LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

60TH PARLIAMENT

Nos. 176, 177, 178 and 179

No. 176 — Tuesday, 11 August 2026

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

2 **THE LATE HONOURABLE JOHN DYSON HARROWFIELD** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 1 July 2026, of the Honourable John Dyson Harrowfield, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Mitcham from 1982 to 1992, and as Minister for Small Business from 1991 to 1992 and Minister for Finance in 1992.

Other members addressed the House.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and the question was agreed to unanimously.

As a further mark of respect, the sitting was suspended for one hour.

[Sitting suspended from 12.16 pm to 1.19 pm]

3 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on 4 August 2026, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment Act 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Act 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) 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 the Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service (QwN 1397).

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission status update (QwN 1399).

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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:

- **Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service (QwN 1397)** — substantive question asked by Georgie Crozier — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 13 August 2026.
- **Prison healthcare (QwN 1400)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 13 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

5 PETITIONS —

REMOVE THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE CENTRAL NORTH REZ FROM THE 2025 VICTORIAN TRANSMISSION PLAN — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 1,300 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Minister for Energy and Resources and VicGrid to remove the eastern section of the Central North Renewable Energy Zone from the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan until proper consultation with affected landowners and community is undertaken.

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

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EXEMPTIONS TO BAN OF CONVERTED E-BIKES ON METROPOLITAN AND V/LINE TRAINS — Aiv Puglielli presented a petition bearing 421 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to amend the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Conduct on Public Transport) Regulations 2025 to grant exemptions for custom e-bikes built professionally by approved Victorian businesses to be allowed on metropolitan and V/Line trains.

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

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS — Aiv Puglielli presented a petition bearing 5,272 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately extend concession public transport entitlements to all full-time graduate students.

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

6 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FOOD SECURITY) BILL 2026 — Melina Bath introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Environment Effects Act 1978 in relation to agricultural land and for other purposes*.

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

7 LIQUOR CONTROL REFORM AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (REDUCING ALCOHOL-RELATED HARMS) BILL 2026 — Sarah Mansfield introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 and the Transport Integration Act 2010 in relation to the sale of alcohol and for other purposes*.

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

8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (STABILITY OF COUNCILS) BILL 2026 — Bev McArthur introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 2020 to enhance the integrity and governance standards of Councils and to amend the City of Melbourne Act 2001 to increase the ratio between the lowest and the highest differential rates if the Melbourne City Council uses the net annual value system of valuation and for other purposes*.

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

9 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 10 of 2026 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Ordered to be published)*.

Sheena Watt moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

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 29 May 2026 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Frankston North Public Park and Recreation Reserve.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Operation Richmond, August 2026 *(released on 5 August 2026 – a non-sitting day) (Ordered to be published).*

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

Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendment C266.

Banyule, Casey and Darebin Planning Schemes — Amendment GC259.

Bass Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C182.

Cardinia Planning Scheme — Amendment C283.

Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C277.

Latrobe Planning Scheme — Amendment C150.

Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C492 and C502.

Mitchell Planning Scheme — Amendment C162.

Yarra Planning Scheme — Amendments C271, C273, C291 and C336.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 73, 96, 108, 109 and 110.

Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of Ministerial Order No. 1514 – Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 1228 – Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees, under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to medical panels under Part VBA *(Gazette G30, 23 July 2026)*.

10 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Aiv Puglielli moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 —

(1) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Liquor Control Reform and Other Acts Amendment (Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms) Bill 2026;

(2) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Planning and Environment Amendment (Agricultural Land and Food Security) Bill 2026;

(3) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Purcell on the use of electronic prescribing by veterinarians;

(4) notice of motion given this day by Bev McArthur on a Royal Commission into corruption, criminality and misconduct across all government-funded construction projects; and

(5) notice of motion No. 1552 standing in Rachel Payne's name on a plebiscite on cannabis legalisation.

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 1517, be postponed until later this day.

13 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jeff Bourman *(JB111C)* 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; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Aiv Puglielli; 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, 5

Jeff Bourman; David Ettershank; David Limbrick; Rachel Payne; 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.

[Sitting suspended from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, 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, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 4

Jeff Bourman; David Limbrick; Rachel Payne; 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.

14 FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Renee Heath *(RH01C)*, Jeff Bourman *(JB109C)*, Katherine Copsey *(KC82C)* and David Limbrick *(DL76C and DL77C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Lizzie Blandthorn declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debate continued.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Jaclyn Symes declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council continued to sit after 12.00 midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2026

Debate continued.

The Council adjourned at 12.19 am until later this day.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 177 — Wednesday, 12 August 2026

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

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS** — Members made statements.

3 **LIQUOR CONTROL REFORM AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (REDUCING ALCOHOL-RELATED HARMS) BILL 2026** — Sarah Mansfield 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*.

Sarah Mansfield moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

4 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FOOD SECURITY) BILL 2026** — Melina Bath 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*.

Melina Bath moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

5 **PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS** — **BOX HILL BRICKWORKS SITE** — Richard Welch moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

(a) the Box Hill Brickworks site, disused for 40 years, was never contemplated for residential use under the Whitehorse Planning Scheme, given its contamination;

(b) the most recent Environment Protection Authority report identifies buried benzo(a)pyrene, a known carcinogen, and advises against development without remediation;

(c) the Allan Government rezoned the site in 2025 for high-rise residential development at substantially increased heights, now gazetted;

(d) no study demonstrating site safety has been released, nor the rezoning's basis explained;

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 14 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, all documents created since 1 January 2022, including briefs, correspondence, advice, reports, assessments and minutes, held by the Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop, Minister for Planning, Suburban Rail Loop Authority, Department of Transport and Planning or Environment Protection Authority, relating to —

(a) the decision to rezone the site for residential use and its justification;

(b) any preliminary risk screen assessment, environmental audit, audit overlay assessment or other contamination or human-health assessment relied on in that decision, under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* or otherwise;
(c) any advice on whether the rezoning complied with planning, environmental and due-process requirements, including any need for updated assessment;
(d) any communication between those bodies or ministers on the site's residential safety; and
(e) any communication, negotiation or agreement with the landowner, Phileo or associated entities, concerning the rezoning or built form.

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.

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — AI DATA CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —
(a) the Victorian Labor Government has publicly committed to aggressive investment in artificial intelligence (AI) data centre development across Victoria;
(b) Victoria's data centre energy demand has nearly doubled over the last 12 months to 187 megawatts and some estimates predict data centres could consume eight per cent of the State's electricity by 2030 and up to 19 per cent by 2050;
(c) there are at least 30 more data centres currently proposed for Victoria, which will consume 9GW of power, or the equivalent of five to seven million homes;
(d) the Climate Council forecasts that data centre growth will inflate Victoria's wholesale power prices as much as 23 per cent by 2035;
(e) the Climate Council also identified that the enormous electricity demands of AI data centres will threaten Victoria's net zero target by prolonging our reliance on burning coal and gas; and
(2) requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council, within four weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, all modelling, including under different scenarios, and briefings that the Government has received from departments and commissioned advice regarding data centres and the current and anticipated impact on wholesale and retail energy prices.

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.

7 USE OF ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING BY VETERINARIANS — Georgie Purcell moved, That this House notes that —

(1) veterinarians play an essential role in public health, animal welfare, biosecurity, agriculture, and community wellbeing;

(2) the veterinary industry is currently facing significant workforce pressures, mental health risks and financial vulnerabilities;
(3) the veterinary industry is hamstrung by a slow and burdensome paper prescribing requirement, resulting in significant time being dedicated to paperwork at the expense of patient care;
(4) this is a contributing factor to vet stress and burnout and results in significant barriers to accessibility, cost and animal welfare;
(5) electronic scripting would significantly reduce administrative workload for veterinary clinics, ease workforce pressures, and position Victoria as a national leader in animal health technology;
(6) allowing pet owners and farmers to have prescriptions dispensed by a pharmacy of their choice would reduce medication costs and align the veterinary sector with doctors, dentists, optometrists, midwives and nurse practitioners;
(7) this simple but meaningful change would provide cost-of-living relief, relieve vet pressures, improve animal welfare and improve access for regional Victorians, who often have to travel long distances to a clinic;
(8) work is underway by agriculture departments and ministers across Australia to enhance biosecurity and animal health through the introduction of e-prescribing;

and calls on the Government to investigate all options to enable these reforms, including via gazettal or other methods.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

8 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 the mental health levy (QwN 1406).
- On the motion of Wendy Lovell, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to the Central North Renewable Energy Zone (QwN 1409).

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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:

- **Public schools funding (QwN 1405)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 14 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

9 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CORRUPTION, CRIMINALITY AND MISCONDUCT ACROSS ALL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS — Bev McArthur moved,

That this House —

(1) notes —

(a) in February 2026, this House called for a Royal Commission into corruption on Big Build sites, supported by every non-government party, and Labor ignored it;

(b) the Premier twice dismissed a Royal Commission before reversing his position on becoming Premier;

(c) the Premier served as Roads and Public Transport Minister, concedes he may be called as a witness, and is writing the terms for an inquiry into a Government he helped lead;

(2) affirms that a Royal Commission must —

(a) investigate corruption, criminality and misconduct across all government-funded construction projects since December 2014, not merely Big Build sites or the CFMEU;

(b) examine unions, contractors, subcontractors, labour-hire firms, ministerial offices, departments and agencies, including how projects were selected, procured, administered and funded;

(c) determine what current and former Premiers, Ministers, advisers and senior officials knew, when they knew it and what they did, including early public examination of the Hon. Daniel Andrews, Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, and Hon. Ben Carroll MP;

(d) follow public money to organised crime, outlaw motorcycle gangs, contractors, political organisations, and unions including redundancy, training and entitlement funds;

(e) be led by an independent interstate commissioner in consultation with the Opposition;

(f) commence public hearings before the election, obtain Cabinet records, and test claims of privilege and public interest immunity; and

(3) calls on the Government to adopt these requirements, because a narrow Labor-drafted inquiry into Labor's conduct would be no reckoning, merely the same old cover-up under new management.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The 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; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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NOES, 19

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Aiv Puglielli; 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.

10 PLEBISCITE ON CANNABIS LEGALISATION — Rachel Payne moved, That this House notes that —

(1) cannabis is the most widely consumed illicit substance in Australia and 80 per cent of Victorians support cannabis law reform;

(2) a plebiscite on cannabis legalisation would ensure that every Victorian has a direct voice in shaping one of the most significant and long overdue drug policy reforms of our time;

(3) we have endured nearly 100 years of prohibition, and this policy has failed to reduce use and failed to eliminate the illicit market;

(4) thousands of Victorians continue to come into contact with the criminal justice system simply for the personal use of small amounts of cannabis;

(5) First Nations people are disproportionately affected by the policing of cannabis and are 11 times more likely to be arrested for cannabis-related offences than non-Indigenous Victorians;

(6) as Victoria progresses Treaty, Parliament must address the ongoing inequities created by our current cannabis laws;

and calls on the Government to ask Victorians if they support the legalisation of cannabis in Victoria as proposed in the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 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)

NOES, 27

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; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negatived.

11 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until the next day of meeting.

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

13 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — **INTRODUCE THE DRAFT ANIMAL CARE AND PROTECTION BILL** — Georgie Purcell moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

14 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1559, and order of the day, government business, No. 1, be postponed until later this day.

15 CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.50 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 178 — Thursday, 13 August 2026

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

2 PAPERS — **COMMITTEE REPORTS** — **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** —

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Ryan Batchelor tabled a Report on the independent performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Integrity Oversight Victoria (including Appendices) from the Integrity and Oversight Committee *(Ordered to be published).*

Ryan Batchelor moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Question — put and agreed to.

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Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Ryan Batchelor tabled a Report on the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2023/24 and 2024/25 (including an Appendix) from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence *(Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published).*

Ryan Batchelor moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

3 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

4 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1559, be postponed until later this day.

5 CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Rachel Payne *(RP24C)* and Katherine Copsey *(KC81C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until later this day.

6 FIREARMS 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.

The Acting President advised that the President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Katherine Copsey *(KC82C)* are outside the scope of the Bill.

Katherine Copsey moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and New Clauses to amend the *Firearms Act 1996* to restrict the number of firearms that a licence holder may possess, carry or use and to abolish junior licences.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

The Acting President advised that the President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Jeff Bourman *(JB109C)* are outside the scope of the Bill.

Jeff Bourman moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and New Clauses to amend the *Firearms Act 1996* in relation to reporting requirements for approved handgun target shooting clubs and the exemption for a non-prohibited person who is carrying or using a general category handgun at an approved shooting range and is receiving instruction in the use of a general category handgun.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill 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 health services financial position (QwN 1415).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to Mildura Hospital locums (QwN 1417).

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

8 FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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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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 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 FISHING, HUNTING AND OUTDOOR VICTORIA BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

10 CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT 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, 25

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

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NOES, 8

Katherine Copsey; Moira Deeming; 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.

The President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Katherine Copsey *(KC81C)* are outside the scope of the Bill.

Katherine Copsey moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and New Clauses to amend the *Corrections Act 1986* to further provide for persons detained in police gaols.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

[Sitting suspended from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, 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, 27

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; 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; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 8

Katherine Copsey; Moira Deeming; 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 with amendments and requesting their agreement.

11 CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Melina Bath *(MB37C, MB38C, MB39C, MB40C, MB41C, MB43C, MB44C, MB45C, MB46C, MB47C, MB51C and MB57C)*, Aiv Puglielli *(AP84C)* and Lee Tarlamis (for Ingrid Stitt) *(IS34C and IS40C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Sheena Watt, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

12 CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1958 in relation to recruitment of children to engage in criminal activity and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Ingrid Stitt 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*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

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

13 ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 to support the operation of the Victorian Energy Upgrades program and to make amendments consequential to the renaming of that Act, to amend the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990, the Electricity Industry Act 2000, the Gas Industry Act 2001 and other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Ingrid Stitt 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*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

14 MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 to establish Multicultural Victoria, to require certain public sector entities to acquire interpreting and translating services from VITS LanguageLoop and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Ingrid Stitt 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*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Renee Heath (for Evan Mulholland), the debate was adjourned for one week.

