LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 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) Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025-2026.

(2) Cradle Coast Authority: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(3) NRM North Tasmania Annual Report 2025-2026.

(4) NRM South Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(5) TasPorts: Annual Report 2025- 2026.

(6) Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB): Annual Report 2025-2026.

(7) Marine and Safety Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(8) Metro Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(9) Homes Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(10) Public Guardian: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(11) Public Trustee: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(12) Board of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: Chair Annual Report 2024-2025.

(13) State Fire Commission: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(14) TasRail: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(15) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(16) Aurora Energy: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(17) Hydro Tasmania: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(18) TasNetworks: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(19) TASCORP: Annual Report 2025-2026.

(20) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 59, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Regulations 2026.

(21) Central Highlands Council: Caravan By-law No. 1 of 2025.

5 BILL NO. 15.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Housing Land Supply (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026 as amended in Committee of the Whole Council.

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

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. (Mr *Vincent*)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

6 BILL NO. 15.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

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

'An Act to amend the *Housing Land Supply Act 2018* and the *Community Housing Providers National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013*',

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

Legislative Council, 28 October 2026 C.M. FARRELL, *President*

7 BILL NO. 29.— Sentencing Amendment (Publication of Criminal Activity) Bill 2026 was read the Third time and passed.

8 BILL NO. 29.— 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 amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*'.

Legislative Council, 28 October 2026 C.M. FARRELL, *President*

9 CONDOLENCE MOTION: HONOURABLE GEORGE ARTHUR SHAW OAM.— *Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That the Legislative Council expresses its deep regret at the passing on 14 September 2026 of the Honourable George Shaw OAM, Member of the Legislative Council for Macquarie from 1968 to 1998 and President of the Legislative Council from 1988 to 1992, and places on record its appreciation of his service to this State, and further, that this House respectfully tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Ordered, That the Resolution of the Council be forwarded to the family of the late Honourable George Arthur Shaw. (Ms *Rattray*)

10 BILL NO. 27.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Teachers Registration 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.

11 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.

12 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were 9 Questions asked.

13 BILL NO. 27.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Teachers Registration Bill 2026 be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

14 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.

15 BILL NO. 27.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Teachers Registration Bill 2026 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.

Ordered, That the Council will, at a later hour, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Council.

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 5.59 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 7.13 o'clock p.m.

17 BILL NO. 27.— The Council according to Order resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Teachers Registration Bill 2026.

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 123 agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 4 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 *Palmer*)

18 BILL NO. 30.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) 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.

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

19 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved,* That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 29 October 2026. (Ms *Rattray*)

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

The Council adjourned at 10.01 o'clock p.m.

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

Briefings:

- *Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) Bill 2026*