



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.— The President said:

“We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the first inhabitants and the continuing custodians of this land.”

3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.— The President read Prayers.

4 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to choose a Senator in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia on Thursday, 13 August 2026.
- (2) Tasmanian Government response to the 2024-25 Independent Review of the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008*.
- (3) *Poisons Act 1971*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 40, Poisons Amendment Regulations 2026.
- (4) *Coroners Act 1995*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 41, Coroners (Fees, Expenses and Allowances) Regulations 2026.
- (5) *Health Act 1997*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 42, Health (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2026.

5 RESIGNATION OF SENATOR PETER WHISH-WILSON: A LETTER FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.— The President said:—

“Honourable Members, I have received a letter from Her Excellency the Governor which reads as follows:

14 August 2026

The Honourable Craig Farrell MLC
President of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear President

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the President of the Senate notifying me that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, a vacancy has occurred on 14 August 2026 in the representation of the State of Tasmania as a result of the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson.

I have also written to the Premier and the Speaker of the House of Assembly to advise them of the vacancy.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Wells

Governor”

Letter from Parliament House, Canberra read as follows:—

“Her Excellency the Honourable Caroline Wells
Governor of Tasmania
Government House
HOBART TAS 7000

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, I notify Your Excellency there is a vacancy in the representation of the State of Tasmania through the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson on Friday 14 August 2026.

Yours sincerely

Senator Sue Lines
President of the Senate

14 August 2026”

6 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Ratray* have leave to move Motions without Notice.

7 JOINT SITTING: SENATE VACANCY.— A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*) and the Question was proposed, That so much of Standing Order 329 be suspended to allow for a Joint Sitting of the Houses to be arranged sooner than 7 days after receipt of the Governor’s Message.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That on Thursday 20 August 2026 at 10.00 o’clock a.m. the Legislative Council meet the House of Assembly in the House of Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson. (Ms *Ratray*)

Ordered, That the Joint Sitting Rules as distributed to Members in the House be adopted as the Rules for the Joint Sitting of both Houses. (Ms *Ratray*)

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Assembly requesting its concurrence therein and that such Message contain the proposed Rules for the Joint Sitting of both Houses. (Ms *Ratray*)

8 JOINT SITTING: SENATE VACANCY.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—
HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the following Resolution and requests its concurrence therein:—

Resolved, That on Thursday 20 August 2026 at 10.00 o’clock in the forenoon the Legislative Council meet the House of Assembly in the House of Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson; and further that and further, the Legislative Council proposes the following Rules for the Joint Sitting:—

1. PARLIAMENTARY USAGE TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEBATE

That on any Debate arising, the same shall be conducted according to the Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Assembly. On all points of order, and on all questions arising during the proceedings for choosing a person to fill the vacant place in the Senate, the ruling of the Presiding Officer shall be absolute and final.

2. RULES OF PROCEDURE

- (1) The Presiding Officer shall call for nominations of persons to fill the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson. Each nomination shall be in writing, signed by the proposer, who shall certify on the form of nomination that the person so nominated is willing to hold the seat if chosen and is not disqualified from so doing. The proposer shall also certify that the nominee is a member of the Australian Greens. Nominations shall be handed to the Clerk, who upon being satisfied that they are in order, shall proceed with the preparation of the ballot paper. In the event that one or more nominees are certified to be members of the appropriate Party, those nominees only shall be taken to have been validly proposed to fill the vacancy, and no names other than theirs shall be included on the ballot paper as candidates for the vacant seat.
- (2) If only one person be nominated for the vacant seat, the Presiding Officer shall propose the Question "That (name of proposed person) be chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson, should such Question be passed in the affirmative, shall so declare.
- (3) If more than one person be nominated for the vacant seat, a ballot shall be taken in the manner hereinafter provided to determine which of such persons shall be chosen to hold the vacant place. Each of such persons so duly nominated is hereinafter referred to as 'a candidate'.
- (4) The Presiding Officer shall announce the names of the candidates who have been nominated, and shall then direct that a ballot be proceeded with, after which no other person shall be nominated; and the Clerk shall turn a two-minute sand-glass, to be kept on the table for that purpose, and the division bells of the House of Assembly shall be rung, and the doors shall not be closed till after the lapse of two minutes, as indicated by the said sand-glass. The doors shall be locked as soon after the lapse of two minutes as the Presiding Officer shall think proper to direct, and, unless otherwise ordered, shall remain locked until it shall have been declared in the manner provided in Rule 2 that a candidate has been chosen to hold the vacant place: provided that the Clerk and two Scrutineers may retire from the Chamber in order to prepare the ballot papers, and subsequently, to count the votes.
- (5) The Presiding Officer shall appoint a Member of each House to be a Scrutineer to assist the Clerk of the Joint Sitting (herein referred to as the 'Clerk') in ascertaining the number of votes cast for each candidate.
- (6) As soon as practicable after the Presiding Officer has announced that the ballot will be proceeded with each Member present shall be provided with a ballot paper initialled by the Clerk.
- (7) Each Member voting shall forthwith mark on the ballot-paper the order of his or her preference for all candidates, and any ballot paper not so marked shall be rejected as informal.
- (8) The Member shall then fold and place the ballot paper so marked in the ballot box.
- (9) If there are only two candidates, the Clerk shall report to the Presiding Officer the number of valid votes cast for each candidate, and the Presiding Officer shall declare in the manner provided in Rule 2 that the candidate who has the larger number of votes has been chosen to hold the vacant place.
- (10) If there are more than two candidates, the method of counting the votes prescribed by Schedule 5 of the *Electoral Act 2004*, for cases in which only one Member is to be elected shall, so far as practicable, and not inconsistent with these rules, be observed.
- (11) As soon as it is ascertained that any candidate has obtained an absolute majority of the valid votes recorded by the Members voting, the Clerk shall so report to the Presiding Officer, and the Presiding Officer shall declare in the manner provided in Rule 2 that such candidate has been chosen to hold the vacant place.
- (12) If at any stage in the count, two or more of the candidates have an equal number of votes, and one of them has to be excluded, the Clerk shall forthwith report to the Presiding

