



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 32

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 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) Right to Information: Annual Report on the *Administration of the Right to Information Act 2009* for the period 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025.
  - (2) State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025: Register of Approvals and Amendments of Relevant Documents. 1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026.
- 5 **REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY MATTERS.**— Ms *Forrest* presented an Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters Inquiry into energy prices and related matters in Tasmania.  
*Ordered*, That the Report be received. (Ms *Forrest*)  
*Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)  
*Ordered*, That consideration of the Report and its noting be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Ms *Forrest*)
- 6 **SITTING SUSPENDED.**— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells for the purpose of a ballot. (Ms *Ratray*)  
The Sitting was suspended at 11.06 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 11.18 o'clock a.m.
- 7 **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That Ms *Ratray* have leave to move Motions without Notice.
- 8 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**— *Ordered*, That Ms *Glade-Wright* be appointed to serve on Government Administration Committee A; the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation; and the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality. (Ms *Ratray*)  
*Ordered*, That Mr *Hiscutt* be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters and the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. (Ms *Ratray*)  
*Ordered*, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that House of the Appointment of Honourable Members to those respective Joint Committees of both Houses of Parliament. (Ms *Ratray*)

**9 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.** — A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has made the following appointments to Committees:—

Ms *Glade-Wright* to serve on the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation and the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality; and

Mr *Hiscutt* to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters and the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

**10 BILL NO. 9.**— The Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2026 was read the Third time and passed.

**11 BILL NO. 9.**— 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 adopt specified provisions of the *Help to Buy Act 2024* of the Commonwealth for the purposes of section 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to refer the 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 for the purposes of section 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth and to consequentially amend other Acts’.

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**12 BILL NO. 1.**— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Building Amendment Bill 2026 as amended in Committee of the Whole Council.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration. (Ms *Ratray*)

The Council, accordingly, proceeded to take the same into consideration.

The Amendments were read the First time.

The said Amendments, being read the Second time, were agreed to.

A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*), and the Question proposed, That the Bill as amended in Committee be now read the Third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 8

Ms *Armitage*  
Mr *Duigan*  
Ms *Forrest* (Teller)  
Mr *Gaffney*  
Mr *Hiscutt*  
Ms *O’Connor*  
Ms *Ratray*  
Mr *Vincent*

Pair: Ms *Palmer*

NOES 4

Ms *Glade-Wright*  
Ms *Lovell*  
Ms *Thomas*  
Ms *Webb* (Teller)

Pair: Mr *Edmunds*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**13 BILL NO. 1.**— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill intituled —  
'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Building Act 2016*',  
now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

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

The Sitting was suspended at 11.29 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

**15 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were two Questions asked.

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

The Sitting was suspended at 2.37 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 3.49 o'clock p.m.

**17 LEAVE TO TABLE BUDGET PAPERS.**— *Ordered*, That Ms Rattray have leave to Table Budget Papers.

**18 BUDGET PAPERS.**— Ms Rattray laid upon the Table Budget Papers for 2026-27 entitled:

Budget Overview  
Budget Speech  
2026-27 Tasmanian Gender Budget Statement  
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026  
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026  
Budget Paper No. 1 – Budget Strategy and Estimates  
Budget Paper No. 2 – Agency Information Supporting Appropriation Bill No. 1  
Budget Paper No. 3 – Agency Information Supporting Appropriation Bill No. 2  
Budget Paper No. 4 – Supplementary Budget Reports

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

**20 PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**— *Ordered*, That Government business have precedence on Tuesday, 26 May 2026 and Tuesday, 23 June 2026. (Ms Rattray)

**21 BUDGET PAPERS 2025-26 AND APPROPRIATION BILLS (NO. 1 AND NO. 2) 2026: TAKE NOTE.**— A Motion was made (Ms Rattray) and the Question was proposed, That the Budget Papers and Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2026 be noted.

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

**22 ADJOURNMENT.**— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 26 May 2026. (Ms Rattray)

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

The Council adjourned at 3.53 o'clock p.m.

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

*Briefing:*

- *Local Government (Targeted Reforms) Bill 2026*