15 SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 to categorise or recategorise certain hospitals for the purposes of nurse to patient and midwife to patient ratios and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Ingrid Stitt 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*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

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

16 WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to provide for orders, to be made by the Magistrates' Court or the Children's Court, that impose restrictions on persons who engage in unacceptable conduct that is connected to certain workplaces and to make consequential amendments to the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 and the Magistrates' Court Act 1989 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Ingrid Stitt 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*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Renee Heath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

17 ADJOURNMENT — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 10.51 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 179 — Friday, 14 August 2026

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

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

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
Brimbank Planning Scheme — Amendment C219.
East Gippsland Planning Scheme — Amendment C165.
Hume Planning Scheme — Amendment C283.
Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C496 and C497.
Mount Alexander Planning Scheme — Amendment C106.
Moyne Planning Scheme — Amendment C82.
Port Phillip Planning Scheme — Amendment C218.
Surf Coast Planning Scheme — Amendment C147.

3 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1559, be postponed until later this day.

4 CONSUMER LEGISLATION 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.

The President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Ingrid Stitt *(IS40C)* are outside the scope of the Bill.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments and New Clauses to amend the *Building Act 1993* in relation to prefabrication work and prefabrication builders, complex plumbing work, developer bonds and minor matters, the *Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026* to make consequential amendments to that Act and the *Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025* to delay its forced commencement date.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

5 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 the impact of industrial action on cancer services at Peter MacCallum (QwN 1425).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to emergency room waiting times at regional hospitals (QwN 1427).

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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:

- **Children in contact with the criminal justice system (QwN 1422)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Anasina Gray-Barberio — response from Jaclyn Symes due Monday, 17 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

6 CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — 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 Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 29

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

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NOES, 2

Moira Deeming; David Limbrick.

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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.

7 RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bev McArthur *(BM02C)* and Georgie Purcell *(GP29C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm.

Jaclyn Symes declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debate continued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 25

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

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NOES, 6

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

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Question agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Enver Erdogan declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Enver Erdogan moved, That the sitting be extended.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, 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, 26

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; 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.

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NOES, 6

Katherine Copsey; 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 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.

8 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 25 August 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.46 pm until Tuesday, 25 August 2026.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 11 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Jeff Bourman (JB111C) (p. 1752), David Ettershank (DE24C) (pp. 1752-3), David Limbrick (DL78C) (p. 1753)

Clause 1 — David Ettershank *(DE24C)* and David Limbrick *(DL78C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Jeff Bourman moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(JB111C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 5

Jeff Bourman; Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Clause 2 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 14 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 14A — Rachel Payne (for David Ettershank) moved amendment No. 3 *(DE24C)*.

Question — That New Clause 14A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 3

Jeff Bourman; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 35

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

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Question negatived.

Clauses 15 to 19 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 19A — Jeff Bourman moved amendment No. 3 *(JB111C)*.

Question — That New Clause 19A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 5

Jeff Bourman; Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell.

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

NOES, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 20 to 30 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 30A — David Limbrick moved amendment No. 1 *(DL78C)*.

Question — That New Clause 30A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 5

Jeff Bourman; Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rachel Payne; Georgie Purcell.

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

NOES, 33

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 31 to 33 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Thursday, 13 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Jeff Bourman (JB109C) (pp. 1753-5), Katherine Copsey (KC82C) (pp. 1755-8), Renee Heath (RH01C) (pp. 1758-62) and David Limbrick (DL76C and DL77C) (pp. 1762-3)

Clause 1 — Jeff Bourman moved amendment No. 1 *(JB109C)*.

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, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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.

Jeff Bourman moved amendment No. 2 *(JB109C)*.

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, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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.

David Limbrick moved amendment No. 1 *(DL76C)*.

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, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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.

Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 *(KC82C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

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

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NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Jeff Bourman; 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; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negatived.

Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 2 *(KC82C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; 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, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Jeff Bourman; 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; 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 1 — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Melina Bath (for Renee Heath) moved amendment No. 1 *(RH01C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; 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; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 2 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 20 — put and agreed to.

Clause 21 — Jeff Bourman moved amendment No. 5 *(JB109C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 3

Jeff Bourman; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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.

David Limbrick moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(DL77C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 3

Jeff Bourman; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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NOES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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 21 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 39 — put and agreed to.

Clause 40 — Melina Bath (for Renee Heath) moved amendment No. 2 *(RH01C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; 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; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; 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; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 40 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 43 — put and agreed to.

Clause 44 — Question — That Clause 44 stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 45 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 45A — Melina Bath (for Renee Heath) moved amendment No. 5 *(RH01C)*.

Question — That New Clause 45A stand part of the Bill — put and negatived.

New Clause 45A — Jeff Bourman moved amendment No. 6 *(JB109C)*.

Question — That New Clause 45A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 3

Jeff Bourman; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

NOES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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.

Clause 46 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 46A — Melina Bath (for Renee Heath) moved amendment No. 6 *(RH01C)*.

Question — That New Clause 46A stand part of the Bill — put and negatived.

Clause 47 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Thursday, 13 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Katherine Copsey (KC81C) (p. 1763), Enver Erdogan (EE19C) (p. 1764) and Rachel Payne (RP24C) (pp. 1764-5)

Clause 1 — Enver Erdogan *(EE19C)* circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 1 *(KC81C)*.

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

Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 1 *(RP24C)*.

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

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Enver Erdogan moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(EE19C)*.

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

Clause 2, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 3 — put and agreed to.

Clause 4 — Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 2 *(RP24C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; 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; 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; 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 4 — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — Rachel Payne moved amendment Nos. 3 to 5 *(RP24C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 9

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

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

NOES, 26

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; 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; 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.

Clause 5 — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 5AAA, 5AAB and 5AAC — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 2 *(KC81C)*.

Question — That New Clauses 5AAA, 5AAB and 5AAC stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clause 5AA — Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 6 *(RP24C)*.

Question — That New Clause 5AA stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Enver Erdogan moved amendment No. 3 *(EE19C)*.

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

Clause 6, as amended — put and agreed to.

Long title — Katherine Copsey moved amendment No. 3 *(KC81C)*.

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

Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 7 *(RP24C)*.

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.

Bill reported with amendments.

CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Friday, 14 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Melina Bath (MB37C, MB38C, MB39C, MB40C, MB41C, MB43C, MB44C, MB45C, MB46C, MB47C, MB51C, MB57C) (pp. 1765-84), Aiv Puglielli (AP84C) (p. 1785) and Ingrid Stitt (IS34C and IS40C) (pp. 1785-1808)

Clause 1 — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No.1 *(AP84C)*.

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

Melina Bath moved amendment No. 1 *(MB57C)*.

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; 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, 19

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

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

Question negatived.

Melina Bath moved amendment No. 1 *(MB38C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; 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, 19

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

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

Question negatived.

Melina Bath moved amendment No. 1 *(MB45C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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, 18

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

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

Question negatived.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 1 *(IS40C)*.

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

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 2 to 7 *(IS40C)*.

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

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 2 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 8 to 20 *(IS40C)*.

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

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 1 to 3 *(IS34C)*.

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

Clause 2, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 21 — put and agreed to.

Clause 22 — Melina Bath moved amendment No. 1 *(MB41C)*.

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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, 18

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

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

Question negatived.

Clause 22 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 31 — put and agreed to.

Clause 32 — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment Nos. 2 to 4 *(AP84C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 17

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 13

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Tom McIntosh; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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Question agreed to.

Clause 32, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 39 — put and agreed to.

Clause 40 — Melina Bath moved amendment Nos. 1 to 7 *(MB47C)*.

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

Clause 40 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 43 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 43A — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No. 5 *(AP84C)*.

Question — That New Clause 43A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 44 to 60 — put and agreed to.

Clause 61 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 4 and 5 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to
Clause 61, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 62 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 6 and 7 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 62, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 63 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 8 to 16 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 63, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 64 — put and agreed to.

Clause 65 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 17 and 18 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 65, as amended — put and agreed to.

New Clause 65A — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 19 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That New Clause 65A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 66 to 72 — put and agreed to.

Clause 73 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 20 to 23 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 73, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 74 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 24 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to
Clause 74, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 75 to 104 — put and agreed to.

Clause 105 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 21 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 105, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 106 — put and agreed to.

Clause 107 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 25 to 29 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 107, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 108 — put and agreed to.

Clause 109 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 30 *(IS34C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 109, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 110 to 112 — put and agreed to.

Clause 113 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 22 and 23 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.
Clause 113, as amended — put and agreed to.

New Clause 113A — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 24 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clause 113A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 114 — put and agreed to.

Clause 115 — Melina Bath moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(MB37C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.
The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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, 18

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Anasina Gray-Barberio; 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 115 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 116 to 161 — put and agreed to.

Clause 162 — Melina Bath moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(MB51C)*.
Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and negatived.
Clause 162 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 163 to 178 — put and agreed to.

New Part heading 12A — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 25 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Part heading 12A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 178A to 178P — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 26 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clauses 178A to 178P stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 178Q to 178V — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 27 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clauses 178Q to 178V stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 178W to 178ZD — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 28 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clauses 178W to 178ZD stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 178ZE to 178ZK — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 29 and 30 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clauses 178ZE to 178ZK stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

New Clauses 178ZL and 178ZM — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 31 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That New Clauses 178ZL and 178ZM stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 179 — put and agreed to.

Long title — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No. 6 *(AP84C).*
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 32 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 33 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 34 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 35 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 36 *(IS40C)*.
Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 37 *(IS40C)*.
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.

Bill reported with amendments.

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RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026

Committed Friday, 14 August 2026

Amendments circulated: Bev McArthur (BM02C) (pp. 1808-9) and Georgie Purcell (GP29C) (pp. 1809-10)

Clauses 1 to 6 — put and agreed to.

Part heading preceding Clause 7 and Clauses 7 to 10 — Question — That the Part heading preceding Clause 7 and Clauses 7 to 10 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; 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, 25

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; 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)

Question negatived.

Clauses 11 to 31 — put and agreed to.

Clause 32 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 *(GP29C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; 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, 23

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; 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)

Question negatived.

Clause 32 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 51 — put and agreed to.

Clause 52 — Georgie Purcell moved amendment Nos. 3 and 4 *(GP29C)*.

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 8

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Moira Deeming; 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, 25

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; 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)

Question negatived.

Clause 52 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 83 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —

1. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Jeff Bourman (JB111C)

1. Clause 2, line 2, omit "This Act" and insert "(1) This Act (other than sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 30 and paragraph (a) of section 3)".

2. Clause 2, after line 3 insert—

"(2) Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 30 and paragraph (a) of section 3 come into operation on 1 December 2026.".

NEW CLAUSE

3. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 19—

'**19A Instalment payments of public funding entitlement**

After section 232(4) of the **Electoral Act 2002 insert**—

"(4A) Subsection (4) does not apply—

(a) in respect of a registered political party if the party loses a member of Parliament at a general election as a consequence of the removal of group voting tickets from the Legislative Council by the **Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Act 2026**; or

(b) in respect of an independent candidate if the candidate loses their seat as a member of Parliament at a general election as a consequence of the removal of group voting tickets from the Legislative Council by the **Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Act 2026**."'.

Amendments circulated by David Ettershank (DE24C)

1. Clause 2, line 2, omit "This Act" and insert "(1) This Act (other than sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 30 and paragraph (a) of section 3)".

2. Clause 2, after line 3 insert—

"(2) Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 30 and paragraph (a) of section 3 come into operation on 29 November 2026.".

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 14—

'**14A New section 84A inserted**

After section 84 of the **Electoral Act 2002 insert**—

"**84A Preference whispering**

A person must not sell, or make any other commercial arrangement for, any services that, in exchange for a fee, provide advice or purport to advise, whether in writing or orally, a person or registered political party on how to allocate preferences for candidates or groups in an election.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person, 60 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment;

In the case of a body corporate, 300 penalty units.

Note

Section 179A applies to an offence against this section.".'.

4. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 17—

'**17A Criminal liability of officers of bodies corporate—accessorial liability**

After section 179A(2)(d) of the **Electoral Act 2002 insert**—

"(da) section 84A;".'.

5. Clause 33, lines 8 and 9, omit "the first anniversary of its commencement" and insert "29 November 2027".

Amendment circulated by David Limbrick (DL78C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 30—

'**30A Section 182A amended**

(1) In the heading to section 182A of the **Electoral Act 2002**, after "**2026**" **insert** "**and Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Act 2026**".

(2) In section 182A of the **Electoral Act 2002**—

(a) in subsection (1), after "**2026**" **insert** "and the **Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Act 2026**";

(b) in subsection (6)(i), for "Victoria." **substitute** "Victoria;";

(c) after subsection (6)(i) **insert**—

"(j) the findings and recommendations of the Electoral Matters Committee Inquiry into Victoria's Upper House electoral system.".'.

2. FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Jeff Bourman (JB109C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, before line 1 insert—

"(iia) to streamline reporting requirements for approved handgun target shooting clubs; and".

2. Clause 1, page 2, after line 3 insert—

"(iiia) to make further provision in relation to exemptions; and".

NEW CLAUSE

3. Insert the following New Part after Part 4—

'**Part 4A—Amendments relating to approved handgun target shooting clubs**

14A Approved handgun target shooting clubs—reporting requirements

For section 123C(1)(b) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(b) the names of all persons who—

(i) were members of the club at any time during the year; and

(ii) did not comply with the licence condition set out in section 16(3) in respect of that year; and".'.

NEW CLAUSE

4. Insert the following New Part after Part 5—

'**Part 5A—Amendments relating to exemptions**

19A Persons who are exempt from the Part

For section 54(1A)(c) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(c) the person has not received any such instruction on more than 13 other occasions within the last 5 years; and".'.

5. Clause 21, lines 20 to 27, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(a) a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or entitled to that status under Commonwealth law; or

(b) a New Zealand citizen who has a special category visa or is entitled to be granted a special category visa under the Migration Act 1958 of the Commonwealth.".

