

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 57, 58 and 59

No 57 — Tuesday 20 February 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 8 February 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Private Security Act 2004** to provide for a new licensing system for the private security industry and to amend the **County Court Act 1958** and the **Sentencing Act 1991** to extend the operation of the Drug Court Division of the County Court and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of Victoria’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** in relation to funding dispute resolution and advocacy services, to amend the **Estate Agents Act 1980** in relation to funding dispute resolution and advocacy services and to abolish the Estate Agents Council, to amend the **Business Licensing Authority Act 1998** to facilitate closure of the Sex Work Regulation Fund, to amend the **Public Records Act 1973** to abolish the Public Records Advisory Council and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **BAIL AMENDMENT (INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHILST ON BAIL) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Amendment Act 2023** so that the offence of committing an indictable offence whilst on bail is not repealed, or to amend the **Bail Act 1977** to re-enact that offence if it is repealed, and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes’ (Michael O’Brien) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

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; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; 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.

6 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing Pilot for Drug Harm Reduction) Bill 2023

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024

Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024

SR No 86 — Water (Recreational Area) Regulations 2023

SR No 102 — Building and Plumbing Amendment (National Construction Code and Other Matters) Regulations 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Electronic gaming machine tax review — released on 12 February 2024

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

Boroondara — C406

Greater Geelong — C464

Hobsons Bay — GC214

Strathbogie — C80

Victoria Planning Provisions — VC244, VC254

Wyndham — GC214

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023 without amendment.

8 **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 13 February 2024

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023

On 20 February 2024

Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023

Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024.

10 **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 22 February 2024:

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

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024

Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024 —

(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; Will Fowles; 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.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; 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 Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — 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.

13 **QUESTION TIME.**

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

15 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — 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:

- (1) Guarantees secure and reliable energy for every Victorian, noting the recent system collapse which led to 530,000 people without power;
- (2) Commits to energy being affordable, noting the 25 per cent price increase over the last year;
- (3) Details how Victoria will have adequate base load power, noting the State Government’s ban on gas;
- (4) Sets out a plan to upgrade 57-year-old transmission infrastructure, noting that almost one in seven of Victoria’s 13,000 electricity transmission towers is damaged and experts warned the Government in 2020 of the risks in extreme weather events;
- (5) Reveals to Victorians exactly how the new planning powers, and Ministerial directions, will operate, and why the Government is stripping communities from planning decisions;
- (6) Explains what the impact will be on agricultural land, when analysis from the Government’s Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper of March 2020 shows that to meet net zero targets up to 70 per cent of Victoria’s land will need to host wind and solar farms;
- (7) Provides an update on how Victoria will reach the 2032 wind target, noting the collapse of the flagship project in Hastings; and
- (8) Provides public transparency on climate measures through a website with live measures covering emissions, renewable energy, battery storage, and wind energy’ —

(James Newbury) — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell 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.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.21 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 58 — Wednesday 21 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Bail Act 1977 — SR 8

Co-operatives National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 9

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 10

Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 11

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 7.

- 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

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

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

- 7 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — 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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

- 8 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — 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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

- 9 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — 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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

- 10 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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:

- (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026;
- (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House;
- (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including:
 - (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and
 - (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and
- (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026’ —

(*Jess Wilson*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME.**

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) 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.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIA’S EMERGENCY SERVICES** — The Speaker read John Pesutto’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House, despite the tireless commitment of emergency services workers and volunteers during the recent severe weather event, expresses deep concern at the Labor Government’s inability to manage Victoria’s emergency services, including failure to ensure power supply across the state, failure to rapidly respond to Victorians calling Triple Zero for emergency assistance, and failure to financially support affected businesses and households.’

John Pesutto addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 15 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) 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 (*Natalie Hutchins*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 16 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Motion made and question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care (*Natalie Hutchins*) — and, after debate —

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

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

- 17 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) 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: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026’; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 18 **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.

No 59 — Thursday 22 February 2024

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:

Neerim District Rural Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to maintain Neerim District Rural Primary School's operational status, collaborate with parents and locals to devise a strategy to restaff the school, and ensure the site remains available for community use, bearing 128 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*)

Redevelopment of Rosebud Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund the redevelopment of the Rosebud Hospital to help fix the healthcare crisis on the southern Mornington Peninsula, bearing 3506 signatures (*Sam Groth*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — NEERIM DISTRICT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — REDEVELOPMENT OF ROSEBUD HOSPITAL** — 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 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2022–23 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) — Report 2022–23.

- 6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 5 March 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.
- 8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) 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: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare

centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026'; debate resumed.

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

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

- 9 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted following stakeholder consultation on what effect classifying a machete as a prohibited weapon would have on protecting the public against the use of machetes, while ensuring the bill retains the important changes to the service of firearm prohibition orders' (*Brad Battin*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 10 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 12 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT 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 (*Gabrielle de Vietri*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 69

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carabines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos;

Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenney; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 20 February 2024 had expired.

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 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; 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 Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 13 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — 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: (1) Guarantees secure and reliable energy for every Victorian, noting the recent system collapse which led to 530,000 people without power; (2) Commits to

energy being affordable, noting the 25 per cent price increase over the last year; (3) Details how Victoria will have adequate base load power, noting the State Government's ban on gas; (4) Sets out a plan to upgrade 57-year-old transmission infrastructure, noting that almost one in seven of Victoria's 13,000 electricity transmission towers is damaged and experts warned the Government in 2020 of the risks in extreme weather events; (5) Reveals to Victorians exactly how the new planning powers, and Ministerial directions, will operate, and why the Government is stripping communities from planning decisions; (6) Explains what the impact will be on agricultural land, when analysis from the Government's Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper of March 2020 shows that to meet net zero targets up to 70 per cent of Victoria's land will need to host wind and solar farms; (7) Provides an update on how Victoria will reach the 2032 wind target, noting the collapse of the flagship project in Hastings; and (8) Provides public transparency on climate measures through a website with live measures covering emissions, renewable energy, battery storage, and wind energy'.

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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NOES 22

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 14 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) 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: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and

enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026’.

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 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; 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; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

- 15 **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