

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 119 — Wednesday 2 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Rebuild Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver on its election promises of 2018 and 2022, and rebuild the Maroondah Hospital, bearing 62 signatures (*David Hodgett*)

Princes Freeway intersections between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to undertake a masterplan to prioritise upgrades to the intersections along the Princes Freeway between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip before another life is lost or major accident occurs, bearing 3,285 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — REBUILD MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Hodgett*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — PRINCES FREEWAY INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN NAR NAR GOON AND BUNYIP** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — State Trustees' Financial Administration Services — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rules 22/2017, 155/2018, 69/2022, 115/2022 (*Gazette S151, 1 April 2025*)

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

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

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

- 10 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Steve Dimopoulos*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

- 11 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sonya Kilkenny*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Michael O'Brien*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

- 12 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Anthony Carbines*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024**
— Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to (*Sonya Kilkenny*) — and, after debate —

Further amendments proposed —

1. Amendment 8, omit 'omit "Prosecutions or a" and insert "Prosecutions."' and insert 'after "Prosecutions or" insert "by"'. —
2. Amendment 9, omit "omit all words and expression on this line" and insert 'omit "officer; and" and insert "officer."'.
3. Amendment 11, after "Director of Public Prosecutions" insert "or police officer". —

(*Will Fowles*) — and, after debate —

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 1 to 7 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 1 stand part of the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Darren Cheeseman; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 2 stand part of the Legislative Council’s amendment No 9 — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council’s amendment No 9 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council’s amendment No 10 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 3 be agreed to — put and defeated.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 11 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 12 to 13 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME.**15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**16 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST OF LIVING CRISIS FROM DEBT, TAX AND HOUSING** — The Speaker read Bridget Vallence's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for allowing Victoria to spiral into a cost of living crisis as a result of:

- (1) Failing to manage the economy and allowing net debt to reach \$155.2 billion by the end of the financial year;
- (2) Imposing or increasing 60 new taxes, which are driving up the costs of renting, energy and grocery prices;
- (3) Breaking its promise to build 80,000 new homes a year, causing housing prices to remain unaffordable for many young Victorians; and

- (4) Failing to implement any meaningful measures to ease cost of living pressures for Victorians.'

Bridget Vallence addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 18 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker