



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 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 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWER TO QUESTION AND INCORPORATE ANSWER INTO HANSARD.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to Table answer to Question No. 62 and have the answer incorporated into the Hansard record.

5 PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES.— Ms *O'Connor* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government —

- (1) During Budget Estimates in Government Administration Committee A this year, the Minister for Health was asked whether the Tasmanian Health Service has awarded any tenders, or signed any contracts, with any company or subsidiary of the global corporation, Palantir Technologies Inc. The question was taken on notice and the subsequent answer indicated there are no such tenders awarded or contracts with any Palantir Technologies Inc subsidiary company. Was a thorough search of current providers with THS undertaken to ensure an accurate answer is provided to the Council? Is the Minister certain the question asked by the Member for Hobart was responded to with the necessary due diligence and that the answer provided to GAA is correct?
- (2) Across State Service agencies, have any tenders been awarded or contracts signed with subsidiaries of Palantir Technologies Inc? If so, in which Agency or Agencies and for what services; to what financial value; and duration of the contract.
- (3) Does Palantir Technologies Inc, or any subsidiary of the corporation, have access to the personal data of Tasmanians that is stored or cached by State Service Agencies?

The Leader answered:

- (1) The subsidiaries of Palantir Technologies Inc. identified for this search were:
Palantir USG Inc.
Palantir GSC Inc.
Palantir Technologies Geneva Sarl
Palantir Technologies Holdings LLC
Palantir International Inc.
Palantir Italia S.R.L.
Palantir Technologies Singapore Pte. Ltd.
Palantir Technologies New Zealand Limited
Palantir Technologies Australia PTY Ltd.
Palantir Technologies GmbH
Palantir Technologies Canada Inc.
Palantir Technologies Japan G.K.

Palantir Engineering Israel Ltd.
 PTS Sweden AB
 Palantir Technologies Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V.
 Palantir Tecnologia Do Brasil LTDA
 Palantir Technologies Switzerland GmbH
 Palantir Technologies Hong Kong Limited
 Palantir Technologies Spain SL
 Palantir Technologies France SAS
 Palantir Technologies Poland Sp. z o.o.
 Palantir Technologies Denmark ApS
 Palantir Technologies Norway AS
 Palantir Technologies U.K. Ltd.
 Palantir Shakti Technologies Private Limited
 Palantir Technologies Taiwan Limited
 Palantir Technologies QFC LLC
 Palantir Technologies U.K. - Eagle Ltd.
 Palantir Technologies Austria GmbH

- (2) I am further advised that an examination of contractors identified in the Department of Health's recent annual reports, contractors awarded on tenders.tas.gov.au, and a review of creditors within the Accounts Payable Finance system identifies that the Department holds no contracts, partnerships or advisory arrangements with any Palantir Technologies Inc. subsidiary companies as identified above.
- (3) All Tasmanian State Service departments have confirmed that they have not awarded contracts to Palantir Technologies or its subsidiaries.

6 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Paper:— Climate Change Office: Tasmanian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2026. Dated August 2026.

7 BILL NO. 39 OF 2025.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No. 2) 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 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.

8 BILL NO. 39 OF 2025.— 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 amend the *Criminal Code Act 1924, Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021, Electoral Act 2004, Evidence Act 2001, Family Violence Act 2004, Forensic Procedures Act 2000, Gas Safety Act 2019, Health Complaints Act 1995, Justices Act 1959, Justices of the Peace Act 2018* and the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*’,

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

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

9 BILL NO. 12.— The Order of the Day was read for the consideration of the Justice and Related Legislation (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. (Ms Ratray)

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 Ratray)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

10 BILL NO. 12.— 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 amend *the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, the *Retirement Villages Act 2004* and the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020* and regulations made under that Act’,

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

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C.M. FARRELL, *President*

11 CONDOLENCE MOTION: FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL AND NEPALESE TASMANIANS.— *Resolved*, That the Legislative Council:—

- (1) Notes that hundreds of people have been killed and remain missing and there is extensive destruction following devastating flash floods that struck communities in the border region between Nepal and Tibet.
- (2) Expresses profound sadness at the tragic loss of life and suffering experienced in Nepal and extends its deepest condolences to all those affected.
- (3) Recognises the ongoing search and rescue efforts to locate those still unaccounted for, including reports that at least 43 Australians are among the missing.
- (4) Notes that Tasmania is home to a vibrant and growing Nepalese community, with more than 6,000 Tasmanians born in Nepal and more than 7,000 speaking Nepali at home.
- (5) Acknowledges the significant contribution of Nepalese Tasmanians in all aspects of Tasmanian life including work, sport and community participation.
- (6) Recognises that many members of Tasmania's Nepalese community will be grieving for family, friends and loved ones affected by this tragedy and affirms that this is a time to stand with the Nepalese community here in Tasmania and across Australia.
- (7) Pays tribute to the emergency services personnel, volunteers and humanitarian organisations providing assistance to those affected and urges Tasmanians to support fundraising efforts if they can.
- (8) Offers, on behalf of the Council and people of Tasmania, its heartfelt condolences to the people of Nepal and all Nepalese Tasmanians impacted by this tragedy. (Ms Ratray)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

12 APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION UNDER NATURE CONSERVATION ACT 2002.— A Motion was made (Ms Ratray) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council approves, for the purposes of section 18(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, the draft Proclamation made under section 17(1) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, laid upon the Table of the Council on 20 August 2026, for the alteration of the class of reserved land over an approximately 8.295 ha parcel within the approximately 67.3 ha Calverts Hill Nature Reserve from the class of Nature Reserve to

the class of Nature Recreation Area and give the name Calverts Hill Nature Recreation Area to that parcel of land.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That Ms *Ratray*, have leave to Table:—

- (1) Correspondence dated 19 April 2013: request from Clarence City Council to Parks and Wildlife Service regarding Calverts Hill Nature Reserve
- (2) Map of proposed Calverts Hill Nature Reserve – Coastal Trail
- (3) Photograph of Calverts Hill Coastal Trail
- (4) Calverts Hill map showing the proposed coastal strip for reserve status alteration and the distance of that parcel from the inland vegetation community of *Eucalyptus Morrisbyi*.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

13 BILL NO. 21.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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.

14 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.

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

16 BILL NO. 21.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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.

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 37 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 *Ratray*)

17 BILL NO. 13.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Short Stay Levy 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.

18 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.

19 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mr *Gaffney* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

20 BILL NO. 21.—SUSPENSION OF A SESSIONAL ORDER.— *Ordered*, That so much of Sessional Order No. 7 in relation to time limits be suspended for the Member's Second Reading speech in relation to the Short Stay Levy Bill 2026. (Mr *Gaffney*)

21 BILL NO. 21.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Short Stay Levy Bill 2026 be now read the Second time.

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

22 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 5.50 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 6.35 o'clock p.m.

23 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 3 September 2026. (Ms *Rattray*)

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

The Council adjourned at 7.54 o'clock p.m.

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

Briefings:

- *State Revenue Office*
- *Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026*
- *Proclamation under Nature Conservation Act 2002*