

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 67, 68 and 69

No 67 — Tuesday 30 April 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 21 March 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Act 2011**, to abolish the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, to amend the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**, the **Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission Act 2011** and the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998** and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Local Government Act 2020** in relation to governance and integrity matters and to make other miscellaneous amendments, to amend the **Local Government Act 1989** to reflect machinery of government changes, to make consequential amendments to the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998** and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**, to abolish VicForests, to amend the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987** and the **Forests Act 1958** in relation to forest management and to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Proposed Grosvenor Street housing precinct redevelopment — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to enforce clear lines of communication with residents and the community about any proposed redevelopment of the Grosvenor Street housing precinct in Balaclava, bearing 31 signatures (*David Southwick*)

Leakes Road and Clearwood Drive in Truganina — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Police and Crime Prevention and the Government to have the Road Safety Camera Site Selection Committee assess the potential installation of a speed camera and red light camera at the intersection of Leakes Road and Clearwood Drive in Truganina, bearing 387 signatures (*Sarah Connolly*)

Expanded bus service from Frankston to Rosebud — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to expand the 887 bus service from Frankston to Rosebud, bearing 102 signatures (*Sam Groth*)

Increase police resources to the Knox Police Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to increase police resources to the Knox Police Station to allow for regular police patrols to occur within the Wantirna South area as well as the addition of lighting at neighbourhood parks, and installation of security cameras, bearing 854 signatures (*Kim Wells*)

Consideration of unborn babies as human beings — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to consider unborn babies as human beings, to allow any baby past 24 weeks of gestation, with a birth certificate to be recognised by the law and the justice system, bearing 280 signatures (*Kim O’Keeffe*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 6 **PETITION — PROPOSED GROSVENOR STREET HOUSING PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Southwick*) — put and agreed to.
- 7 **PETITION — EXPANDED BUS SERVICE FROM FRANKSTON TO ROSEBUD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Sam Groth*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — CONSIDERATION OF UNBORN BABIES AS HUMAN BEINGS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Kim O’Keeffe*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **PETITION — INCREASE POLICE RESOURCES TO THE KNOX POLICE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Rowville be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Kim Wells*) — put and agreed to.

10 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024
 Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024
 Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024
 National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024
 SR No 33 — Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) (Waste to Energy Scheme) Regulations 2023
 SR No 49 — Forests (Recreation) (Temporary) Amendment Regulations 2023
 SR No 50 — Conservation, Forests and Lands (Infringement Notice) Regulations 2023
 SR No 78 — Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) (Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2023

SR No 113 — Social Services Regulations 2023

SR No 116 — Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023

SR No 119 — Casino Control Regulations 2023

EPA Designation — Classification of PFAS-impacted soil made under Regulation 86 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2022–23

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — State of the Birrarung (Yarra) and Its Parklands — Report 2023

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Spencer and Drybrough Street Reserve and Miller Street West Melbourne Reserve

The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve

Orders under ss 17B and 17D granting licences and leases over:

Albert Park

Point Leo Foreshore Reserve

Ombudsman — Reflections on 10 years — released on 25 March 2024

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Compliance Officer — Statement of Findings under s 9H — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — GC222

Ballarat — GC222

Bass Coast — C165

Bayside — C201

Benalla — GC222

Boroondara — C409

Buloke — GC222

Campaspe — GC222

Central Goldfields — GC222

Darebin — C219

Gannawarra — GC222

Glen Eira — C259

Glenelg — C109, C112

Greater Bendigo — GC222

Greater Geelong — C383, C467
Greater Shepparton — GC222
Hepburn — GC222
Horsham — C81
Hume — C266
Indigo — GC222
Kingston — C215
Loddon — GC222
Macedon Ranges — GC222
Mansfield — GC222
Maroondah — C156
Mildura — GC222
Mitchell — GC222
Moirā — GC222
Mornington Peninsula — C293
Moorabool — GC222
Mount Alexander — GC222
Moyne — C79
Murrindindi — GC222
Pyrenees — GC222
Stonnington — C333
Strathbogie — GC222
Swan Hill — GC222
Towong — GC222
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC252, VC259, VC261
Wangaratta — GC222
Warrnambool — C212
Whitehorse — C230
Wodonga — GC222
Yarra — C307, C324

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 20
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 16
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 21
Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994 — SR 22
Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 — SR 13
Land Conservation (Vehicle Control) Act 1972 — SR 19
National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 — SR 25
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 23
Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1983 — SR 24
Social Services Regulation Act 2021 — SR 17
Supported Residential Services (Private Proprietors) Act 2010 — SR 18
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 14, 15
Vexatious Proceedings Act 2014 — SR 14
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 13

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Wildlife Act 1975* — Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2023 Mulgrave District by-election

Wildlife Act 1975:

Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife (*Gazette S123, 14 March 2024*)

Wildlife (Emergency Closure of Moodie Swamp State Game Reserve and Lake Modewarre Reserve) Notice (*Gazette S177, 12 April 2024*)

Wildlife (Indigenous Game Birds (Quail) Hunting) Notice (*Gazette S155, 2 April 2024*)

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2/2024 (*Gazette S162, 7 April 2024*).

