



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

WEDNESDAY, 19 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 PAPER.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025. Register of Approvals and Amendments of Relevant Documents. Quarter 2 – 2026.

5 SPECIAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE A.— Ms *Forrest* presented a Special Report of Government Administration Committee A on its Resolution to appoint a Sub-Committee to inquire into recent developments relating to government policy on poker machine harm minimisation.

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

6 LEAVE TO TABLE DOCUMENT.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to Table a document.

7 MACQUARIE POINT CONTAMINATED MATERIAL REMOVAL.— Ms *Rattray* laid upon the Table a Government response to matters raised by Ms *O'Connor* regarding the removal of contaminate material from Macquarie Point during her Special Interest Contribution on 18 August 2026.

8 BILL NO. 50 OF 2025.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2025 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.

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. 50 OF 2025.— 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*’,

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. 6.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2026 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

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 27 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 *Rattray*)

11 BILL NO. 59 OF 2025.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications) 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.

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.

12 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.

13 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were nine Questions asked.

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

15 SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER: AFTERNOON BREAK.— A Motion was made (Ms *Rattray*) and the Question was proposed, That so much of Sessional Orders be suspended to allow the Council to continue to sit beyond 4.00 o'clock pm.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

16 BILL NO. 59 OF 2025.— The Council again resolved itself into a Committee on the Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications) Bill 2025.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Question put, That Clause 4 be agreed to.

And the Question being put,

The Committee divided.

AYES 11

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

NOES 3

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 5 to 7 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 *Rattray*)

17 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND EQUALITY.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has appointed:

Ms *Badger* to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender, Gender-Based Violence and Equality in place of Ms *Rosol*.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

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

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

The Council adjourned at 4.08 o'clock p.m.

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

Briefings:

- *Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026*
- *Short Stay Levy Bill 2026*