

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 109, 110 and 111

No 109 — Tuesday 18 February 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 6 February 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **DEATH OF CAROLE FRANCES MARPLE** — The Speaker announced the death of Carole Frances Marple, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Altona from 1992 to 1996; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.
- 3 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to adopt specified provisions of the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to refer legislative power of the State in the form of an amendment reference to the Parliament of the Commonwealth to make amendments to the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to make consequential amendments to 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 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Road Safety Act 1986** in relation to vehicle sharing schemes and offences involving electric scooters and the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983** in relation to vehicle sharing schemes and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 6 **VICTORIAN BANK LEVY (TAX THE MAJOR BANKS) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Melbourne introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to impose a levy on authorised deposit-taking institutions liable to pay the levy under the Major Bank Levy Act 2017 of the Commonwealth and for other purposes*’ (Ellen Sandell) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

- 7 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Preserving traditions in Chinatown and other Victorian restaurants — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to preserve the tradition of housing seafood in aquariums and maintaining access to fresh Victorian pork products, bearing 40 signatures (*Emma Kealy*)

Intersection of Edgecombe Road and Melville Drive, Kyneton — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to install a dedicated right-turn lane immediately to the south of Melville Drive for northbound traffic on Edgecombe Road to access Melville Drive safely, bearing 1163 signatures (*Mary-Anne Thomas*)

Small-scale livestock farming — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement Recommendation 27 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Securing the Victorian Food Supply and apply the standards set out in AS4464:2007 the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption, bearing 2428 signatures (*Martha Haylett*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 8 **PETITION — PRESERVING TRADITIONS IN CHINATOWN AND OTHER VICTORIAN RESTAURANTS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Emma Kealy*) — put and agreed to.

9 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Constitution Amendment (Abortion) Bill 2024

Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025

SR No 40 — Subordinate Legislation (Forest (Fire Protection) Regulations 2014) Extension Regulations 2024

SR No 66 — Honorary Justices Regulations 2024

SR No 83 — Supreme Court (Chapter I Costs Amendment) Rules 2024

Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024 under s 303

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Ombudsman — Support when children are sexually abused at school: The Department of Education's response to abuse in a Victorian primary school — Released on 13 February 2025

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

Greater Geelong — C452

Mitchell — GC234

Mount Alexander — C94

Strathbogie — GC234

Statutory Rule 1 under the *Food Act 1984*.

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

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 5 February 2025 (*Gazette S29 4 February 2025*).

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

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 11 February 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024.

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

Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025.

- 13 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Dylan Wight from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from today.

- 14 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Eden Foster be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 15 **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 20 February 2025:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025
Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025 —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, 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; 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; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; 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 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; 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; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) 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 Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently considers additional options, including those available to Victoria Police, as a practical means of tackling anti-social and vilifying behaviours; and (b) consults further with Victoria's faith groups, including the Jewish and Islamic communities, who have warned the Government that the proposed genuine political purpose defence to incitement will damage social cohesion in this state' — *and on the amendment to the amendment* — That all the words after 'until' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Government conducts community consultation on the genuine political purpose defence'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME.**

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

20 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — *and on the amendment to the amendment.*

Under SO 64, Mary-Anne Thomas 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 — *and on the amendment* — *and on the amendment to the amendment.*

Will Fowles' amendment to Michael O'Brien's amendment withdrawn by leave under SO 157(5) (*Will Fowles*).

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — *and on the amendment to the amendment.*

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 110 — Wednesday 19 February 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:

Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver on the \$1.05 billion promise to rebuild the Maroondah Hospital, bearing 151 signatures (*David Hodgett*)

Leakes Road interchange on the Western Highway — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to develop a road safety plan for the Leakes Road interchange on the Western Highway in alignment with the Western Highway upgrade, which includes both temporary and permanent fixes to road safety and an upgrade to traffic signals, bearing 2020 signatures (*Luba Grigorovitch*)

Rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to engage in consultation with all stakeholders about rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles (Dyurrite), and demands established climbing routes and The Pines campgrounds are not removed until such consultation occurs, bearing 10373 signatures (*Emma Kealy*)

Coburg High Secondary instrumental music program — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure Coburg High School is allocated its full and fair allocation of music funding for the 2025 school year and beyond, bearing 387 signatures (*Anthony Cianflone*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — ROCK-CLIMBING AT MT ARAPILES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Emma Kealy*) — put and agreed to.