NEW CLAUSE

6. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 45—

'**45A Regulations**

After section 191(2) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(2A) Regulations that prescribe fees under subsection (1)(g) must not include any amount in respect of the costs associated with the making of an application for a firearms background check.".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

7. Long title, after "categorisation of firearms," insert "to streamline reporting requirements for approved handgun target shooting clubs,".

8. Long title, after "certain offences" insert ", to make further provision for exemptions".

Amendments circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC82C)

1. Clause 1, after line 6 insert—

"(ia) to restrict the number of firearms that a licence holder may possess, carry or use; and".

2. Clause 1, after line 8 insert—

"(iia) to abolish junior licences; and".

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following New Part after Part 2—

'Part 2A—Amendments relating to firearm limits

6A Conditions applying to longarm licences

In section 14(1)(a), (2)(a), (3)(a), (4)(a) and (5)(a) of the Principal Act, for "items 1, 2 and 3" **substitute** "items 1, 2, 3 and 5".

6B Conditions applying to handgun licences

In section 16(1)(a) of the Principal Act, for "items 1, 2 and 3" **substitute** "items 1, 2, 3 and 5".

6C General discretion of Chief Commissioner to refuse a longarm or handgun licence

(1) After section 17(1)(ba) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(bb) if the applicant has not demonstrated a genuine need, supported by formal and verifiable evidence, to possess, carry or use each firearm that the applicant intends to possess, carry or use; or

(bc) if the applicant—

(i) is a natural person; and

(ii) intends to possess, carry or use more than 3 firearms; and

(iii) has not demonstrated a compelling need for each firearm that the applicant intends to possess, carry or use above that limit; or

(bd) if the applicant—

(i) is a natural person; and

(ii) intends to possess, carry or use more than 10 firearms; and

(iii) has not demonstrated an exceptional need for each firearm that the applicant intends to possess, carry or use above that limit; or".

(2) After section 17(1) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(2) In this section—

compelling need means a need connected with any of the following—

(a) primary production;

(b) sport or target shooting;

(c) professional hunting.".

6D Schedule 1 amended

After item 4 of Schedule 1 to the Principal Act **insert**—

"5 The holder of the licence must not possess, carry or use more than the following number of firearms unless otherwise permitted under this Act—

(a) if the holder possesses, carries or uses firearms for the purposes of primary production, sport or target shooting or professional hunting—10 firearms;

(b) if paragraph (a) does not apply—3 firearms.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

4. Insert the following New Part after Part 3—

'Part 3A—Amendments relating to junior licences

10A Definitions

In section 3(1) of the Principal Act, the definitions of ***junior handgun target shooting licence*** and ***junior licence*** are **repealed**.

10B Reasons for applying for a longarm licence, category C

(1) In section 11(1)(a) of Principal Act—

(a) in subparagraph (iv), for "regulations;" **substitute** "regulations; and";

(b) subparagraph (v) is **repealed**.

(2) In section 11(2) of the Principal Act—

(a) in paragraph (d), for "purpose;" **substitute** "purpose.";

(b) paragraph (e) is **repealed**.

10C Issue of handgun licences for general category handguns

(1) In section 15(1) of the Principal Act—

(a) in paragraph (c), for "regulations;" **substitute** "regulations.";

(b) paragraph (d) is **repealed**.

(2) In section 15(2) of the Principal Act—

(a) in paragraph (c), for "purpose;" **substitute** "purpose.";

(b) paragraph (d) is **repealed**.

10D Division 5 of Part 2 repealed

Division 5 of Part 2 of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

10E Offence not to comply with licence conditions

In section 36(4) of the Principal Act, **omit** "a junior licence,".

10F Duration of licences

(1) In section 39(1) of the Principal Act, **omit** "or a junior licence".

(2) Section 39(3) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

10G Section 39A repealed

Section 39A of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

10H Chief Commissioner to notify approved handgun target shooting club or employer of certain events

Section 52AA(2)(d) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

10I Persons who are exempt from the Part

In section 54(1A) of the Principal Act—

(a) in paragraph (a), for "12 years" **substitute** "18 years";

(b) in paragraph (d)—

(i) **omit** "if the person receiving instruction is of or over the age of 18 years,";

(ii) for "section 15(1); and" **substitute** "section 15(1).";

(c) paragraph (e) is **repealed**.

10J Provisional general category handgun licences

For section 58A(2)(c) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(c) unless the applicant is of or over the age of 18 years; or".

10K Approved handgun target shooting clubs—Power to endorse applications for general category handgun licences

In section 123F(1) of the Principal Act, **omit** "or section 18(5)".

10L Schedule 2 amended

In Schedule 2 to the Principal Act, items 2(3) and 4 are **repealed**.

10M Schedule 3 amended

In Schedule 3 to the Principal Act—

(a) item 5B is **repealed**;

(b) in item 6A, for "16 years" **substitute** "18 years".'.

5. Clause 23, omit this clause.

6. Clause 36, omit this clause.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

7. Long title, after "firearm prohibition order scheme," insert "to restrict the number of firearms that a licence holder may possess, carry or use,".

8. Long title, after "categorisation of firearms," insert "to abolish junior licences,".

Amendments circulated by Renee Heath (RH01C)

1. Clause 2, after line 15 insert—

"(3) The Minister must not recommend to the Governor in Council the making of a proclamation in respect of any provision of Part 7 unless—

(a) the Minister is satisfied of the following matters—

(i) that all Commonwealth legislative and regulatory arrangements necessary for the effective operation of the amendments made by that Part are in force;

(ii) that arrangements have been made between the Chief Commissioner of Police and relevant Commonwealth entities for the effective operation of the amendments made by that Part;

(iii) that all information technology systems and administrative processes necessary for the effective operation of the amendments made by that Part have been established;

(iv) that the Chief Commissioner of Police has developed guidance material for the effective administration of the amendments made by that Part; and

(b) the Minister has caused notice of the matters referred to in paragraph (a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) to be published in the Government Gazette or transmitted to each House of the Parliament; and

(c) the Minister has caused notice of the following matters to be published in the Government Gazette—

(i) the estimated initial and ongoing costs associated with the administration of the amendments made by that Part;

(ii) details of any Commonwealth financial contributions provided for the administration of the amendments made by that Part;

(iii) the estimated impact of the amendments made by that Part on fees for applications made under the **Firearms Act 1996**;

(iv) the estimated financial impact of the amendments made by that Part on licence holders under the **Firearms Act 1996**; and

(d) the Minister has caused to be transmitted to each House of the Parliament a statement that sets out the following matters with respect to the amendments made by that Part—

(i) information-sharing arrangements made between the Chief Commissioner of Police and relevant Commonwealth entities;

(ii) privacy protections that apply to information shared between the Chief Commissioner of Police and relevant Commonwealth entities;

(iii) arrangements made between the Chief Commissioner of Police and relevant Commonwealth entities in relation to—

(A) auditing and oversight of information; and

(B) retention and disposal of information; and

(C) management of complaints by affected persons.".

2. Clause 40, lines 14 to 20, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'**40 New sections 46D and 46E inserted**

Before section 47 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**46D Suspension of licence—public safety**

(1) The Chief Commissioner may suspend a licence if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for public safety.

(2) The Chief Commissioner must give written notice of a suspension under subsection (1) to the person whose licence is suspended.

(3) The Chief Commissioner must ensure that a notice under subsection (2)—

(a) invites the person to provide a statement or evidence as to why the licence should not be cancelled; and

(b) specifies that any statement or evidence must be provided to the Chief Commissioner within 28 days after the notice is given.

(4) The Chief Commissioner must consider any statement or evidence provided by the person within the period specified in subsection (3)(b) before cancelling the licence under section 46E.

(5) The Chief Commissioner is not required to comply with subsection (3) or (4) if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that doing so would create an unacceptable risk to public safety.

(6) A suspension under this section remains in force until the Chief Commissioner makes a decision to cancel or not to cancel the licence under section 46E.

(7) A person whose licence is suspended under this section is taken not to be the holder of a licence for the period of the suspension.

46E Cancellation of licence—public safety

(1) The Chief Commissioner may cancel a licence that is suspended under section 46D if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for public safety.

(2) The Chief Commissioner must give written notice of a cancellation under subsection (1) to the person whose licence is cancelled.

(3) A person whose licence is cancelled under subsection (1) may, if the person is a non-prohibited person, apply to the Committee for a review of the decision of the Chief Commissioner to cancel the licence."'.

3. Clause 44, omit this clause.

4. Clause 45, lines 16 to 33 and page 26, lines 1 to 23, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'**45 New sections 76C and 76D inserted**

Before section 77 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**76C Suspension of dealers licence—public safety**

(1) The Chief Commissioner may suspend a dealers licence if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for public safety.

(2) The Chief Commissioner must give written notice of a suspension under subsection (1) to the person whose licence is suspended.

(3) The Chief Commissioner must ensure that a notice under subsection (2)—

(a) invites the person to provide a statement or evidence as to why the licence should not be cancelled; and

(b) specifies that any statement or evidence must be provided to the Chief Commissioner within 28 days after the notice is given.

(4) The Chief Commissioner must consider any statement or evidence provided by the person within the period specified in subsection (3)(b) before cancelling the licence under section 76D.

(5) The Chief Commissioner is not required to comply with subsection (3) or (4) if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that doing so would create an unacceptable risk to public safety.

(6) A suspension under this section remains in force until the Chief Commissioner makes a decision to cancel or not to cancel the licence under section 76D.

(7) A person whose dealers licence is suspended under this section is taken not to be the holder of a dealers licence for the period of the suspension.

76D Cancellation of dealers licence—public safety

(1) The Chief Commissioner may cancel a dealers licence that is suspended under section 76C if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for public safety.

(2) The Chief Commissioner must give written notice of a cancellation under subsection (1) to the person whose licence is cancelled.

(3) A person whose dealers licence is cancelled under subsection (1) may, if the person is a non-prohibited person, apply to the Committee for a review of the decision of the Chief Commissioner to cancel the licence."'.

NEW CLAUSE

5. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 45—

'**45A New section 176AA inserted**

After section 176 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**176AA Service standards for firearms background check applications**

(1) The Chief Commissioner must develop service standards for the making of applications for a firearms background check.

(2) Service standards under subsection (1) must include—

(a) targets for the timely making of applications by the Chief Commissioner; and

(b) procedures for keeping a person who is to be the subject of a firearms background check informed as to the status of any application relating to that person.

(3) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the Chief Commissioner must ensure that notice of the Chief Commissioner's performance against the service standards during that year is published in the Government Gazette."'.

NEW CLAUSE

6. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 46—

'**46A New section 176AB inserted**

Before section 176A of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**176AB Independent review of firearms background check provisions**

(1) The Minister must cause an independent review to be conducted of the amendments made to this Act by Part 7 of the **Firearms Amendment Act 2026**.

(2) The independent review must consider the following matters—

(a) public safety outcomes associated with the amendments;

(b) the effectiveness of the amendments;

(c) the impact of the amendments on processing times for applications for a licence;

(d) the impact of the amendments on the resources of Victoria Police;

(e) initial and ongoing costs associated with the administration of the amendments;

(f) the impact of the amendments on individual privacy;

(g) whether the amendments afford procedural fairness to affected persons;

(h) the overall impact of the amendments on licence holders and applicants for a licence.

(3) The independent review must be conducted as soon as practicable after the second anniversary of the first day on which all the provisions of Part 7 of the **Firearms Amendment Act 2026** are in operation.

(4) The Minister must cause a report of the independent review to be transmitted to each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the review is completed.".'.

Amendments circulated by David Limbrick (DL76C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 4, omit "a citizenship requirement and".

2. Clause 2, line 11, omit "Parts 6 and 7" and insert "Part 7".

3. Clause 2, line 14, omit "Parts 6 and 7 come" and insert "Part 7 comes".

4. Part heading preceding clause 20, omit this heading.

5. Clauses 20 to 32, omit these clauses.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

6. Long title, omit "a citizenship requirement and".

Amendments circulated by David Limbrick (DL77C)

1. Clause 21, after line 24 insert—

"(c) a person referred to in section 93(1)(b)(ii) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918; or".

2. Clause 21, line 25, omit "(c) and insert "(d)".

3. CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Katherine Copsey (KC81C)

1. Clause 1, line 5, after "considerations" insert "and to further provide for persons detained in police gaols".

NEW CLAUSES

2. Insert the following new Clauses to follow clause 5—

'**5AAA Police gaols**

In section 11(3) of the **Corrections Act 1986**—

(a) for "The" **substitute** "Other than in circumstances of extraordinary emergency, the";

(b) for "(if any)" **substitute** "(not exceeding 14 days)".

5AAB General power to authorise transfers of detained persons

After section 104DF(2) of the **Corrections Act 1986 insert**—

"(3) In determining the maximum period for which a person transferred from a police gaol to another police gaol under this section may be held in the police gaol, any period that the person was held in a police gaol prior to the transfer must be included.

Note

See also section 11.

5AAC New section 133 inserted

At the end of Part 11 of the **Corrections Act 1986 insert**—

"**133 Transitional—Corrections Amendment Act 2026**

Section 104DF(3) applies, on and after its commencement, in relation to a detained person whether they became a detained person before, on or after that commencement.".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

3. Long title, after "considerations" insert "and to further provide for persons detained in police gaols".

Amendments circulated by Enver Erdogan (EE19C)

1. Clause 2, page 2, line 1, after "of this Act" insert ", other than sections 5AAA, 5AAB and 5AAC,".

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

"(3) Sections 5AAA, 5AAB and 5AAC come into operation on 8 September 2027.".

3. Clause 6, lines 12 and 13, omit "the first anniversary of the day on which it receives the Royal Assent" and insert "8 September 2028".

Amendments circulated by Rachel Payne (RP24C)

1. Clause 1, line 5, after "considerations" insert ", to provide for a review of the operation of certain amendments to that Act".

2. Clause 4, after line 28 insert—

"(1A) In determining whether a prisoner is to be denied access to the open air, regard must be had to—

(a) any medical, psychiatric or psychological condition of the prisoner that may be adversely affected by the denial of access to the open air; and

(b) in the case of a prisoner who is an Aboriginal person, any issues that arise due to the person's Aboriginality.".

