 21, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

25. Clause 12, line 22, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

26. Clause 12, line 25, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

27. Clause 12, line 28, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

28. Clause 13, line 29, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

29. Clause 13, line 33, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

30. Clause 13, page 12, line 3, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

31. Clause 13, page 12, line 7, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

32. Clause 14, line 11, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

33. Clause 14, line 20, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

34. Clause 14, page 13, line 9, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

35. Clause 14, page 16, line 24, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

36. Clause 14, page 16, line 29, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

37. Clause 14, page 17, line 15, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

38. Clause 14, page 17, line 23, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

39. Clause 17, page 18, line 13, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

40. Clause 17, page 19, line 15, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

41. Clause 17, page 19, line 17, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

42. Clause 17, page 19, line 21, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

43. Clause 18, line, 7, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

44. Clause 18, line 9, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

45. Clause 18, line 11, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

46. Clause 18, page 22, line 12, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

47. Clause 19, line 22, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

48. Clause 20, line 25, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

49. Clause 20, line 27, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

50. Clause 20, line 29, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

51. Clause 20, page 23, line 1, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

52. Clause 20, page 23, line 9, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

53. Clause 20, page 23, line 13, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

54. Clause 20, page 23, line 14, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

55. Clause 21, line 18, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

56. Clause 21, line 21, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

57. Clause 21, line 27, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

58. Clause 21, line 29, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

59. Clause 21, line 32, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

60. Clause 21, page 24, line 5, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

61. Clause 21, page 24, line 9, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

62. Clause 21, page 24, line 13, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

63. Clause 21, page 24, line 17, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

64. Clause 21, page 24, line 26, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

65. Clause 21, page 24, line 29, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

66. Clause 21, page 25, line 1, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

67. Clause 21, page 25, line 3, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

68. Clause 23, line 23, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

69. Clause 23, line 24, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

70. Clause 23, line 26, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

71. Clause 23, line 30, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

72. Clause 23, page 26, line 23, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

73. Clause 23, page 26, line 26, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

74. Clause 23, page 26, line 29, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

75. Clause 23, page 26, line 31, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

76. Clause 23, page 28, line 5, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

77. Clause 23, page 29, line 6, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

78. Clause 23, page 30, line 27, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

79. Clause 23, page 31, line 7, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

80. Clause 23, page 32, line 5, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

81. Clause 27, line 23, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

82. Clause 28, line 7, after "**Multicultural**" insert "**and Multifaith**".

83. Clause 31, line 14, after "**Amendment**" insert "**(Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria)**".

84. Clause 31, line 18, after "**Amendment**" insert "**(Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria)**".

85. Clause 31, page 39, line 5, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

86. Clause 31, page 39, line 11, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

87. Clause 31, page 39, line 26, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

88. Clause 32, line 7, after "Multicultural" insert "and Multifaith".

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

89. Long title, omit "Victoria," and insert "and Multifaith Victoria,".

AMENDMENT OF SHORT TITLE

90. Short title, after "**Amendment**" insert "**(Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria)**".