Officer the results of the count at that stage. The Members shall thereupon proceed to a special ballot to ascertain which of such candidates shall be excluded, but so that if there are more than two of such persons with an equality of votes only one shall be excluded.

- (13) In all cases not provided for in these Rules resort shall be had to the procedure laid down in the *Electoral Act 2004*, so far as the same may in the opinion of the Presiding Officer be applicable and not inconsistent with these Rules.

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C.M. FARRELL, President

9 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of six Members who had indicated their desire to speak:—

- (1) Ms *Webb* – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society;
- (2) Mr *Hiscutt* – Ulverstone Winter Shelter Program;
- (3) Ms *O'Connor* – Macquarie Point Contaminated Material Removal;
- (4) Ms *Lovell* – Eye Health and Vision Care, and the work of Optometry Australia;
- (5) Mr *Edmunds* – Reclink Hobart Community Cup; and
- (6) Ms *Ratray* – *Ringarooma Days* Book Launch.

At the conclusion of the Special Interest Matter the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

10 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL, NO. 10 OF 2025-26, PLANNING AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Auditor-General, No. 10 of 2025-26, Planning and Early Implementation of the Human Resource Information System be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

11 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

12 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were eight Questions asked.

13 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL, NO. 10 OF 2025-26, PLANNING AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Auditor-General, No. 10 of 2025-26, Planning and Early Implementation of the Human Resource Information System be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

14 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND EQUALITY.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the terms of reference for the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality, as previously agreed to by resolutions of both Houses, be varied as follows:

- (1) In the introductory paragraph, *inserting* “, Gender-based Violence” after “Sessional Gender”; and
- (2) By *leaving out* paragraph (1) and *inserting instead*:
“(1) (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender, gender-based violence and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;

- (b) Any matter related to gender, gender-based violence and equality referred to it by either House; and
- (c) Any matter related to gender, gender-based violence and equality, initiated by its own motion; and”.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly seeking their concurrence therein.
(Ms Forrest)

15 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND EQUALITY.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the following Resolution now transmits the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein:—

Resolved, That the terms of reference for the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality, as previously agreed to by resolutions of both Houses, be varied as follows:

- (1) In the introductory paragraph, *inserting* “, Gender-based Violence” after “Sessional Gender”; and
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 - (c) Any matter related to gender, gender-based violence and equality, initiated by its own motion; and”.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

16 GAMBLING ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP AT STATE-OWNED OR STATE-FUNDED VENUES.— A Motion was made (Ms Webb) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council:—

- (1) Notes on Tuesday 2 December 2025 the Council passed a Resolution calling on the State Government to introduce within one year a complete ban on gambling advertising and sponsorship at all state-owned or state-funded venues including the Macquarie Point Stadium, and on players’ uniforms, and further to table an implementation progress report within six months of the passage of that resolution;
- (2) Further notes the six month deadline was 2 June 2026, however the State government has not yet tabled the requested implementation update as it was called on to do by this House;
- (3) Recognises the Federal Government’s gambling advertising reforms announced on 2 April 2026, will partially implement recommendations of the 2023 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs report *You Win Some, You Lose More – Inquiry into Online Gambling and Its Impacts on Those Experiencing Gambling Harm*, and do not preclude the state taking immediate action for state-owned or funded venues;
- (4) Reaffirms that publicly owned state venues should prohibit gambling advertising and sponsorship that normalise or glamorise wagering, consistent with the clear public health responsibility to avoid promoting activities known to cause harm;
- (5) Notes with grave concern the failure of the State government to acknowledge or address the December 2025 Resolution passed by this House;

- (6) Formally requests by Thursday 10 September 2026 the State government provides to this House a comprehensive response to the 2 December 2025 resolution, and which is to address both:
 - (a) That Resolution's call for gambling advertising and sponsorship at all state-owned or state-funded venues, and on players' uniforms; to be prohibited; and
 - (b) An implementation timeframe update.