3. Clause 5, line 11, omit "No amount is" and insert "The total maximum cumulative amount".

4. Clause 5, line 19, omit "47(1)(a)." and insert "47(1)(a)—".

5. Clause 5, after line 19 insert—

"must not exceed $1 000 000.".

NEW CLAUSE

6. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 5—

'**5AA New section 111AB inserted**

After section 111A of the **Corrections Act 1986 insert**—

"**111AB Review of certain amendments**

(1) The Minister must cause a review to be conducted of the operation of the amendments made to this Act by the **Corrections Amendment Act 2026** (other than section 5A of that Act).

(2) The review must be commenced no later than 3 years after the day after the day on which the **Corrections Amendment Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent.

(3) The review must be completed no later than 6 months after it commences.

(4) The Minister must cause a report of the review to be laid before each House of the Parliament no later than 14 sitting days after receiving it.".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

7. Long title, after "considerations" insert ", to provide for a review of the operation of certain amendments to that Act".

4. CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB37C)

1. Clause 115, line 5, omit "In" and insert "(1) In".

2. Clause 115, after line 27 insert—

"(2) In section 3 of the **Tobacco Act 1987**, in the definition of ***reviewable decision***, after paragraph (l) **insert**—

"(m) issue a written notice under section 36V;

(n) issue a written notice under section 36W;".

3. Clause 116, line 33, omit 'offence.".' and insert "offence.".

4. Clause 116, after line 33 insert—

"(5) A landlord does not commit an offence against—

(a) subsection (1), if the landlord takes reasonable steps to stop the other person having illicit tobacco in the other person's possession or under the other person's control at the premises; or

(b) subsection (2), if the landlord takes reasonable steps to stop the other person using the premises to sell or otherwise supply illicit tobacco.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (5), taking reasonable steps includes—

(a) requesting the other person to stop having illicit tobacco in the other person's possession or under the other person's control at the premises or to stop using the premises to sell or otherwise supply illicit tobacco (as the case may be); or

(b) reporting the possession or control, or sale, of illicit tobacco to the Regulator or to Victoria Police; or

(c) pursuing the lawful termination of the commercial lease; or

(d) if permitted under the commercial lease, preventing re-entry to the property.".

5. Clause 120, page 123, lines 4 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(3) The Regulator or the Chief Commissioner of Police must—

(a) give a person notice or an opportunity to be heard before issuing a short-term closure notice; and

(b) advise the person that the decision to issue the notice is a reviewable decision under this Act.".

6. Clause 120, page 125, lines 9 to 13, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(2) The Regulator or the Chief Commissioner of Police must—

(a) give a person notice or an opportunity to be heard before issuing a short-term closure notice; and

(b) advise the person that the decision to issue the notice is a reviewable decision under this Act.".

7. Clause 120, page 134, line 22, after "the landlord" insert ", having regard to the safety of persons entering the property,".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB38C)

1. Clause 1, page 5, lines 10 to 15, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Division heading preceding clause 131, omit this heading.
3. Clause 131, omit this clause.
4. Clause 132, omit this clause.
5. Clause 133, omit this clause.
6. Clause 134, omit this clause.
7. Clause 135, omit this clause.
8. Clause 136, omit this clause.
9. Clause 137, omit this clause.
10. Clause 138, omit this clause.
11. Clause 139, omit this clause.
12. Clause 140, omit this clause.
13. Clause 141, omit this clause.
14. Clause 142, omit this clause.
15. Clause 143, omit this clause.
16. Clause 144, omit this clause.
17. Clause 145, omit this clause.
18. Clause 146, omit this clause.
19. Clause 147, omit this clause.
20. Clause 148, omit this clause.
21. Clause 149, omit this clause.

22. Clause 150, omit this clause.

23. Clause 151, omit this clause.

24. Clause 152, omit this clause.

25. Clause 153, omit this clause.

26. Clause 154, omit this clause.

27. Clause 155, omit this clause.

28. Clause 156, omit this clause.

29. Clause 157, omit this clause.

30. Clause 158, omit this clause.

31. Clause 159, omit this clause.

32. Clause 160, omit this clause.

33. Division heading preceding clause 161, omit this heading.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

34. Long title, omit "administration of the".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB39C)

1. Clause 62, line 22, omit "equal to the higher" and insert "one".

2. Clause 62, line 28, omit 'Division.".' and insert "Division.".

3. Clause 62, after line 28 insert—

"(1A) Before recommending to the Governor in Council that regulations are made that prescribe a rate referred to in subsection (1)(a)(ii), the Minister must—

(a) consult with representatives of—

(i) a group or organisation that represents the interests of residents; and

(ii) a group or organisation that represents interests in relation to industry or parks; and

(b) require the preparation and publication of a regulatory impact assessment in relation to the rate to be prescribed.

(1B) The requirements set out in subsection (1A) are in addition to, and do not derogate from, the requirements and operation of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** in relation to statutory rules.

(1C) The Minister must cause a review of the operation of any regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(ii) to be commenced after the second anniversary of the day on which the regulations are made.

(1D) The review must be completed no later than 3 months after the review commences.

(1E) The Minister must cause a copy of the review to be laid before each House of the Parliament no later than 14 sitting days after receiving it.".

4. Clause 63, page 76, after line 12 insert—

"(2A) Rent under a site agreement must not be increased unless—

(a) the increase is proportionate to the reason for the proposed rent increase specified under subsection (3); and

(b) the increase is payable for a period that is no longer than—

(i) the period required to recover any expense or cost incurred for that reason; and

(ii) a period of 12 months; and

(c) if the increase is greater than the prescribed amount, the Director has verified that the increase is proportionate for the purposes of paragraph (a).

(2B) If rent under a site agreement is increased under subsection (1) and the amount recovered by the site owner from the increase exceeds the amount of any expense or cost incurred because of the reason for the increase, the site owner must pay the excess amount to each site tenant—

(a) that has paid the increased rent; and

(b) is a site tenant at the end of the period of the increased rent; and

(c) in proportion to the rent paid by each tenant; and

(d) using the same payment method used by the tenant to pay rent.".

5. Clause 63, page 80, after line 15 insert—

"(4) Despite subsection (1), a site owner may apply to the Tribunal before the end of the proposal period for an order requiring one or more, or all of the, site tenants in a Part 4A park to pay a special rent increase specified in a proposal notice if the site owner proposes the rent increase to fund the payment of urgent expenses incurred by the site owner to operate the Part 4A park.".

6. Clause 63, page 80, line 17, "omit "206SH," and insert "206SH(1),".

7. Clause 63, page 80, line 32, omit "(1)" and insert "(1)(a)".

8. Clause 63, page 81, line 1, omit "(1)" and insert "(1)(a)".

9. Clause 63, page 81, line 6, "omit "206SH," and insert "206SH(1),".

10. Clause 63, page 81, after line 24 insert—

"(ca) any amount received or reasonably expected to be received by the site owner by way of insurance, grant, warranty, compensation or other third-party recovery in respect of an expense, repair or improvement that is a subject of the application; and

(cb) the extent to which money reserved or allocated for a specific expense, repair or improvement that is a subject of the application is reasonably available to meet the cost; and

(cc) any reasonably available alternative to a proposed expense, repair or improvement that is a subject of the application, including an alternative scope, time or source of funding, and its comparative cost and effectiveness; and

(cd) any benefit received by each site tenant as a consequence of the reason for the special rent increase; and

(ce) whether any site tenant will experience hardship as a result of the special rent increase and, if so, the nature and extent of that hardship; and

(cf) the likely effect of approving, varying or refusing the special rent increase on the site owner's financial capacity to continue to—

(i) lawfully operate the Part 4A park; and the provision of essential facilities and services; and

(ii) maintain essential services and common facilities; and

(iii) meet immediate safety and compliance obligations; and

(iv) avoid the park falling into serious disrepair.".

11. Clause 63, page 81, after line 25 insert—

"(4A) An amount referred to in subsection (4)(cb) does not include—

(a) the site owner’s general working capital; and

(b) amounts reserved for unrelated purposes; and

(c) amounts legally or contractually required for another purpose.".

12. Clause 63, page 82, line 17, omit 'matter.".' and insert "matter.".

13. Clause 63, page 82, after line 17 insert—

"(6) If an order is made under section 206SIA(1)(a), and the amount of special rent increase specified in that order exceeds the amount of special rent increase to be specified in an order to be made under subsection (1)(a), an order under subsection (1)(a) must require the site owner to refund each site tenant who paid the excess amount of special rent increase within the period specified in the order.

206SIA Tribunal orders—special rent increases—interim orders

(1) On an application under section 206SH(4), the Tribunal may—

(a) make an order—

(i) requiring all site tenants to whom the proposal notice was given to pay the site owner the amount of special rent increase specified in the proposal notice or a varied amount; or

(ii) requiring site tenants to whom the proposal notice was given to pay an amount of special rent increase that varies according to site tenant or class of site tenant; or

(b) dismiss the application.

(2) An order under subsection (1)(a) must specify the date from which the rent is increased under a site agreement.

(3) An order under subsection (1)(a) must not require site tenants to pay an amount of special rent increase that—

(a) exceeds the cost of the urgent expenses; or

(b) is subject to the CPI percentage rate (within the meaning of section 206SA(6)) from time to time.

(4) An order under subsection (1)(a) must not be made unless the Tribunal is satisfied that the special rent increase is urgently required to—

(a) prevent or address a serious risk to health or safety of any person; or

(b) restore or maintain an essential service; or

(c) undertake urgent repairs arising from a natural disaster, malicious damage or comparable event; or

(d) comply with an Act, law or a regulatory requirement.

(5) The term of an order under subsection (1)(a) ends on the earlier of—

(a) the making of an order under section 206SI(1)(a); or

(b) the withdrawal or dismissal of an application under section 206SH(1); or

(c) another date specified in the order.

(6) In determining an application under section 206SH(4), the Tribunal must have regard to—

(a) whether the proposed expenditure is for a reason referred to in section 206SC(3); and

(b) whether the expenses are necessary and genuinely urgent; and

(c) whether waiting for an order under section 206SI(1)(a) would give rise to a material risk relating to safety, service provision or regulatory compliance; and

(d) whether the expense is supported by quotes, invoices or equivalent evidence; and

(e) whether any other available source of funds have been taken into account; and

(f) whether the amount and allocation between site tenants are reasonable and equitable.".

14. Clause 65, line 31, before "as" insert "subject to subsection (1A),".

15. Clause 65, page 83, after line 13 insert—

"(1A) The percentage of the purchase price referred to in subsection (1)(a) must not exceed—

(a) 4% for each year during which the site tenant occupies the Part 4A site, calculated on a pro rata basis for any incomplete year; and

(b) in aggregate, 20% over the total period of the site tenant's occupation.

(1B) A site owner must not require or receive payment more than once in respect of the same fee, cost, service or liability, whether as part of a deferred management charge or under another description.

Penalty: 60 penalty units for a natural person;

Penalty: 300 penalty units for a body corporate.".

16. Clause 67, page 89, after line 16 insert—

"(3) Before preparing a draft Code of Practice in accordance with subsection (1), the Minister must consult with persons or bodies who represent the interests of—

(a) site tenants of Part 4A parks; and

(b) site owners; and

(c) Part 4A park operators.

(4) The requirement set out in subsection (3) is in addition to, and does not derogate from, the requirement and operation of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** in relation to statutory rules.".

17. Clause 67, page 94, lines 22 to 25, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"containing—

(a) a reasonable estimate of the balance of a site tenant's liabilities and entitlements—

(i) at one, 5, 10, 15 and 20 years after the day on which the site agreement is entered into; and

(ii) on the day on which the site tenant's Part 4A dwelling on the Part 4A site is sold; and

(b) the maximum amount of the site tenant's liabilities and entitlements that would be payable on the sale of the site tenant's Part 4A dwelling on the Part 4A site; and

(c) an additional reasonable estimate of the balance of the site tenant's liabilities and entitlements on the day on which the site tenant's Part 4A dwelling on the Part 4A site is sold that does not include the deferred management charge; and

(d) the deferred management charge expressed as a dollar amount.".

18. Clause 67, page 94, line 26, omit "The" and insert "An".

19. Clause 74, lines 21 and 22, omit "206SH and 206SI" and insert "206SH, 206SI and 206SIA".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB40C)

1. Clause 58, line 13, after "additional" insert "or a replacement".

2. Clause 58, line 14, omit "device," and insert "device to access to rented premises,".

2. Clause 58, line 19, after "additional" insert "or replacement".

4. Clause 58, line 20, omit "to the renter." and insert "to access rented premises to the renter; and".

5. Clause 58, after line 20 insert—

"(c) if the request is made by a renter whose rented premises are at risk of unauthorised access or who advises the residential rental provider that the renter is at risk of family violence or personal violence, must—

(i) give the renter the additional or replacement key or security device within 24 hours after the request is made; or

(ii) if giving the renter the additional or replacement key or security device within 24 hours after the request is made is not reasonably practicable because of circumstances beyond the residential rental provider's control, take all reasonable steps within that period to provide the renter with secure access and give the key or security device as soon as practicable.".

6. Clause 58, line 23, after "additional" insert "or replacement".

7. Clause 58, line 24, omit "device;" and insert "device to access rented premises;".

8. Clause 58, line 26, after "additional" insert "or replacement".

9. Clause 58, line 27, omit "device." and insert "device to access rented premises.".

10. Clause 58, after line 27 insert—

"(3A) Despite subsection (2)(b), if the request is made by a renter who advises the residential rental provider that the renter is at risk of family violence or personal violence , the residential rental provider must not charge the renter a fee for giving the additional key or security device.

(3B) A renter may request that the residential rental provider disable a key or security device if the key or security device—

(a) is lost or stolen; or

(b) is copied, disclosed or otherwise compromised; or

(c) presents a security risk.

(3C) On receiving a request under subsection (3B), the residential rental provider must—

(a) disable the key or security device as soon as practicable after receiving the request; and

(b) ensure that disabling the key or security device does not prevent another renter from accessing the rented premises; and

(c) give the requesting renter a replacement means of access.

(3D) If a request under subsection (3B) relates to family violence or personal violence, the residential rental provider must disable the key or security device without delay.".

11. Clause 58, lines 28 to 33 and page 71, lines 1 and 2, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(4) After a residential rental agreement ends, or is terminated, a renter must—

(a) return all keys and security devices provided by the residential rental provider and in the renter's possession or control; and

(b) cease using, and where reasonably practicable delete, any digital credential or mobile application provided to the renter for the purposes of providing the renter with access to the rented premises.

(5) After a residential rental agreement ends, or is terminated, a residential rental provider must—

(a) disable each electronic or digital key or security device provided in connection with the agreement; and

(b) if possible, disable any unreturned key or security device; and

(c) if an unreturned key or security device gives rise to a reasonable risk of unauthorised access to the rented premises, take reasonable steps to secure the premises.

(6) In this section—

key or security device includes any of the following—

(a) a key, fob, remote control or access card; and

(b) an access code, password, personal identification number or digital credential; and

(c) a mobile application, or access authority within a mobile application, used to unlock or obtain access to rented premises; and

(d) any other physical or electronic thing used to unlock or obtain access to rented premises.".'.

12. Clause 59, page 72, after line 11 insert—

"(ba) the key or security device is disabled under section 54A(3C);".

13. Clause 59, page 72, line 17, omit '(1A)).".' and insert "(1A)).".

14. Clause 59, page 72, after line 17 insert—

'(4) In this section—

key or security device includes any of the following—

(a) a key, fob, remote control or access card; and

(b) an access code, password, personal identification number or digital credential; and

(c) a mobile application, or access authority within a mobile application, used to unlock or obtain access to rented premises; and

(d) any other physical or electronic thing used to unlock or obtain access to rented premises.".'.

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB41C)

1. Clause 22, page 27, lines 5 to 8, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

2. Clause 25, page 31, lines 4 to 16, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

3. Clause 25, page 33, line 5, omit "units." and insert 'units.".'.

4. Clause 25, page 33, lines 6 to 15, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

5. Clause 26, omit this clause.

6. Clause 27, omit this clause.

7. Clause 28, lines 4 and 5, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

8. Clause 28, lines 9 to 11, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

9. Clause 29, omit this clause.

10. Clause 30, line 24, omit "47AK or".

11. Clause 31, lines 15 to 19, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

12. Clause 31, line 20, omit "Sections 47AF and 47C" and insert "Section 47AF".

13. Clause 31, line 27, omit "2026." and insert '2026.".'.

14. Clause 31, lines 28 to 32 and page 45, lines 1 to 9, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB43C)

1. Clause 167, page 169, after line 4 insert—

"(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1), a motor car trader takes reasonable steps if the motor car trader—

(a) uses prescribed information or information belonging to a prescribed class of information to verify the odometer reading; and

(b) makes a record of the verification that includes the prescribed particulars; and

(c) makes the record available for inspection for the prescribed period.".

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 176—

'**176A New section 89B inserted**

After section 89A of the **Motor Car Traders Act 1986 insert**—

"**89B Review of operation of amendments made by Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026**

(1) The Minister must cause a review to be conducted of the operation of the amendments made by the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026**.

(2) The review must be commenced no later than 2 years after the commencement of section 177A of the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026**.

(3) The review must be completed no later than 6 months after the review commences.

(4) The Minister must cause a copy of the review to be laid before each House of the Parliament no later than 14 sitting days after receiving it.".'.

NEW CLAUSE

3. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 177—

'**177A New section 91 inserted**

After section 90 of the **Motor Car Traders Act 1986 insert**—

"**91 Minister's obligations for certain regulations**

(1) Before recommending to the Governor in Council the making of a regulation specified in subsection (3), the Minister must—

(a) consult with representatives of—

(i) at least 3 consumer interest groups; and

(ii) a road safety interest group; and

(iii) the motor car trading industry; and

(b) publish any non-confidential submissions made as part of those consultations; and

(c) undertake an actuarial assessment of the operation of the proposed regulation on the Fund; and

(d) cause a copy of the assessment to be tabled in each House of the Parliament.

(2) When a regulation specified in subsection (3) is made, any non-confidential submissions made to the Minister under subsection (1) and a copy of the actuarial assessment undertaken under that subsection must be given to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee of the Parliament, as if those documents were included in the list of documents in section 15A(1) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, within the period set out in section 15A(2) of that Act.

(3) The following regulations are specified—

(a) a regulation for the purposes of section 54(2B);

(b) a regulation prescribing a method for calculating the prescribed warranty period for the purposes of section 54(2B);

(c) a regulation for the purposes of section 76(1)(i).

(4) The requirements set out in subsection (1) are in addition to, and do not derogate from, the requirements and operation of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** in relation to statutory rules.".'.

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB44C)

1. Clause 1, page 4, after line 28 insert—

"(iv) to provide the circumstances in which a purchaser may rescind a contract for the sale of land after receiving a section 32 statement; and".

2. Clause 109, lines 19 to 24, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(a) if the land is publicly advertised for sale other than by auction or a fixed-date sale, the later of—

(i) the day the sale is first publicly advertised; or

(ii) the day that is—

(A) a prescribed number of days after the land is first publicly advertised for sale; and

(B) is no more than 3 business days after the day the sale is first publicly advertised; or

(b) if the land is publicly advertised for sale by auction or a fixed-date sale—the day that is 7 days before the auction date or fixed date; or

(c) if the land is not publicly advertised for sale—before the purchaser signs the contract for the sale of land;".

3. Clause 111, line 14, before "In" insert "(1)".

4. Clause 111, after line 19 insert—

"(2) If there is a material change to information in a section 32 statement made available to a purchaser that would be likely to adversely affect the purchaser's interests under the contract for the sale of land, the vendor must notify the purchaser in writing of the change as soon as reasonably practicable after the change.".

NEW CLAUSE

5. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 112—

'112A Other circumstance where purchaser may rescind contract of sale

(1) In the heading to section 32M of the **Sale of Land Act 1962**, for "**circumstance**" **substitute** "**circumstances**".

(2) At the end of section 32M of the **Sale of Land Act 1962 insert**—

"(2) If the sale of land is not publicly advertised or is publicly advertised but not sold by auction, a purchaser who is given a section 32 statement may rescind the contract for the sale of the land if—

(a) the purchaser did not obtain any independent advice from an Australian legal practitioner or conveyancer in relation to the section 32 statement; or

(b) the purchaser did not sign a prescribed waiver after the prescribed period (if any) in relation to the section 32 statement.".'.

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB45C)

1. Clause 1, page 4, lines 25 to 28, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

2. Clause 105, lines 11 to 20, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

3. Clause 106, omit this clause.

4. Clause 107, omit this clause.

5. Clause 108, omit this clause.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

6. Long title, omit "and deposit moneys".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB46C)

1. Clause 19, page 22, after line 28 insert—

"(2A) An estate agent or agent's representative does not commit an offence against subsection (1) if—

(a) the failure to disclose the property sale information within the period referred to in subsection (1)(b)—

(i) is caused by a technological or systems failure; or

(ii) is because the information is not available to the agent or representative; or

(iii) is caused by another circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the agent or representative; and

(b) the agent or representative takes reasonable steps to comply with subsection (1) as soon as practicable after the sale of the property; and

(c) if the information is available during the period referred to in subsection (1)(b), the information is disclosed within 5 business days after the end of that period; and

(d) if the information is not available during the period referred to in subsection (1)(b)—

(i) unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so, the agent or representative notifies the Director of that fact within that period; and

(ii) the estate agent or agent's representative discloses the information to the Director within 5 business days after the information becomes available to the agent or representative; and

(e) the information is disclosed in the form approved by the Director.".

2. Clause 19, page 24, after line 26 insert—

"**47AOA Estate agent or representative not to disclose property sale information that is false or misleading**

An estate agent or agent's representative must not disclose property sale information to the Director if the agent or representative knows, or is reckless as to whether the information is—

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

(b) false or misleading because of the omission of a material particular.

Penalty: 240 penalty units.".

3. Clause 19, page 25, line 3, omit 'property."'. and insert "property.".

4. Clause 19, page 25, after line 3, insert—

'47APA Request to limit publication of property sale information

(1) Subject to subsection (2), any of the following persons may make a written request to the Director that the Director refrain from or cease publishing all or part of property sale information specified in the request—

(a) a seller;

(b) a purchaser;

(c) a person whose safety would likely be affected by the publication;

(d) a person whose personal information would likely be included in the publication;

(e) an estate agent or agent's representative acting on behalf of a person referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).

(2) A request may be made only if—

(a) the person is experiencing family violence or personal violence; or

(b) there is a serious risk to the safety or security of the person; or

(c) the publication involves publication of the person's address that is—

(i) protected under an Act or law; or

(ii) confidential; or

(d) there are witness protection, law enforcement or security-related circumstances involving the person; or

(e) the publication of the property sale information would contravene this Act or any other Act or law; or

(f) prescribed circumstances exist in relation to the person.

(3) The Director must not publish property sale information that is the subject of a request before deciding the request.

(4) The Director—

(a) may request additional information relating to the request; or

(b) if the Director is satisfied that a ground referred to in subsection (2) exists, the Director must—

(i) approve the request in whole or in part; or

(ii) refuse the request.

(5) The Director must make a decision under subsection (4) within 5 business days after—

(a) the request is made; or

(b) additional information relating to the request is received by the Director.

(6) Despite subsection (5), on a request made by a person who is experiencing family violence or personal violence, the Director must make a decision under subsection (4) without delay after the request is made.

(7) If the Director approves a request, the Director must not publish the property sale information that is the subject of the approval.

47APB Notice and reasons for decision on request

(1) The Director—

(a) must notify a person who makes a request under section 47APA of the Director's decision; and

(b) if the Director refuses a request or approves only part of a request, the Director must give written reasons for the Director's decision.

(2) Written reasons must not include personal information that is likely to give rise to a risk to the safety or security of any person.

47APC Review of Director's decision on request to limit publication of property sale information

(1) A person may apply to the Tribunal for review of a decision made under section 47APA.

(2) An application for review must be made within 28 days after the decision is made.

47APD Record of property sale information to be kept and made available on request

(1) The Director must keep a record of all property sale information disclosed to the Director under section 47AN.

(2) If the Director becomes aware that published property sale information may be inaccurate, the Director must take reasonable steps to determine whether the information is inaccurate.

(3) If the Director is satisfied on reasonable grounds that published property sale information is inaccurate, the Director must correct the information within 2 business days after becoming so satisfied.

(4) The record—

(a) must be in writing; and

(b) must include—

(i) the information disclosed; and

(ii) the identity and capacity of the person who disclosed it; and

(iii) the date on which the information is disclosed; and

(iv) the source of the information; and

(v) the date and extent of publication; and

(vi) any request made under section 47APA; and

(vii) the details of any notification received by the Director that the information may be inaccurate and the evidence for it; and

(viii) the details and date of any correction made to the information; and

(iv) the original information.

(5) For the purposes of an audit, or for monitoring compliance with this Part, the Director must make a record kept under this section available on request for inspection by—

(a) the Minister; or

(b) the Auditor-General; or

(c) the Ombudsman; or

(d) a prescribed oversight body or authorised auditor.

47APE Reports

(1) The Director, within 3 months after the end of each financial year, must prepare a report for the Minister on the operation of this Part.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the report must specify—

(a) the volume of property sale information disclosed to the Director under section 47AN in the financial year to which the report relates; and

(b) the volume of property sale information disclosed to the Director after the period specified in section 47AN(1)(b); and

(c) the number of requests made under section 47APA; and

(d) the number of requests that are approved under section 47APA; and

(e) the number of requests that are refused under section 47APA; and

(f) the number of requests that are approved in part under section 47APA; and

(g) the number of applications made under section 47APC and information about the outcomes of those applications; and

(h) the number of corrections made to a record kept under section 47APD including the average time required to consider the evidence relating to the information."."

NEW CLAUSE

5. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 19—

'**19A Offence to give false or misleading information**

At the foot of section 70V of the **Estate Agents Act 1980 insert**—

"**Note**

See also section 47AOA."."

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB47C)

1. Clause 40, line 9, after "charge" insert "due and".

2. Clause 40, line 11, after "charge" insert "due and".

3. Clause 40, after line 28 insert—

"(1A) Before deciding to accept or refuse a request under subsection (1), the specified owners corporation must take into account the following—

(a) any hardship experienced by the lot owner;

(b) the lot owner's capacity to pay the fees and charges the subject of the request;

(c) any other arrangements the lot owner may make to repay the fees and charges;

(d) the costs of insurance, safety, utilities expenses and solvency requirements of the specified owners corporation.".

4. Clause 40, page 53, after line 11 insert—

"**32FA Contents of payment plan**

A payment plan must set out the following details—

(a) the total amount of fees or charges the subject of the payment plan;

(b) the amount of any instalments for repayment of the fees or charges;

(c) any interest payable on the fees or charges;

(d) the consequences of complying with the payment plan, including a lot owner's entitlement to vote and the effect of section 32HA;

(e) the consequences of failing to comply with the terms of the payment plan.".

5. Clause 40, page 53, line 13, before "A specified" insert "(1)".

6. Clause 40, page 53, after line 16 insert—

"(2) In addition, an owners corporation may vary the terms of a payment plan for urgent repayment of the fees and charges subject to the payment plan in emergency circumstances, without the written agreement of the lot owner who is subject to the payment plan.

(3) An owners corporation must give written notice of a variation under subsection (2) to the lot owner who is subject to the payment plan within 28 days after the variation.".

7. Clause 40, page 53, after line 28 insert—

"**32HA Owners corporation committee may review payment plans**

An owners corporation committee of a specified owners corporation may review a payment plan entered into by the specified owners corporation at a meeting of the committee.

