

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 121 — Tuesday 13 May 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 3 April 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Serious Offenders Act 2018*, the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004* and the *Corrections Act 1986* and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Melissa Horne introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Safety Act 1986*, the *Road Management Act 2004*, the *Port Management Act 1995*, the *Marine Safety Act 2010*, the *Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988*, the *Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014*, the *Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983*, the *Transport Integration Act 2010* and 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.
- 4 **ACTING PUBLIC ADVOCATE** — The Speaker advised that, on 15 April 2025, she administered to Rosemary Therese Barker, the Acting Public Advocate, the oath required by s 14 of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2019*.
- 5 **IBAC DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 12 May 2025, she administered to Colleen Lynette Bell, the Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.
- 6 **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 fulfill its election promises of 2018 and 2022, and deliver on the \$1.05 billion promise given to the community, by rebuilding Maroondah Hospital from the ground up, bearing 140 signatures (*David Hodgett*)

Marlo Cape Conran shared pathway — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to honour the funding commitment and commence work as soon as possible on the Marlo Cape Conran shared bike and walking pathway, bearing 846 signatures (*Tim Bull*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — MARLO CAPE CONRAN SHARED PATHWAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Tim Bull*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Hodgett*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **DOCUMENTS**

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — Report 2024 tabled by leave (*Ben Carroll*).

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE MODERNISATION OF THE WORKCOVER SCHEME — Final report tabled by leave (*Ben Carroll*).

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into workplace surveillance together with an appendix, extracts from proceedings, a minority report and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix, extracts from proceedings and minority report ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 6 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Family Violence Protection Amendment Act 2025

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025 (House Amendments)

Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025

Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025

Wrongs Amendment (Vicarious Liability) Bill 2025

SR No 90 — Credit Regulations 2024

SR No 92 — Local Government (Infringement Notices) Regulations 2024

SR No 102 — Road Safety (General) Amendment (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2024

SR No 113 — Plant Biosecurity Amendment Regulations 2024

SR No 124 — Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024

Australian Computer Society Incorporated Professional Standards Scheme

Notice of Declaration of the Kind of Insurance that is Excluded from the Definition of Business Insurance under Section 3(2A)

Practitioner Remuneration Order 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a special report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the implementation of Recommendation 60 of Volume 2 of the Inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve

Deakin University — Report 2024

Federation University Australia — Report 2024

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the Report 2024 of Alpine Resorts Victoria, together with an explanation for the delay.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 136/2024 (*Gazette S213, 30 April 2025*)

La Trobe University — Report 2024

Local Government Act 2020 — Order in Council — Suspension of an individual Councillor of Whittlesea City Council under s 229A

Monash University — Report 2024

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004:

WorkSafe compliance code for engineered stone

WorkSafe compliance code for metal casing

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

Bayside — C207, GC252

Benalla — C46

Brimbank — C243

Boroondara — GC252

Casey — GC237

Darebin — C227, GC252

Frankston — C160, GC252

Glen Eira — C273, GC252

Greater Dandenong — GC237

Hobsons Bay — GC237

Hume — C279, GC252

Kingston — C226, GC252

Knox — C202
 Mansfield — C55
 Maroondah — C160, GC252
 Melbourne — GC237
 Merri-bek — C234
 Monash — GC252
 Moonee Valley — GC252
 Moorabool — C118
 South Gippsland — C132
 Stonnington — GC252
 Towong — C40
 Victoria Planning Provisions— VC251, VC280, VC281
 Warrnambool — C213
 Whittlesea — GC237, GC252
 Wyndham — C272
 Yarra — GC237

Professional Standards Act 2003:

The Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Professional Standards Scheme
(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)
 The New South Wales Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*
 The Victorian Bar Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*
 The Western Australia Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2024

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Audit Act 1994 — SR 23
Bail Act 1977 — SR 16
Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988 — SR 25
Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024 — SR 17
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 15, 21
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 19, 20, 24
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 22
Wrongs Act 1958 — SR 18

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25

Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Gas Industry Act 2001 — Declaration of Gaseous Fuels 2025
Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe Meat Industry licensing and fees determination 2025
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe Seafood Safety licensing and fees determination 2025

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2024

University of Melbourne — Report 2024

Victoria University — Report 2024.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 7 April 2025 (*Gazette S182, 15 April 2025*)

Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Division 5 of Part 2 — 3 April 2025 (*Gazette S149, 1 April 2025*).

Youth Justice Act 2024 — Parts 22.2 and 22.3 and Division 1 of Part 22.1 — 22 April 2025 (*Gazette S149, 1 April 2025*).

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025 without amendment.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 8 April 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024

Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025.

- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

- 13 **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 15 May 2025:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 —

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

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

AYES 54

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; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; 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.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; 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; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) 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 sessional orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME.**

17 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

18 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) 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