A Debate arose thereupon.

17 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 4.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

18 GAMBLING ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP AT STATE-OWNED OR STATE-FUNDED VENUES.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Legislative Council:—

- (1) Notes on Tuesday 2 December 2025 the Council passed a Resolution calling on the State government to introduce within one year a complete ban on gambling advertising and sponsorship at all state-owned or state-funded venues including the Macquarie Point Stadium, and on players' uniforms, and further to table an implementation progress report within six months of the passage of that resolution;
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 - (a) That Resolution's call for gambling advertising and sponsorship at all state-owned or state-funded venues, and on players' uniforms; to be prohibited; and
 - (b) An implementation timeframe update.

Ordered, That Ms Rattray have leave to Table the Tasmanian Government's submission to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee regarding the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Gambling Reform) Bill 2026.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

19 TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE *CLIMATE CHANGE (STATE ACTION) ACT 2008*.— A Motion was made (Ms O'Connor) and the Question was proposed, That the Tasmanian Government's disappointing and irresponsible response to the Report of the Independent Review of the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That Ms O'Connor have leave to Table:

- Climatic Maps; and
- An Open Letter to Members of Tasmanian Parliament calling for the implementation of the recommendation of the Independent Review of the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008*.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Ms *Webb*)

20 SITTING SUSPENDED.—*Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (Ms *Ratray*)

The Sitting was suspended at 6.30 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 7.32 o'clock p.m.

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And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

22 REFERRAL OF SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2026 TO GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE A.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Short Stay Levy Bill 2026 be referred to Government Administration Committee A for Consideration and Report.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

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The Council divided.

AYES 4

Ms *Forrest* (Teller)
Mr *Gaffney*
Mr *Hiscutt*
Ms *Webb*

NOES 10

Ms *Armitage*
Mr *Duigan*
Mr *Edmunds* (Teller)
Ms *Glade-Wright*
Ms *Lovell*
Ms *O'Connor*
Ms *Palmer*
Ms *Ratray*
Ms *Thomas*
Mr *Vincent*

So it passed in the Negative.

23 BILL NO. 14.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026.

A Motion was made (Ms *Lovell*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 10

Ms *Armitage*
Mr *Edmunds*
Ms *Forrest*
Mr *Gaffney* (Teller)

NOES 4

Mr *Duigan*
Ms *Palmer*
Ms *Ratray* (Teller)
Mr *Vincent*

Ms Glade-Wright
Mr Hiscutt
Ms Lovell
Ms O'Connor
Ms Thomas
Ms Webb

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Forrest in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

The Council being resumed, Ms Forrest reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
(Ms Lovell)

24 JOINT SITTING: SENATE VACANCY.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 18 August 2026:—

Resolved, That on Thursday, 20 August 2026 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon the Legislative Council meet with the House of Assembly in the House of Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson; and further, the Legislative Council proposes the following Rules for the Joint Sitting:—

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker

25 BILL NO. 5.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Offences Act 1935* and to consequentially amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*’.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker

26 BILL NO. 15.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Land Supply Act 2018* and the *Community Housing Providers National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013*’,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
(Mr Vincent)

27 BILL NO. 55 OF 2025.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*’,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 18 August 2026

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
(Ms Rattray)

28 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND EQUALITY.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 18 August 2026:—

Resolved, That the terms of reference for the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality, as previously agreed to by resolutions of both Houses, be varied as follows:

- (1) In the introductory paragraph, *inserting* “, Gender-based Violence” after “Sessional Gender”; and
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 - (e) Any matter related to gender, gender-based violence and equality, initiated by its own motion; and”.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker

29 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Ratray* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

30 DISCHARGING ORDER OF THE DAY: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND EQUALITY.— A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*) and the Question was proposed, That Government Business Order of the Day No 13, That the Council consider the Message from the House of Assembly regarding the establishment of a Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Joint Standing Committee, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

A Debate arose thereupon

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

31 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 19 August 2026. (Ms *Ratray*)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Ms *Ratray*)

The Council adjourned at 11.12 o'clock p.m.

C.L. VICKERS, *Clerk of the Council*.

Briefings:

- *Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026*
- *Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026*
- *Short Stay Levy Bill 2026*
- *Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026*