32HB Owners corporation must not recover debt if lot owner complying with terms of payment plan

If a specified owners corporation has entered a payment plan with a lot owner and the lot owner is complying with the terms of the payment plan, the specified owners corporation must not recover any amount owed under the payment plan including by employing or contracting a person who provides debt collection services.".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB51C)

1. Clause 162, after line 28 insert—

"**29EA Decision to review licence—specified Tribunal order**

(1) The Authority may review a licence after a specified Tribunal order is made in relation to the licensee.

(2) In deciding whether to review a licence under subsection (1), the Authority must consider—

(a) the amount the licensee has been ordered to pay under the specified Tribunal order; and

(b) whether the licensee has made, or will make, prompt payment of the amount ordered to be paid under the specified Tribunal order; and

(c) the conduct of the licensee in relation to which the specified Tribunal order was made; and

(d) the reasons for the licensee's conduct; and

(e) the risk posed to consumers by the licensee's conduct; and

(f) whether the licensee has previously been subject to a specified Tribunal order.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the Authority must review a licence under subsection (1) if—

(a) the conduct of the licensee in relation to which the specified Tribunal order was made was—

(i) fraudulent; or

(ii) dishonest; or

(iii) a deliberate contravention of this Act or any other law; or

(b) the licensee has been subject to 3 or more specified Tribunal orders within the preceding 5 years.

(4) If the Authority intends to review under subsection (1), the Authority must give written notice of its intention to do so to the licensee as soon as practicable after deciding to review the licence.

(5) A notice under subsection (4) must set out—

(a) the reasons for the Authority's decision to review the licence; and

(b) the licensee's right to seek review of the decision.".

2. Clause 162, lines 31 to 33, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

3. Clause 163, line 5, before "29J" insert "29EA,".

Amendments circulated by Melina Bath (MB57C)

1. Clause 1, page 4, after line 28 insert—

"(iv) in relation to the conduct of public auctions by auctioneers; and".

2. Clause 22, page 26, line 3, after "sets a" insert "publicly advertised".

3. Clause 22, page 27, line 8, omit "47AG(3);" and insert "47AG(3) or (3A);".

4. Clause 26, lines 13 to 23, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(a) a statement by the estate agent or agent's representative of the requirement that the seller's reserve price for the residential property is expressed—

(i) as either—

(A) a single dollar amount; or

(B) a price range of dollar amounts in which the higher price is not more than 10% of the lower price in the range; and

(ii) without being described with additional words or symbols; and".

5. Clause 26, lines 26 to 31, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(i) providing the reserve price to the agent or agent's representative with signed confirmation of that price; or

(ii) requesting from the estate agent or agent's representative—

(A) a proposed reserve price; and

(B) the reasons for the proposed reserve price.".

6. Clause 26, page 35, lines 4 to 14, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(a) propose the reserve price with signed confirmation of that price; or

(b) request from the estate agent or agent's representative—

(A) a proposed reserve price; and

(B) the reasons for the proposed reserve price.".

7. Clause 26, page 35, after line 14 insert—

"(3A) If a seller makes a request under subsection (3)(b), the agent or representative must give a written statement to the seller of the proposed reserve price and the reasons for the proposed reserve price.

(3B) If a seller has been given a statement under subsection (3A), the seller, in written response to a request under subsection (1), may—

(a) accept the proposed reserve price with signed confirmation of that acceptance; or

(b) reject the proposed reserve price and—

(i) specify another reserve price with signed confirmation of that price; or

(ii) request another proposed reserve price is given to the seller in writing by the estate agent or agent's representative.".

8. Clause 26, page 35, lines 16 and 17, omit "(1) or a response under subsection (3)" and insert "(1), a statement under subsection (3A) or a response under subsection (3) or (3B)".

9. Clause 26, page 35, lines 18 and 19, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(a) be expressed—

(i) as either—

(A) a single dollar amount; or

(B) a price range of dollar amounts in which the higher price is not more than 10% of the lower price in the range; and".

10. Clause 26, page 35, after line 23 insert—

"(5) A seller must not specify a reserve price under subsection (3) or (3B) that is less than—

(a) a rejected offer to purchase the residential property; or

(b) an estimated selling price given to the seller under section 47A.".

11. Clause 26, page 36, line 1, before "seller's" insert "latest".

12. Clause 26, page 36, after line 12 insert—

"(1A) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1) if, during the period referred to in that subsection, the seller's reserve price decreases.".

13. Clause 26, page 36, lines 15 and 16, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(a) be expressed—

(i) as either—

(A) a single dollar amount; or

(B) a price range of dollar amounts in which the higher price is not more than 10% of the lower price in the range; and".

NEW CLAUSE

14. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 112—

'**112A New sections 42A to 42C inserted**

After section 42 of the **Sale of Land Act 1962 insert**—

"**42A Auctioneer to disclose final seller's reserve price at auction**

The auctioneer of land at a public auction must disclose the final seller's reserve price at the beginning of a public auction.

42B Auctioneer to announce when bids at seller's reserve price

The auctioneer of land at a public auction must announce when the first bid (if any) is equal to or more than the seller's reserve price.

42C Auctioneer to declare pre-auction offers at public auction

Any auctioneer of land at a public auction must declare the amount of any offer made to the vendor of the land before the auction.".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

15. Long title, after "deposit moneys" insert "and the conduct of public auctions".

Amendments circulated by Aiv Puglielli (AP84C)

1. Clause 1, page 3, after line 18 insert—

"(iii) in relation to proxy voting; and".

2. Clause 32, after line 11 insert—

'(1A) For section 18(2) of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006 substitute**—

"(2) If a matter may be resolved by an order of a court or tribunal for payment of an amount or relief that is no more than twice the total amount of the current annual fees set by an owners corporation under section 23, and the owners corporation is authorised to do so by ordinary resolution, the owners corporation may commence any proceeding in a court or tribunal that has jurisdiction to make an order of that nature.".'.

3. Clause 32, line 19, omit "any of the following courts or" and insert 'a court or tribunal that has jurisdiction to make an order of that nature.".'.

4. Clause 32, lines 20 to 30, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

NEW CLAUSE

5. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 43—

'**43A Restriction on number of lot owners on behalf of whom a proxy may vote on a resolution**

For section 89D(1) of the **Owners Corporations Act 2006 substitute**—

"(1) A person must not vote as a proxy on a resolution at a meeting of the owners corporation on behalf of more than one lot owner.".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

6. Long title, omit "plans and proceedings," and insert "plans, proceedings and proxy voting,".

Amendments circulated by Ingrid Stitt (IS34C)

1. Clause 2, line 16, omit "(5)" and insert "(5), (5A)".

2. Clause 2, line 24, omit "7" and insert "7, sections 106, 107 and 108".

3. Clause 2, after line 26 insert—

"(5A) If sections 106, 107 and 108 do not come into operation before 1 July 2027, those sections come into operation on that day.".

4. Clause 61, page 74, lines 3 and 4, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

5. Clause 61, page 74, line 12, omit all words and expressions on that line.

6. Clause 62, page 75, after line 15 insert—

'"(5A) A rent increase in contravention of this section is invalid.'.

7. Clause 62, page 75, line 16 omit '"(6)' and insert "(6)".

8. Clause 63, page 76, lines 8 to 12, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

9. Clause 63, page 76, after line 30 insert—

"(ab) state that the site owner intends to apply to the Tribunal at least 14 days after the day on which the notice is given for an order requiring payment of the special rent increase specified in the notice by the site tenants given the notice; and".

10. Clause 63, page 77, lines 13 to 31, page 78, lines 1 to 32 and page 79, lines 1 to 22, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

11. Clause 63, page 79, lines 28 to 30, omit "notice if, within the proposal period, there is a circumstance specified in subsection (2)." and insert "notice.".

12. Clause 63, page 80, lines 1 to 15, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(2) An application under subsection (1) must not be made until at least 14 days after the proposal notice is given to each site tenant proposed to be subject to the special rent increase in accordance with section 206SD.".

13. Clause 63, page 80, line 32, omit "(1)" and insert "(1)(a)".

14. Clause 63, page 80, after line 34 insert—

"(2A) An order under subsection (1)(a) may be subject to one or more of the following conditions specified in the order—

(a) payment of the amount of special rent increase is for a period specified in the order;

(b) a site tenant is required to pay a reduced amount of rent specified in the order beginning on the day after the period of special rent increase.".

15. Clause 63, page 81, line 1, omit "(1)" and insert "(1)(a)".

16. Clause 63, page 81, after line 24 insert—

"(ca) any reason for a reduced amount of rent to be payable by a site tenant after a period of special rent increase, including the completion of a repair or improvement to a facility or service available within the Part 4A park; and".

17. Clause 65, page 83, line 32, omit 'corporate.".' and insert "corporate.".

18. Clause 65, page 83, after line 32 insert—

'(3) A site owner must not require a site tenant to pay a deferred management charge that is more than the lesser of the following amounts—

(a) 20% of the purchase price paid by the site tenant for the Part 4A dwelling on the Part 4A site under the site agreement;

(b) a prescribed percentage (if any) of the purchase price paid by the site tenant for that Part 4A dwelling.

Penalty: 60 penalty units for a natural person;

300 penalty units for a body corporate.".'.

NEW CLAUSE

19. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 65—

'**65A Section 206ZV amended**

(1) In the heading to section 206ZV of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**, after "**clean**" **insert** "**, safe and in good repair**".

(2) In section 206ZV(1) of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**, for "clean and in a safe condition." **substitute**—

"in a condition that meets each of the following standards—

(a) clean;

(b) safe;

(c) in good repair.".'.

20. Clause 73, line 17, omit "206SB" and insert '206SB";'.

21. Clause 73, line 18, omit—

'78B Section 206SF";'.

22. Clause 73, line 21, omit '206ZCA(2)";' and insert "206ZCA(2)".

23. Clause 73, after line 21 insert—

'85C Section 206ZCA(3)";'.

24. Clause 74, line 21, omit "206SE, 206SF, 206SG,".

25. Clause 107, line 20, omit "**commission**" and insert "**amounts from deposit**".

26. Clause 107, line 22, before "If" insert "(1)".

27. Clause 107, line 24, omit "under" and insert "in accordance with".

28. Clause 107, line 31, omit 'entitled.".' and insert "entitled.".

29. Clause 107, after line 31 insert—

'(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent an estate agent from receiving an amount of money from the vendor for any of the following before settlement or rescission of the contract—

(a) the commission;

(b) any auction expense or other amount to which the estate agent is or will become entitled.".'.

30. Clause 109, lines 19 to 24, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

'(a) if the land is publicly advertised for sale other than by auction or a fixed-date sale—the day that is 14 days after the land is first publicly advertised for sale; or

(b) if the land is publicly advertised for sale by auction or a fixed-date sale—the day that is 14 days before the first auction date or first fixed date; or

(c) if the land—

(i) is not publicly advertised for sale—before the purchaser signs the contract for the sale of land; or

(ii) is to be sold—

(A) within 14 days after the land is first publicly advertised for sale—before the purchaser signs the contract for the sale of land; or

(B) on a day that is more than 14 days before a first auction date or a first fixed date—before the purchaser signs the contract for the sale of land;".'.

Amendments circulated by Ingrid Stitt (IS40C)

1. Clause 1, page 4, after line 28 insert—

"(iv) to make technical amendments in relation to off-the-plan contracts; and".

2. Clause 1, page 6, after line 3 insert—

"(kaa) to amend the **Building Act 1993** in relation to developer bonds; and".

3. Clause 1, before line 4 insert—

"(kab) to amend the **Building Act 1993** in relation to prefabrication work and prefabrication builders and to make consequential amendments to the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**; and".

4. Clause 1, before line 4 insert—

"(kac) to amend the **Building Act 1993** in relation to complex plumbing work and to make consequential amendments to the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**; and".

5. Clause 1, before line 4 insert—

"(kad) to amend the **Building Act 1993** and the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** in relation to minor matters; and".

6. Clause 1, page 6, line 7, omit "**1989**." and insert "**1989**; and".

7. Clause 1, page 6, after line 7 insert—

"(la) to amend the **Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025** to delay its forced commencement date.".

8. Clause 2, line 11, omit "Parts 8, 10 and 11" and insert "Part 8, Part 10 and Part 11".

9. Clause 2, line 11, after "Part 8, " insert "Division 2 of Part 9,".

10. Clause 2, line 11, before "come into operation" insert "and Division 3 of Part 12A".

11. Clause 2, line 11, before "come into operation" insert "and Division 4 of Part 12A".

12. Clause 2, line 11, before "come into operation" insert "and Division 5 of Part 12A (other than sections 178ZF and 178ZJ)".

13. Clause 2, line 11, before "come into operation" insert "and Part 12B".

14. Clause 2, line 25, after "Part 12" insert "and sections 178ZF and 178ZJ".

15. Clause 2, line 25, after "Part 12" insert "and Division 2 of Part 12A".

16. Clause 2, line 25, after "Part 12" insert "and Division 1 of Part 12A".

17. Clause 2, line 28, omit "and Part 12" and insert ", Part 12".

18. Clause 2, line 28, before "does not come" insert "or Division 1 of Part 12A".

19. Clause 2, line 28, before "does not come" insert "or Division 2 of Part 12A".

20. Clause 2, line 28, before "does not come" insert "or section 178ZF or section 178ZJ".

21. Clause 105, line 3, omit all words and expressions on this line and insert—

"**Division 1—Contracts for sale of land**

105 Definitions".

22. Clause 113, line 7, after "amended by" insert "Division 1 of".

23. Clause 113, line 19, after "on which" insert "Division 1 of".

NEW CLAUSE

24. Insert the following new Division to follow clause 113—

'**Division 2—Off-the-plan contracts and developer bonds**

113A Rescission of off-the-plan contract—residential apartment buildings

After section 9AEA(2) of the **Sale of Land Act 1962 insert**—

"(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a purchaser if the developer of the residential apartment building is excepted from the requirement under section 137ZP(1) of the **Building Act 1993** to arrange for the issue or execution of a developer bond.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

25. Insert the following new Part heading to follow clause 178—

"**Part 12A—Amendment of Building Act 1993**".

26. Insert the following new Division before Part 13—

'**Division 1—Prefabrication work**

178A Purposes

After section 1(e) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ea) to regulate prefabrication work; and".