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Act 2024 — Whole Act (except Divisions 1 and 4 of Part 2 and Sections 50, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 and 99) — 22 April 2024 (*Gazette S182, 16 April 2024*).

- 11 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024

Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024

Statute Law Revision Bill 2024.

- 12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 26 March 2024

Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023

Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024

State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023

On 9 April 2024

Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024

On 23 April 2024

Statute Law Revision Bill 2024.

- 13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024
 Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024
 Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024.

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — SENATE VACANCY** — Transmitting a despatch from the President of the Senate notifying that a vacancy had happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia through the resignation of Senator Janet Rice on 19 April 2024.

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

- 15 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Ellen Sandell from the Standing Orders Committee, effective from 24 April 2024.

- 16 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Sam Hibbins be a member of the Standing Orders Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 17 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Integrity and Oversight Committee's Inquiry into the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* be extended to no later than 30 September 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 May 2024:

National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024
 Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024 —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

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

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

20 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **QUESTION TIME.**

22 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

23 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned — after debate —

Question put.

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

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

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

Question defeated.

Debate resumed on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 24 **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

No 68 — Wednesday 1 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **SENTENCING AMENDMENT (SENTENCING PRACTICES FOR CHILD SEXUAL OFFENCES) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Sentencing Act 1991** in relation to the sentencing of an offender for a child sexual offence and for other purposes*’ (Michael O’Brien) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

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

Question defeated.

- 3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

40 km/h zone along Doncaster Road through North Balwyn Village — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement a 40 km/h zone along Doncaster Road through North Balwyn Village, bearing 446 signatures (*Jess Wilson*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 4 **PETITION — 40 KM/H ZONE ALONG DONCASTER ROAD THROUGH NORTH BALWYN VILLAGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kew be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Jess Wilson*) — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Follow-up of Management of the Student Resource Package — Ordered to be published
Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Outcomes for Victorian Students — Ordered to be published

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2023

Box Hill Institute — Report 2023

Chisholm Institute — Report 2023

Deakin University — Report 2023

Federation University Australia — Report 2023

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of Alpine Resorts Victoria, together with an explanation for the delay

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2022–23 of the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board, together with an explanation for the delay

Gordon Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2023

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2023

La Trobe University — Report 2023

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2023

Monash University — Report 2023

Professional Standards Act 2003:

Bar Association of Queensland Professional Standards Scheme (*Gazette G17 24 April 2024*)

Law Society of Western Australia Professional Standards Scheme (*Gazette G17 24 April 2024*)

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2023

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 27

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 26

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE) — Report 2023

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2023

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2023

University of Melbourne — Report 2023

Victoria University — Report 2023

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Wodonga Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024 without amendment.
- 7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.
- 8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

- 9 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne 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 (*Melissa Horne*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

- 10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne 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 (*Melissa Horne*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

- 11 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — 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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

- 12 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — Motion made and question — That this House meets the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice, and

proposes that the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 1 May 2024 at 6.00 pm (*Natalie Suleyman*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them of the resolution and requesting their agreement.

- 13 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Brad Rowswell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to:

- (1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties;
- (2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and
- (3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the \$50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate’ —

(*Brad Rowswell*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 14 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 16 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES** — The Speaker read Brad Rowswell’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House condemns the financial mismanagement and economic recklessness of the Allan Labor Government which is causing a cost-of-living crisis for Victorian families and businesses.’

Brad Rowsell addressed the House — Discussion followed.

[Business interrupted at 6.00 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.05 pm]

Discussion continued.

- 18 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

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 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 69 — Thursday 2 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 1 May 2024 with the Legislative Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice and that Stephanie Hodgins-May was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.
- 3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Blue Rock Lake reforestation — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to review the decision to reforest the south-western area of Blue Rock Lake and keep these allotments as leased open areas, maintained by local farmers with grazing stock, bearing 191 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 4 **PETITION — BLUE ROCK LAKE REFORESTATION** — 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:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — Review of Victoria's Reportable Conduct Scheme under s 16ZN

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2023–24 Budget Estimates

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 27, 28

Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe Meat Industry Licensing and Fees Determination 2024

Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe Seafood Safety Licensing and Fees Determination 2024.

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice as proposed by the Assembly.

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

- 8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 7, 14 and 15 May 2024 to allow:

- (1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 14 May.
- (2) The matter of public importance to be omitted from the order of business for the week of Tuesday 14 May.
- (3) The order of business to be:

Tuesday 7 May

Question time and constituency questions

Formal business

Statements by members

Government business

Tuesday 14 May

Formal business

Statements by members

Statements on committee reports

Government business

Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)

Government business continued

Wednesday 15 May

Formal business

Members statements

Government business

Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)

Government business continued

- (4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 15 May —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Sonya Kilkenney)* — put.

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

AYES 50

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

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put and agreed to.

- 9 **UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — REPORT 2023** — Motion made and question — That the report be tabled *(Sonya Kilkenney)* — put and agreed to.
- 10 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care; debate resumed.

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

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

- 11 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to: (1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties; (2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and (3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the \$50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate’; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 12 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 14 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Lily D’Ambrosio*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 15 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 30 April 2024 had expired.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 16 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to: (1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties; (2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and (3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the \$50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the

risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate’.

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

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

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Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker