



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2026

- 1 **COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 10.00 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 *Fee Units Act 1997*: Notification of the fee units value for 2026-27.
- 5 **BILL NO. 58 OF 2025.**— The University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2025 was read the Third time and passed.
- 6 **BILL NO. 58 OF 2025.**— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill intituled, ‘A Bill for an Act to ensure that certain land vested in the University of Tasmania is not disposed of without the prior approval of both Houses of Parliament and to consequentially amend the *University of Tasmania Act 1992*’.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

- 7 **BILL NO. 3.**— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Alternative Application Period) Bill 2026.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

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.

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(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

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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 *Ratray*)

**8 BILL NO. 2.**— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Residential Parks Bill Park 2026.

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

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

**9 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*), and the Question was proposed, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division Bells.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Sitting was suspended at 11.12 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

**10 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were seven Questions asked.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Vincent* have leave to Table the draft River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan, dated November 2023.

**11 BILL NO. 2.**— The Council, according to Order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Residential Parks Bill 2026 be now read the Second time.

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

**12 BILL NO. 10.**— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020*, the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025* and the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*’,

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. (Ms *Ratray*)

**13 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 5.02 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 5.12 o'clock p.m.

**14 ADJOURNMENT.**— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 9.30 o'clock a.m. on Friday, 15 May 2026. (Ms *Ratray*)

A Motion was made (Ms *Rattray*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 5.16 o'clock p.m.

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

*Briefings:*

- *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025*
- *Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Alternative Application Period) Bill 2026*
- *Residential Parks Bill 2026*