178B Definitions

(1) In section 3(1) of the **Building Act 1993**, in the definition of ***building practitioner***—

(a) in paragraph (f), after "builder" (where second occurring) **insert** "(other than a prefabrication builder)";

(b) after paragraph (f) **insert**—

"(fa) a prefabrication builder; or".

(2) In section 3(4) of the **Building Act 1993**, for "building work or plumbing work" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "building work, plumbing work or prefabrication work".

178C New section 3AA inserted

After section 3 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"**3AA Use of prefabricated building systems**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

(a) a reference to the construction of a building includes a reference to the use of a prefabricated building system (within the meaning of Part 2A) in the construction of the building; and

(b) a reference to a building product or a building material (however described) includes a reference to a prefabricated building system (within the meaning of Part 2A).".

178D Building regulations

(1) After section 7(1)(a) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ab) prefabrication work;".

(2) In section 7(2)(b) of the **Building Act 1993**, for "(b) or (c)" **substitute** "(ab), (b) or (c)".

178E Accreditation of building products

After section 14(5) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(6) Part 2A does not apply in respect of a building product accredited under this section.".

178F Building surveyor must not refuse to approve building work on certain grounds

At the end of section 15 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(2) Part 2A does not apply in respect of a building system, construction method, design, component or system of a kind referred to in this section.".

178G New Part 2A inserted

After Part 2 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"Part 2A—Prefabrication work

15C Definitions

In this Part—

building component means a thing that—

(a) when used in the construction of a building is, or forms part of, a building element; and

(b) when used in the construction of a building cannot be inspected without—

(i) opening the component and causing damage to it in the process; or

Example

Cutting a wall lining to expose the wall frame.

(ii) carrying out testing that is likely to destroy the component or part of the component;

building element, in relation to a building, means—

(a) an internal or external load-bearing component that is essential to the stability of the building or a part of the building; or

(b) the building enclosure, being any part of the building that separates its interior from the external environment; or

(c) waterproofing; or

(d) a fire safety system within the meaning of the National Construction Code; or

(e) any aspect of the following required for compliance with the National Construction Code—

(i) mechanical services; or

(ii) plumbing services; or

(iii) electrical services; or

(iv) vertical transportation; or

(f) a prescribed building element or a building element belonging to a prescribed class of building element;

module means a three-dimensional structure that, when used in the construction of a building, includes at least one building component;

prefabricated building system means—

(a) a module; or

(b) a building component;

prefabrication work means—

(a) making or manufacturing (by use of any method) a prefabricated building system on land that is not the land on

which the system will be used in the construction of a building; or

(b) assembling 2 or more prefabricated building systems on land that is not the land on which the systems will be used in the construction of a building.

15D Offences relating to prefabrication work

(1) A person must not make, manufacture or assemble a prescribed prefabricated building system or prefabricated building system belonging to a prescribed class of prefabricated building system for use in the construction of a building if that use will not comply with—

(a) this Act and the building regulations; and

(b) the plumbing laws; and

(c) any binding determination that applies to the prefabrication work; and

(d) the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, the regulations made under that Act and any Order made under section 4 of that Act.

Penalty: 500 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

2500 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

Note

Section 314 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** applies in respect of an offence against this subsection.

(2) A person must not make or manufacture (by use of a prescribed method) a prefabricated building system for use in the construction of a building if that use will not comply with—

(a) this Act and the building regulations; and

(b) the plumbing laws; and

(c) any binding determination that applies to the prefabrication work; and

(d) the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, the regulations made under that Act and any Order made under section 4 of that Act.

Penalty: 500 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

2500 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

Note

Section 314 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** applies in respect of an offence against this subsection.

(3) A person must not carry out prescribed prefabrication work or prefabrication work belonging to a prescribed class of prefabrication work—

(a) if electrical installation work within the meaning of the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** is carried out in conjunction with the prefabrication work—if the electrical installation work does not comply with the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, the regulations made under that Act and any Order made under section 4 of that Act; and

(b) if plumbing work within the meaning of Part 12A is carried out in conjunction with the prefabrication work—if the plumbing work does not comply with Part 12A and the plumbing laws.

Penalty: 500 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

2500 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

Note

Section 314 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** applies in respect of an offence against this subsection.

(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) are civil penalty provisions for the purposes of Part 6.7 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), use of a prescribed prefabricated building system or a prefabricated building system in the construction of a building means use of the system in accordance with any instructions provided by the person who made, manufactured or assembled it.

Note

See also section 169D(1).

15E Offence relating to prefabricated building systems

(1) A registered prefabrication builder must not supply a specified prefabricated building system, for use in the construction of a building, if the specified prefabricated building system is not accompanied by—

(a) written information about—

(i) the use for which the system is intended; and

(ii) any limitation on that use or condition to which that use is subject; and

(iii) any prescribed matters; and

(b) written certification from the registered prefabrication builder that, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraph (a), the system (when used in the construction of a building) complies with the building regulations; and

(c) if the specified prefabricated building system includes electrical work in respect of which the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** requires the issue of a certificate of compliance—the certificate of compliance in respect of the electrical installation work; and

(d) if the specified prefabricated building system includes plumbing work in respect of which Part 12A requires the issue of a compliance certificate—the compliance certificate in respect of the work; and

(e) written instructions for the safe transport and handling of the system; and

(f) written instructions for the use of the system.

Penalty: 120 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

600 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

Note

Section 314 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** applies in respect of an offence against this subsection.

(2) Subsection (1) is a civil penalty provision for the purposes of Part 6.7 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), use of a specified prefabricated building system means use of the system in accordance with any instructions provided by the registered prefabrication builder who made, manufactured or assembled it.

(4) In this section—

specified prefabricated building system means—

(a) a prescribed prefabricated building system or prefabricated building system belonging to a prescribed class of prefabricated building system; or

(b) a prefabricated building system that is made or manufactured by use of a prescribed method.".

178H Refusal of building permit

(1) After section 24(1) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(1A) The relevant building surveyor must not issue a building permit for the carrying out of building work that includes the use of an affected prefabricated building system unless the relevant building surveyor is satisfied that the application includes information sufficient to demonstrate that the person that is named as the builder in the building permit will be provided with the following documents by the following persons, in respect of the affected prefabricated building system—

(a) the documents referred to in section 15E(1)(a) to (f)—by the registered prefabrication builder; and

(b) any prescribed document—by a prescribed person or a person belonging to a prescribed class of person.".

(2) After section 24(8) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(9) In this section—

affected prefabricated building system means a prefabricated building system or prefabricated building system belonging to a prescribed class of prefabricated building system that is prescribed as an affected prefabricated building system but does not include a prefabricated building system that is exempted by the regulations from the operation of subsection (1A);

prefabricated building system has the same meaning as in Part 2A.".

178I Inspection of building work—general powers

At the end of section 35 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(2) In addition, if the building work includes the use of an affected prefabricated building system within the meaning of section 24(9), the relevant building surveyor may inspect any document referred to in section 24(1A) that relates to the affected prefabricated building system.".

178J Refusal of occupancy permit

Before section 44(1)(c) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(bb) if the building work includes the use of an affected prefabricated building system within the meaning of section 24(9), unless the relevant building surveyor has seen the documents referred to in section 24(1A) in respect of the system; and".

178K Application of Act to the Crown and public authorities

In section 217(1) of the **Building Act 1993**, after "Parts 2," **insert** "2A,".

178L Building surveyor may rely on certificate by other registered building practitioner or endorsed building engineer

(1) After section 238(1)(a) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ab) that an affected prefabricated building system within the meaning of section 24(9) to be used in the proposed building work complies with the requirements of this Act and the building regulations; or".

(2) After section 238(2) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(2A) A municipal building surveyor or a private building surveyor, in carrying out a function under this Act or the regulations, may rely on—

(a) in the case of prefabrication work that includes electrical installation work—a certificate under section 44 of the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**; or

(b) in the case of prefabrication work that includes plumbing work—a certificate issued by a licensed plumber under Part 12A.".

(3) After section 238(3) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(4) In this section—

licensed plumber has the same meaning as in Part 12A.".

178M General regulation-making powers

(1) Before section 261(1)(b) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ac) the issuing, production and keeping of certificates, other documents and information required by this Act, the building regulations or the plumbing regulations in relation to the carrying out of prefabrication work or the making, manufacturing or assembling of a prefabricated building system;

(ad) the keeping of records of inspections of the carrying out of prefabrication work;".

(2) After section 261(1)(c) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ca) requiring a person or class of person (the ***first person***) to give to another person or class of person any information relating to the carrying out of prefabrication work by the first person;

(cb) requiring a person or class of person (the ***first person***) to give to another person or class of person any document or class of document setting out any information relating to a prefabricated building system made, manufactured or assembled by the first person including—

(i) technical specifications; and

(ii) instructions for the use of the system; and

(iii) handling and transportation requirements;".

(3) After section 261(1)(ha) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(hab) without limiting paragraph (ha), specifying the kind of work that a category or class of registered prefabrication builder is authorised to carry out by that registration including by reference to—

(i) a prescribed prefabricated building system or class of prescribed prefabricated building system; or

(ii) a prefabricated building system or class of prefabricated building system that is made or manufactured by use of a prescribed method;".

178N New section 289B inserted

At the end of Part 14 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"**289B Regulations dealing with transitional matters**

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations containing provisions of a transitional nature, including matters of an application or savings nature, arising as a result of the enactment of this Act (including the repeals and amendments made by this Act).

(2) Regulations made under this section may—

(a) have a retrospective effect to the day on which section 178N of the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** comes into operation; and

(b) be of limited or general application; and

(c) leave any matter or thing to be decided by a specified person or class of person; and

(d) provide for the exemption of persons or things or a class of person or thing from any of the regulations made under this section.

(3) Regulations made under this section have effect despite anything to the contrary in any Act (other than the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** or the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**) or in any subordinate instrument.

(4) This section is **repealed** on the second anniversary of the day on which it comes into operation.".

178O Schedule 1—Building regulations

In Schedule 1 to the **Building Act 1993**, after item 31 **insert**—

"31A. The provision of certificates under any other Act.".

178P Consequential amendment of Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026

(1) Before section 260 of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 insert**—

"**259A Prefabricated building systems**

In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—

(a) a reference to the construction of a building includes a reference to the use of a prefabricated building system (within the meaning of Part 2A of the **Building Act 1993**) in the construction of the building; and

(b) a reference to a building product or a building material (however described) includes a reference to a prefabricated building system within the meaning of Part 2A of the **Building Act 1993**.".

(2) After section 314(2)(b) of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 insert**—

"(ba) section 15D(1), (2) or (3) or 15E(1) of the **Building Act 1993**;".

(3) Before section 316(2)(a) of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 insert**—

"(aa) section 15D(1), (2) or (3) or 15E(1) of the **Building Act 1993**;".

(4) After section 356(8) of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 insert**—

"(9) In this section, a reference to a building product or a building material (however described) includes a reference to a prefabricated building system within the meaning of Part 2A of the **Building Act 1993**."'.

NEW CLAUSES

27. Insert the following new Division before Part 13—

'Division 2—Complex plumbing work

178Q Definitions applying to Part 12A

In section 221B of the **Building Act 1993 insert** the following definitions—

"***complex plumbing work*** means plumbing work that is prescribed as complex plumbing work;

designer of complex plumbing means a prescribed person who prepares a design of complex plumbing work;

exempt complex plumbing work means complex plumbing work that is prescribed as exempt complex plumbing work;

start work notice (design) has the meaning given by section 221BA;".

178R New section 221BA inserted

After section 221B of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"**221BA Meaning of *start work notice (design)***

A ***start work notice (design)*** is a written notice relating to complex plumbing work that sets out the following in respect of the complex plumbing work—

(a) a description of the complex plumbing work to be carried out;

(b) the address, or description of the location, of the premises at which the complex plumbing work is to be carried out;

(c) the proposed commencement date or dates of the complex plumbing work to be carried out;

(d) the name and address of the designer of complex plumbing;

(e) the class of building in which the complex plumbing work is to be carried out;

(f) any prescribed information.".

178S New sections 221ZPB to 221ZPJ inserted

After section 221ZPA of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"**221ZPB Designer of complex plumbing must give start work notice (design) to Commission**

(1) A designer of complex plumbing must give a start work notice (design) to the Commission within the prescribed time after the designer is engaged to prepare the design of complex plumbing work to which the notice relates.

Penalty: 120 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

600 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

(2) A designer of complex plumbing does not commit an offence against subsection (1) if the complex plumbing work is exempt complex plumbing work.

221ZPC Designer of complex plumbing must give start work notice (design) to person who engaged them to prepare design

(1) A designer of complex plumbing must give the person who engaged the designer to prepare a design of complex plumbing work, as soon as practicable after the designer gives the start work notice (design) for that complex plumbing work to the Commission—

(a) a copy of the start work notice (design) for that complex plumbing work; and

(b) written confirmation that the designer has given the start work notice (design) to the Commission.

(2) Subsection (1) applies despite anything to the contrary in any agreement.

(3) A designer of complex plumbing is not required to comply with subsection (1) if the complex plumbing work is exempt complex plumbing work.

221ZPD Person who has engaged designer of complex plumbing must give start work notice (design) to licensed plumber

(1) This section applies to a person who has—

(a) engaged a designer of complex plumbing to prepare a design of complex plumbing work (other than exempt complex plumbing work); and

(b) received from the designer of complex plumbing—

(i) a copy of a start work notice (design) for that plumbing work; and

(ii) a written confirmation that the designer of complex plumbing has given the start work notice (design) to the Commission.

(2) If the person engages a licensed plumber to carry out the complex plumbing work to which the start work notice (design) relates, the person must give a copy of the start work notice (design) and a copy of the written confirmation to the plumber as soon as practicable after receiving—

(a) the start work notice (design); and

(b) the written confirmation.

221ZPE Offences relating to designers and complex plumbing work designs

(1) A person must not prepare a design of complex plumbing work (other than in the circumstances specified in subsection (2)) for use in the carrying out of complex plumbing work if the person does not—

(a) hold the prescribed qualifications or have the prescribed experience that a person who prepares designs of complex plumbing work must hold or have; and

(b) meet the prescribed requirements that a person must meet in order to prepare designs of complex plumbing work.

Penalty: 500 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

2500 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person may prepare a design of complex plumbing work if—

(a) the regulations state that the design may be prepared by a person who does not—

(i) hold the prescribed qualifications or have the prescribed experience that a person who prepares designs of complex plumbing work must hold or have; and

(ii) meet the prescribed requirements that a person must meet in order to prepare designs of complex plumbing work; or

(b) the person does so in the circumstances specified in the regulations as the circumstances in which the design may be prepared by a person who does not—

(i) hold the prescribed qualifications or have the prescribed experience that a person who prepares designs of complex plumbing work must hold or have; and

(ii) meet the prescribed requirements that a person must meet in order to prepare designs of complex plumbing work.

(3) A designer of complex plumbing who is engaged to prepare a design of complex plumbing work must ensure that the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements.

Penalty: 120 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

600 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

221ZPF Designer of complex plumbing must give certified complex plumbing work design to Commission

(1) A designer of complex plumbing who is engaged to prepare a design of complex plumbing work must give the Commission, within the prescribed time—

(a) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(b) a written statement certifying whether the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements.

Penalty: 120 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

600 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

(2) A designer of complex plumbing does not commit an offence against subsection (1) if the complex plumbing work is exempt complex plumbing work.

221ZPG Designer of complex plumbing must give certified complex plumbing work design and related documents to person who engaged them to prepare design

(1) This section applies if a designer of complex plumbing engaged to prepare a design of complex plumbing work (other than exempt complex plumbing work) has given the Commission—

(a) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(b) a written statement certifying whether the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements.

(2) The designer of complex plumbing must, as soon as practicable after giving the Commission the design of the complex plumbing work and written statement, give the person who engaged the designer—

(a) the design; and

(b) the written statement; and

(c) written confirmation that the designer has given to the Commission the documents referred to under paragraphs (a) and (b).

221ZPH Certified complex plumbing work designs and related documents to be given to licensed plumber

(1) This section applies to a person who has—

(a) engaged a designer of complex plumbing to prepare a design of complex plumbing work (other than exempt complex plumbing work); and

(b) received from the designer—

(i) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(ii) a written statement certifying whether the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements; and

(iii) written confirmation that the designer has given to the Commission the documents referred to under subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

(2) If the person engages a licensed plumber to carry out the complex plumbing work to which the design of complex plumbing work relates, the person must give a copy of the design of the complex plumbing work, a copy of the written statement and a copy of the written confirmation to the plumber as soon as practicable after receiving—

(a) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(b) the written statement; and

(c) the written confirmation.

221ZPI Commission may request further information or material in relation to complex plumbing work

(1) This section applies if the Commission has received from a designer of complex plumbing work—

(a) a start work notice (design) under section 221ZPB; or

(b) a design of complex plumbing under section 221ZPF.

(2) The Commission, by written notice given to the designer of complex plumbing work, may request further information or material in relation to—

(a) the complex plumbing work to which a start work notice (design) relates; or

(b) the design.

(3) A notice under subsection (2) must specify—

(a) the information or material that is to be given to the Commission; and

(b) the date by which the information or material must be given to the Commission.

(4) On receiving a notice under subsection (2), a designer of complex plumbing work may request, in accordance with any prescribed requirements, the Commission to change the date specified in the notice to a later date.

(5) If the Commission agrees to the request, the Commission must issue another notice under subsection (2) with a new date by which the information or material must be given to the Commission (a ***reissued notice***).

(6) A designer of complex plumbing given a notice, or reissued notice, under subsection (2), must comply with the notice or reissued notice unless the designer has a lawful excuse.

Penalty: 120 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

600 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

221ZPJ Complex plumbing work prohibited before receipt of certain documents

(1) A person must not carry out complex plumbing work unless the person has obtained the following—

(a) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(b) a written statement from the designer of the complex plumbing who prepared the design certifying whether the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements; and

(c) written confirmation that the designer has given the Commission—

(i) the design of the complex plumbing work; and

(ii) a written statement certifying whether the design of the complex plumbing work meets the prescribed requirements.

Penalty: 500 penalty units, in the case of a natural person;

2500 penalty units, in the case of a body corporate.

(2) A person does not commit an offence against subsection (1) if the complex plumbing work is exempt complex plumbing work.".

178T Regulations

In section 221ZZZV(1) of the **Building Act 1993**—

(a) for paragraph (b) **substitute**—

"(b) fees for the purposes of this Part, including—

(i) fees for examinations or assessments conducted by, or on behalf of, the Commission; or

(ii) fees for the assessment of start work notices (design) and designs of complex plumbing work by, or on behalf of, the Commission;";

(b) after paragraph (c) **insert**—

"(ca) prescribing what constitutes complex plumbing work;";

(c) before paragraph (h) **insert**—

"(ge) qualifications or experience that a person who prepares designs of complex plumbing work must hold or have or requirements that a person must meet in order to prepare designs of complex plumbing work;

(gf) the preparation or amendment of designs of complex plumbing work, including—

(i) requirements that a design of complex plumbing work or an amendment of a design of complex plumbing work must meet; or

(ii) procedures to amend a design of complex plumbing work and matters to be considered, applied or complied with to amend, or when amending, a design of complex plumbing work; or

(iii) the certification of a design of complex plumbing work or an amended design of complex plumbing work and documents to accompany or form part of the certification; or

(iv) the giving of amended designs of complex plumbing work to persons;

(gg) notifications to be given to the Commission before or during the carrying out of complex plumbing work or at specified stages of carrying out complex plumbing work, and the content of the notifications;

(gh) compliance certificates to be provided by persons who—

(i) prepare designs of complex plumbing; or

(ii) carry out complex plumbing work;

(gi) information or documents to be provided with compliance certificates by persons who—

(i) prepare designs of complex plumbing; or

(ii) carry out complex plumbing work;

(gj) inspections of complex plumbing work and inspection reports for complex plumbing work;".

178U Consequential amendment of Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026

After section 38(1)(k) of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 insert**—

"(ka) to administer the provisions of the **Building Act 1993** relating to the design and carrying out of complex plumbing work;".

178V New sections 289C and 289D inserted

At the end of Part 14 of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"**289C Transitional provision relating to the Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026**

(1) The amendments made by Division 2 of Part 12A of the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** do not apply to—

(a) a designer of complex plumbing, in relation to preparing a design of complex plumbing work, if the designer is engaged before the commencement day to prepare the design; or

(b) a person carrying out complex plumbing work, if the designer of the complex plumbing work is engaged before the commencement day to prepare the design.

(2) In this section—

commencement day means the day on which Division 2 of Part 12A of the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** comes into operation.

289D Transitional regulations relating to the Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations containing provisions of a transitional nature, including matters of an application or savings nature, arising as a result of the enactment of this Act (including the repeals and amendments made by this Act).

(2) Regulations made under this section may—

(a) have a retrospective effect to the day on which section 178V of the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** comes into operation; and

(b) be of limited or general application; and

(c) leave any matter or thing to be decided by a specified person or class of person; and

(d) provide for the exemption of persons or things or a class of person or thing from any of the regulations made under this section.

(3) Regulations made under this section have effect despite anything to the contrary in any Act (other than the **Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026** or the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**) or in any subordinate instrument.

(4) This section is **repealed** on the second anniversary of the day on which it comes into operation.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

28. Insert the following new Division before Part 13—

'Division 3—Developer bonds

178W Definitions

In section 137ZM of the **Building Act 1993 insert** the following definition—

"***developer bond requirement*** means the requirement under section 137ZP(1) for the developer of a residential apartment building to arrange for the issue or execution of a developer bond;".

178X Offence to apply for occupancy permit if no developer bond issued

After section 137ZR(1) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(1AB) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person if the developer of the residential apartment building is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178Y Developer must nominate assessor

After section 137ZT(3) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(4) Subsection (1) does not apply to a developer who is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178Z Approval of nomination

After section 137ZV(5) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(6) This section does not apply if the developer of the residential apartment building is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178ZA Developer must appoint assessor

(1) In section 137ZX(1) of the **Building Act 1993**, for "subsections (2) and (3)" **substitute** "subsections (2), (3) and (6)".

(2) After section 137ZX(5) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(6) Subsection (1) does not apply to a developer who is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178ZB Authority may appoint building assessor

After section 137ZY(2) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(3) This section does not apply if the developer of the residential apartment building is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178ZC Arrangements for final inspection

After section 137ZZE(5) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(6) Subsection (1) does not apply to a developer who is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".

178ZD Appointment of building assessor for final inspection

After section 137ZZF(3) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(4) This section does not apply if the developer of the residential apartment building is excepted from the developer bond requirement.".'.

NEW CLAUSE

29. Insert the following new Division before Part 13—

'**Division 4—Miscellaneous amendments**

178ZE Refusal of occupancy permit

After section 44(1)(b) of the **Building Act 1993 insert**—

"(ba) if electrical work, in respect of which the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** required the issue of a certificate under Division 3 of Part 3 of that Act, was carried out in conjunction with the building work on the building or part of the building in respect of which the permit is sought, unless the relevant building surveyor has seen a copy of the certificate; and".'.

NEW CLAUSES

30. Insert the following new Division before Part 13—

'Division 5—Minor technical amendments

178ZF Definitions and interpretation

In section 3(1) of the **Building Act 1993**—

(a) in the definition of ***approved prescribed qualification***, for "171AA(1)(b)" **substitute** "171AA(1)(a)(ii)";

(b) in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of ***relevant building surveyor***, for "or permit," **substitute** "or a permit,".

178ZG Statute law revision

(1) In section 24(1)(e) of the **Building Act 1993**, for "(2A)" **substitute** "(2E)".

(2) In section 137Q(5) of the **Building Act 1993**, for "the method by which the premiums are to be calculated" **substitute** "order".

178ZH Notice of intention to apply for occupancy permit

(1) In section 40A(1) of the **Building Act 1993**, after "The developer" **insert** "(within the meaning of Part 9B)".

(2) In section 40A(3) of the **Building Act 1993**, after "A developer" **insert** "(within the meaning of Part 9B)".

(3) In section 40A(5) of the **Building Act 1993**, in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of ***applicable period***, after "occupancy permit application date" (where first occurring) **insert** "(within the meaning of Part 9B)".

178ZI Refusal of occupancy permit

In section 44(2) of the **Building Act 1993**—

(a) in paragraph (c)—

(i) after "developer" (where first occurring) **insert** "(within the meaning of Part 9B)";

(ii) after "building" **insert** "in accordance with Part 9B";

(b) in paragraph (e), after "developer" **insert** "(within the meaning of Part 9B)".

178ZJ Approved person

In section 171AAB of the **Building Act 1993**—

(a) in subsection (1)(b), for "171AA(1)(b)" **substitute** "171AA(1)(a)(ii)";

(b) in subsection (1)(c), for "171AA(1)(c)" **substitute** "171AA(1)(b)".

178ZK Refusal of building permit

In section 542(2) of the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**, for "205G(1). (2) and (2A)" **substitute** "205G(1), (2) and (2E)".'.

NEW CLAUSES

31. Insert the following new Part before Part 13—

'Part 12B—Amendment of Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025

178ZL Commencement

In section 2(3) of the **Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025**, for "1 December 2026" **substitute** "31 March 2027".

178ZM Repeal of this Act

In section 82 of the **Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025**, for "1 December 2027" **substitute** "31 March 2028".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

32. Long title, after "deposit moneys" insert "and off-the-plan contracts".

33. Long title, after "used motor cars," insert "the **Building Act 1993** in relation to developer bonds,".

34. Long title, before "certain other Acts" insert "the **Building Act 1993** in relation to prefabrication work and prefabrication builders,".

35. Long title, before "certain other Acts" insert "the **Building Act 1993** in relation to complex plumbing work,".

36. Long title, before "certain other Acts" insert "the **Building Act 1993** and the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** in relation to minor matters,".

37. Long title, before "certain other Acts" insert "the **Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Act 2025** in relation to its commencement,".

5. RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026

Amendments circulated by Bev McArthur (BM02C)

1. Part heading preceding clause 7, omit this heading.

2. Clause 7, omit this clause.

3. Clause 8, omit this clause.

4. Clause 9, omit this clause.

5. Clause 10, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by Georgie Purcell (GP29C)

1. Clause 32, page 27, line 19, after "is" insert ", or has been within the previous 2 years,".

2. Clause 32, page 27, line 22, after "has" insert ", or has had within the previous 2 years,".

3. Clause 52, page 57, line 24, omit 'jurisdiction."' and insert "jurisdiction.".

4. Clause 52, page 57, after line 24 insert—

'**66I Greyhound Racing Victoria must publish quarterly reports on greyhound welfare matters**

(1) Within 7 days after the end of a quarter, Greyhound Racing Victoria must prepare and publish on its Internet site a report containing the following information in respect of greyhounds registered with Greyhound Racing Victoria—

(a) the number of greyhounds that have died during a greyhound race in the quarter (if any);

(b) the number of greyhounds that have died as a result of an injury sustained, or illness suffered, as a result of the greyhound's involvement in greyhound racing (other than during a greyhound race) in the quarter (if any);

Example

An example of a greyhound's involvement in greyhound racing is involvement in training or trialling activities.

(c) the number of greyhounds that have died, other than in the circumstances referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b), in the quarter (if any);

Example

An example of other circumstances in which greyhounds have died is in the kennelling or housing of greyhounds, or by natural causes or general illness.

(d) the number of greyhounds that have sustained an injury or suffered an illness in the quarter as a result of the greyhound's involvement in greyhound racing;

(e) any matter that is the subject of a direction by the Minister under subsection (2).

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(e), the Minister may direct Greyhound Racing Victoria to include in a report under subsection (1) any matter relating to greyhound welfare.

(3) For the purposes of this section, each of the following periods is a ***quarter***—

(a) the period beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 March;

(b) the period beginning on 1 April and ending on 30 June;

(c) the period beginning on 1 July and ending on 30 September;

(d) the period beginning on 1 October and ending on 31 December."'.