



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

THURSDAY, 13 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) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2019-2020.
- (2) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2020-2021.
- (3) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2021-2022.
- (4) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2022-2023.
- (5) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2023-2024.
- (6) Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Report on the State of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Industry 2024-25.

5 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— Ms *Forrest* presented the Annual Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts, together with evidence taken by the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received. (Ms *Forrest*)

Ordered, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)

6 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT: JOINT SITTING.— The President said —

“For completeness of the official record I wish to advise the Council that following the Joint Sitting of the Parliament at 10.00 o'clock am this day Chris Gatenby has been duly chosen to hold a place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Wendy Askew.

A copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Joint Sitting will be tabled by the Clerk of the Council when printed.”

7 STATEMENT BY THE LEADER.— Ms *Rattray* made a Statement on behalf of the Premier regarding the first case of H5N1 Bird Flu in Tasmania.

8 BILL NO. 2.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Residential Parks 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 Rattray)

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.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended in the Committee, be now read the Third time. (Ms Rattray)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

9 BILL NO. 2.— 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 regulate residential parks and agreements between park owners and residents in those parks and for related purposes’,

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

10 BILL NO. 53 OF 2025.— The Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal) Bill 2025 was read the Third time and passed.

11 BILL NO. 53 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 repeal the *Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction Act 2003*’.

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

12 BILL NO. 5.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Police Offences Amendment (Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials) 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 Rattray)

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

The Amendment was read the First time.

The said Amendment, being read the Second time, was agreed to.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 10

Ms Armitage
Mr Duigan (Teller)
Mr Edmunds
Ms Glade-Wright

NOES 4

Ms Forrest
Mr Gaffney (Teller)
Ms O'Connor
Ms Webb

Mr *Hiscutt*
Ms *Lovell*
Ms *Palmer*
Ms *Rattray*
Ms *Thomas*
Mr *Vincent*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time and passed.

13 BILL NO. 5.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendment, to a Bill intituled —

‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Offences Act 1935* and to consequentially amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*’,

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

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C.M. FARRELL, President

14 BILL NO. 50 OF 2025.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Police Offences 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.

15 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.

16 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were six Questions asked.

17 BILL NO. 50 OF 2025.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2025 be now read the Second time.

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.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to

Clause 9, Amendment made. (Ms *Webb*)

Page 7, proposed new section 37FA, subsection (1), paragraph (b), subparagraph (iv).

Leave out “a risk of”.

Clause 9, Further Amendment proposed. (Ms *Webb*)

Page 8, same proposed new section, same subsection, same paragraph, subparagraph (v).

Leave out the subparagraph.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

AYES 4

Mr *Gaffney*
Ms *Glade-Wright*
Ms *O'Connor*
Ms *Webb* (Teller)

NOES 10

Ms *Armitage*
Mr *Duigan*
Mr *Edmunds*
Ms *Forrest*
Mr *Hiscutt*
Ms *Lovell*
Ms *Palmer*
Ms *Ratray*
Ms *Thomas* (Teller)
Mr *Vincent*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 9 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with 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 with Amendment.

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

18 BILL NO. 6.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2026.

A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*), 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 *Ratray*)

19 BILL NO. 2.— 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 regulate residential parks and agreements between park owners and residents in those parks and for related purposes’.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

20 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 18 August 2026. (Ms *Ratray*)

A Motion was made (Ms *Ratray*) 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 6.00 o'clock p.m.

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

Briefings:

- *Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026*
- *Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications) Bill 2025*
- *Occupational Licencing Amendment Bill 2026*