# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**SESSION OF 2025 – 2026**

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 57

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 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) Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner: Annual Report 2025-2026.
(2) Board of Architects of Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.
(3) Recycle Rewards: Annual Report 2025-2026.
(4) *Poisons Act 1971*: Poisons (Midwifery Substances) Order 2026, Statutory Rules 2026, No. xx.
(5) *Poisons Act 1971*: Poisons Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2026, Statutory Rules 2026, No. 76.
(6) *Public Health Act 1997*: Public Health (Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulations 2026, Statutory Rules 2026, No. 83.
(7) *Public Health Act 1997*: Public Health (Smoking Product Licence) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2026, Statutory Rules 2026, No. 84.

**5 REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING TRANSITION.—** Ms *O'Connor* presented an interim report of the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition.

*Ordered,* That the Report be received. (Ms *O'Connor*)

**6 BILL NO. 30.—** The Order of the Day was read for the further consideration in Committee of the Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) Bill 2026 as amended in the 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.

Clause 57 further considered

Clause 57, Amendment proposed (Ms *Lovell*)

Page 80, before paragraph (a).

*Insert* the following paragraph.

(xx) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (b) in subsection (1):

(baa) any authorisation by the Commissioner, or refusal of the Commissioner to authorise, the holder of a licence under section 47A(2) or (3); or

(baab) any condition imposed under section 47A(4) or (5); or

And the Question being put,

Committee divided.

| AYES 5 | NOES 9 |
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| Mr *Edmunds* | Ms *Armitage* |
| Ms *Glade-Wright (Teller)* | Mr *Duigan* |
| Ms *Lovell* | Ms *Forrest* |
| Ms *O'Connor* | Mr *Gaffney (Teller)* |
| Ms *Webb* | Mr *Hiscutt* |
| | Ms *Palmer* |
| | Ms *Rattray* |
| | Ms *Thomas* |
| | Mr *Vincent* |

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 57, Amendment made (Ms *Rattray*)

Page 81, after paragraph (d).

*Insert* the following paragraph.

(XX) by omitting from subsection (4)(a) "criminal" twice occurring;

Clause 57 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 58 to 62 agreed to.

Clause 63, Amendment made (Ms *Rattray*)

Page 85, proposed new section 164A, subsection (2), paragraph (b), after "as soon as".

*Insert* "reasonably".

Clause 63 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 64 to 66 agreed to.

**New Clause A** brought up (Ms *Rattray)* and read the First time as follows:—

To follow clause 6.

**A. Section 3A amended (Meaning of "close associate" of firearms dealer or employee)**

Section 3A(1) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by omitting from paragraph (b) "the licence." and substituting "the licence; and";

(b) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:

(c) is in a marriage or personal relationship with that holder or applicant, within the meaning of the *Relationships Act 2003*, or is related to that holder or applicant, and, by virtue of that relationship, is or will be able to exercise a significant influence over the holder or applicant.

Read the Second time and made part of the Bill (to follow Clause 6).

**New Clause B** brought up (Ms *Forrest)* and read the First time as follows:—

To follow clause 21.

**B. Section 33A inserted**

After section 33 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Division 5:

**33A. Restrictions on granting certain licences relating to primary production**

(1) In this section –

***associated primary production licence*** means a category C firearms licence that is granted as a result of a relevant primary production application;

***relevant primary production application*** means an application for a category C firearms licence where –

(a) the genuine reason for possessing or using a firearm under the licence is primary production; and

(b) the applicant is an applicant to which section 40(a)(iv) applies.

(2) The Commissioner may only grant a relevant primary production application in respect of land to which the application relates (the ***relevant land***) if less than the following numbers of associated primary production licences are in force, under this Act, in respect of that land:

(a) if the relevant land is less than 800 hectares – 3 associated primary production licences;

(b) if the relevant land is 800 hectares or more – 5 associated primary production licences.

(3) Despite section 16, an associated primary production licence only authorises the holder of the licence –

(a) to possess and use one straight pull action firearm under the authority of the licence; and

(b) to use that firearm for the suppression of vertebrate pest animals on the relevant land in respect of the licence; and

(c) to use that firearm on the relevant land, if the holder has the written permission of the person who –

(i) owns, manages or leases the relevant land in respect of the licence; and

(ii) is regularly engaged in the business of primary production on that land.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, an associated primary production licence does not authorise the holder of the licence –

(a) to use a firearm specified in section 16 other than a straight pull action firearm; and

(b) to use a straight pull action firearm for any purpose other than the suppression of vertebrate pest animals on the relevant land; and

(c) to use a straight pull action firearm on any land other than the relevant land in respect of the licence.