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- 4 **PETITION — LEAKES ROAD INTERCHANGE ON THE WESTERN HIGHWAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kororoit be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Luba Grigorovitch*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **PETITION — 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.
- 6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Major Projects Performance Reporting 2024 — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 1.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Bill 2024 without amendment.
- 8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.
- 9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.
- 10 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas 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 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

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 5 March 2025.
- 11 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson 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 (*Danny Pearson*).

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 5 March 2025.

- 12 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams 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 (*Gabrielle Williams*).

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 5 March 2025.

- 13 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury 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.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 14 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 16 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — POLICE COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker read David Southwick's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for the chaos and dangerous precedent created by sacking a Police Commissioner in the middle of a crime crisis of the Government's own making after:

- (a) failing to strengthen laws requested by the Police Commissioner including bail laws resulting in accused offenders re-offending and further endangering the community;

- (b) failing to resolve the 18-month-old enterprise agreement with police officers; and
- (c) demanding the Police Commissioner cut \$1 billion from the police budget as part of a restructure despite escalating gang violence, youth crime and firebombing attacks.'

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 18 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) 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 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 111 — Thursday 20 February 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:

Proposed merger of Seymour Health with Northern Health — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to release expert advisory committee advice about amalgamating Seymour Health with Northern Health, undertake genuine public consultation and to ensure that the powers, authorities and responsibilities remain with the local Seymour Health board, and that no amalgamation takes place, bearing 169 signatures (*Annabelle Cleeland*)

Speed limit reductions proposed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement speed limit reductions on C777 between Somerville and Frankston as proposed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire, bearing 2 signatures (*Paul Mercurio*)

Southern Cross bus terminal — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that Victoria Police provides hourly patrols of the Southern Cross Station Bus Terminal and provide a physical presence to deter anti-social behaviour, bearing 79 signatures (*Sarah Connolly*)

Rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to engage in consultation with all stakeholders about rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles (Dyurrite), and demands established climbing routes and The Pines campgrounds are not removed until such consultation occurs, bearing 1973 signatures (*Emma Kealy*)

Melbourne Market Authority — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls for the immediate resignation of the Melbourne Market Authority board, CEO, and management team, an immediate freeze on rent increases within the Melbourne Market, the appointment of a new Board, CEO and management team and an inquiry into the decision-making process that led to the rent hikes, bearing 229 signatures (*Emma Kealy*)

Greater safeguards at Mornington Peninsula back beaches — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently fund upgraded warning signs in different languages to alert people of the dangerous beach conditions and rescue tubes or flotation devices to save lives, bearing 119 signatures (*Sam Groth*)

Small-scale livestock farming — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement Recommendation 27 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Securing the Victorian Food Supply and apply the standards set out in AS4464:2007 the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption, bearing 221 signatures (*Martha Haylett*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — PROPOSED MERGER OF SEYMOUR HEALTH WITH NORTHERN HEALTH** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Annabelle Cleeland*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — GREATER SAFEGUARDS AT MORNINGTON PENINSULA BACK BEACHES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Sam Groth*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **PETITION — ROCK-CLIMBING AT MT ARAPILES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Emma Kealy*) — put and agreed to.
- 6 **PETITION — MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Emma Kealy*) — put and agreed to.
- 7 **PETITION — COBURG HIGH SECONDARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale on 19 February 2025 be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Anthony Cianflone*) — put and agreed to.

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

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2023–24 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Public Prosecutions, Office of — Report 2023–24

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 — Review of the operation of the Act under s 116.

9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 4 March 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

11 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

12 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME.**

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

15 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024 without amendment.

17 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into the conduct of the 2025 by-elections for the Districts of Prahran and Werribee to the Electoral Matters Committee for consideration and report no later than 8 December 2025 and the Committee should examine:

(1) the conduct of, and processes implemented by, the Victorian Electoral Commission and its officials; and

(2) voter turnout —

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

- 18 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — 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 18 February 2025 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.

- 19 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

AYES 50

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; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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; Tim Bull; 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; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 20 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) 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 Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently considers additional options, including those available to Victoria Police, as a practical means of tackling anti-social and vilifying behaviours; and (b) consults further with Victoria's faith groups, including the Jewish and Islamic communities, who have warned the Government that the proposed genuine political purpose defence to incitement will damage social cohesion in this state'.

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

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

AYES 50

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; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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; Tim Bull; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

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; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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; Tim Bull; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.11 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.38 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker