LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2026

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 9.30 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) Legislative Council Select Committee: Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee A 2025 - Report with Minutes of Proceedings. Presented to the President of the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 28 January 2026.

(2) Legislative Council Select Committee: Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee B 2025 - Report with Minutes of Proceedings. Presented to the President of the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 28 January 2026.

(3) Department of Treasury and Finance: Tasmanian Fiscal Sustainability Report 2026.

(4) Tasmanian Electoral Commission: Annual Report 2024-25.

(5) Tasmanian Electoral Commission: 2024 to 2025 Report on Parliamentary Elections.

(6) *Firearms Act 1996*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 52, Firearms Amendment Regulations 2025.

(7) *Water Management Act 1999*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 56, Water Management (Safety of Dams) Regulations 2025.

(8) *Traffic Act 1925*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 57, Road Amendment (Approved Bicycle Helmets) Rules 2025.

(9) *Traffic Act 1925*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 60, Road Amendment (Helmets) Rules 2025.

(10) *Traffic Act 1925*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 61, Traffic (Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment (Helmets) Regulations 2025.

(11) *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2005*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 66, Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Regulations 2025.

(12) *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*: Statutory Rules 2026, No xx, Housing Land Supply (Warrane) Order 2026.

(13) Burnie City Council: Public Places By-Law No. 1 of 2025.

(14) Sorell Council: Roads By-Law No. 1 of 2026.

(15) Tasmanian Railway Pty Ltd: Members' Statement of Expectations. Dated November 2025.

(16) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 1,207.73 m^2 situate in 52A Church Street, Ross in Tasmania. Municipal Area of Northern Midlands.

(17) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 80.4 m^2 and 4.7 m^2 situate at 29 Channel Highway, Kingston in Tasmania. Municipal Area of Kingborough.

(18) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 4.82 m^2 situate at 144 New Town Road, New Town in Tasmania. Municipal Area of Hobart.

5 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of $8 825 623 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2026

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2025
(Bill No. 63 of 2025; *Act No. 28 of 2025*)

A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of $58 241 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government in respect of Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2026

Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2025
(Bill No. 64 of 2025; *Act No. 29 of 2025*)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 23 December 2025

6 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act to extend the operation of the *Police Powers (Public Safety) Act 2005* and the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005*

Terrorism Legislation (Extension) Act 2025
(Bill No. 52 of 2025; *Act No. 25 of 2025*)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Poisons Act 1971*

Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Act 2025
(Bill No. 45 of 2025; *Act No. 26 of 2025*)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Custodial Inspector Act 2016* to provide for protections from reprisal

Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Act 2025
(Bill No. 44 of 2025; *Act No. 27 of 2025*)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 23 December 2025

7 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act to establish a Commission for Children and Young People, to establish the statutory positions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Child Advocate and the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, to enable the offices of Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Independent Regulator to be held by a single person, and for related purposes

Commission for Children and Young People Act 2025
(Bill No. 54 of 2025; *Act No. 30 of 2025*)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bill.

Government House, Hobart, 23 December 2025

8 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act to amend retrospectively the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000* and the *Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017*

Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Act 2025
(Bill No. 43 of 20025; *Act No. 31 of 2025*)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1924* and the *Police Offences Act 1935*

Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) Act 2025
(Bill No. 47 of 2025; *Act No. 32 of 2025*)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*

Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Act 2025
(Bill No. 41 of 2025; *Act No. 33 of 2025*)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 23 December 2025

9 BONDI TERRORIST ATTACKS CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION.— 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—

"That the House of Assembly:—

(1) Express Tasmania's heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the 15 innocent people murdered at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025;

(2) Condemn the atrocity which stole their lives, an act of terrorism deliberately targeted at Australia's Jewish community gathering to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah;

(3) Unequivocally condemn the evil of antisemitism and vows strong action to prevent extremism and keep our state safe, resilient and united;

(4) Honour the courage, composure and quick action of all the police officers, first responders, healthcare workers and everyday people whose dedication and skill saved lives;

(5) Acknowledge the trauma of the men, women and children injured physically and psychologically, including those who witnessed the horror; and

(6) Affirm every Tasmanian's fundamental right to live, work, worship and learn in peace and safety; to participate fully and freely in public life and to gather in community without fear or hindrance, proud of who they are and the contributions they make to our state and our way of life."

House of Assembly, 4 March 2026 JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

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

10 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved,* That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 17 March 2026. (Ms *Rattray*)

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

The Council adjourned at 9.38 o'clock a.m.

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