**7 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.

**8 QUESTION TIME.—** The President called for Questions without Notice. There were 7 Questions asked.

**9 BILL NO. 30.—** The Order of the Day was read for the further consideration in Committee of the Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) Bill 2026 as amended in the 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)

New Clause B further considered.

**10 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.

**11 BILL NO. 30.—** The Order of the Day was read for the further consideration in Committee of the Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) Bill 2026 as amended in the 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)

Proposed New Clause B further considered.

And the Question being put, That the new proposed Clause B be now read the second time.

Committee divided.

| AYES 8 | NOES 6 |
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| Ms *Armitage* | Mr *Edmunds* |
| Mr *Duigan* | Ms *Glade-Wright (Teller)* |
| Ms *Forrest (Teller)* | Ms *Lovell* |
| Mr *Gaffney* | Ms *O'Connor* |
| Mr *Hiscutt* | Ms *Thomas* |
| Ms *Palmer* | Ms *Webb* |
| Ms *Rattray* | |
| Mr *Vincent* | |

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Read the Second time and made part of the Bill (to follow Clause 21).

**New Clause C** brought up (Ms *Forrest)* and read the First time as follows:—

To follow clause 23.

**C. Section 40 amended (Requirements relating to primary production)**

Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

(a) be a person who –

(i) is regularly engaged in the business of primary production on land owned, managed or leased by the person; or

(ii) is a relative of a person referred to in subparagraph (i), within the meaning of section 29(2A), if the relative lives on, or near, the land referred to in that subparagraph; or

(iii) is regularly engaged as an employee of a person referred to in subparagraph (i); or

(iv) provides services, other than as an employee of a person referred to in subparagraph (i), in respect of land referred to in that subparagraph;

Read the Second time and made part of the Bill (to follow Clause 23).

**New Clause D** brought up (Ms *Thomas)* and read the First time as follows:—

To follow clause 24.

**D. Section 46A inserted**

After section 46 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Division 7:

**46A. Non-application of certain general conditions in specified circumstance**

(1) A condition imposed on a licence under section 46(bb) does not apply in respect of a firearm that is located or stored at an address, other than the nominated storage location in respect of the firearm, for more than 24 hours if –

(a) the licensee has notified the Commissioner, in accordance with that condition, of the address where the firearm is primarily located or stored; and

(b) the firearm has been removed from the nominated storage location, in respect of the firearm, so that the licensee may use the firearm, for the genuine reason for which the licensee may possess and use the firearm; and

(c) the licensee returns the firearm to the nominated storage location, in respect of the firearm, once the licensee has used the firearm for that reason.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in subsection (1) removes any other requirement under this Act, or a condition of a licence, in respect of the storage, transportation or use of a firearm while the firearm is used, located or stored at a location other than the nominated storage location in respect of the firearm.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Negative.

**New Clause D** brought up (Ms *Rattray)* and read the First time as follows:—

To follow clause 43.

**D. Section 108 amended (Inspection of firearms)**

Section 108 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by omitting from subsection (1) "carries" and substituting "possesses".

(b) by omitting from subsection (4)(b) "produces" and substituting "if the person holds such a licence or permit, produces".

Read the Second time and made part of the Bill (to follow Clause 43).

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendments.

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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 with Amendments.

*Ordered,* That the consideration of the Bill as amended in Committee be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Ms *Rattray*)

**12 BILL NO. 55 of 2025.—** The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2025.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

**13 ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS IN THE COUNCIL AT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.—** A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein:—

> *Resolved*, That the House of Assembly requests that the Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables and Minister for Parks and Heritage to appear before and give evidence to the House of Assembly Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee.

*House of Assembly, 18 November 2026* HELEN BURNET, *Acting Speaker*

*Ordered,* That the Message be taken into consideration tomorrow. (Ms *Rattray*)

**14 BILL NO. 24.—** A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has this day agreed, without Amendment, to the Bill intituled, 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000'.*

*House of Assembly, 18 November 2026* HELEN BURNET, *Acting Speaker*

**15 ADJOURNMENT.—** *Resolved,* That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 19 November 2026. (Ms *Rattray*)

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

The Council adjourned at 7.16 o'clock p.m.

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