



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2026

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Documents regarding efficiency dividends ordered to be Tabled in accordance with the resolution of the House on 25 March 2026.
- 5 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 7 PETITION. – Mr *Garland* presented an E-Petition from approximately 1,540 citizens of Tasmania, requesting the House establish a parliamentary inquiry to examine: cannabis regulation in Tasmania, including medicinal cannabis and the impact and effectiveness of the criminal justice response; the social economic and public health impacts of current laws; the case for reform, including national and international comparisons; and options for regulatory change that better serve Tasmanians. (HA5/2026).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 8 PAPERS. – The Minister for Environment laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Question on Notice No.4 of 2025.

- 9 BILL NO. 58 of 2025. – A Message from the Legislative Council -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to ensure that certain land vested in the University of Tasmania is not disposed of without the prior approval of both Houses of Parliament and to consequentially amend the University of Tasmania Act 1992".

Legislative Council, 16 April 2026.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

- 10 BILL NO. 13. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to impose a levy in relation to the provision of short stay accommodation within the State”.

And Mr *Abetz* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

11 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)

12 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 5 May next. (The Treasurer)

13 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: 50 CENT BUS FARES. – Mr *O’Byrne* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

50 cent bus fares.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

14 BILL NO. 10. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 14 April 2026 - That the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2026 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Prof *Razay* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

Amendments proposed (Ms *Rosol*).

First amendment
Page 10, paragraph (a)
Leave out the words “column 6”.
Insert instead the words “column 5”

Second amendment
Page 10, paragraph (b)
Leave out the words “column 6 or 7”.
Insert instead the words “column 5 or 6”

And the Question being put – That the Amendments be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Garland
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 27

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Mrs Greene
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Mr Mitchell
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr George (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 read.

Amendments proposed (*Ms Rosol*).

First amendment

Page 15, paragraph (b)

Leave out the words “column 5”.

Insert instead the words “column 4”

Second amendment

Page 15, paragraph (c)

Leave out that paragraph.

Insert instead the following paragraph.

(c) by omitting from subsection (4) “column 3” and substituting “column 4”.

And the Question being put – That the Amendments be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Ms Johnston
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Mr Garland (Teller)

NOES 27

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
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Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
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Ms Finlay
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Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Mr Mitchell
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr Shelton (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 9, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 read.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Chair of Committees left the Chair.
And at half past Two o'clock the Chair of Committees resumed the Chair.

Mr Mitchell took the Chair.

Clause 12, as read, further considered.

Clause 12, as read, agreed to.

Clause 13 read.

Amendments proposed (*Ms Rosol*).

First amendment

Page 20, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAB, subsection (1)
Leave out the words “councillor numbers and”.

Second amendment

Page 20, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAB, subsection (2), paragraph (b)
Leave out that paragraph.

Third amendment

Page 21, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAB, subsection (3)
Leave out that subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection.

- (3) The Minister may recommend that the Governor amend Schedule 3 by order under section 28JAD to reflect the allowance band determined in accordance with Schedule 4.

Fourth amendment

Page 21, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAC
Leave out that section.

Fifth amendment

Page 23, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAD, subsection (1)
Leave out the words “column 4, column 5 or column 8”.

Insert instead the words “column 7”

Sixth amendment

Page 23, proposed new division 3AAA, section 28JAD, subsection (2)
Leave out that subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection.

- (2) A recommendation under subsection (1) may be made as a result of a review under section 28JAB.

And the Question being put – That the Amendments be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Garland
Ms Johnston
Dr Woodruff
Ms Rosol (Teller)

NOES 27

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
Ms Dow
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Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Mr George
Mrs Greene
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Prof Razay
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 13, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 read.

Amendments proposed (*Ms Rosol*)

First amendment

Page 41, paragraph (a)

Leave out the words “column 7”.

Insert instead the words “column 6”

Second amendment

Page 41, paragraph (b)

Leave out the words “column 7”.

Insert instead the words “column 6”

And the Question being put – That the Amendments be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Garland
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 27

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
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Ms Finlay
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Mrs Greene
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Prof Razay
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr O'Byrne (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 19, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 42 agreed to.

Clause 43 read.

Amendments proposed (*Ms Rosol*).

Page 68, proposed new schedule 3, after “Sections 16, 17, 18, 25, 28JAA and 45”

Leave out the table

Insert instead the following table.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6	COLUMN 7
Item	Municipal Areas	Council Names	No. of Councillors	Electoral Districts	No. of Councillors for each electoral district	Allowance bands
1.	Break O'Day CPR 2470	Break O'Day Council	9	...	...	2.2
2.	Brighton CPR 2477	Brighton Council	9	...	...	2.2
3.	Burnie CPR 2049	Burnie City Council	9	...	...	2.1
4.	Central Coast CPR 2614	Central Coast Council	9	...	...	2.1
5.	Central Highlands CPR 2463	Central Highlands Council	9	...	...	2.4
6.	Circular Head CPR 2465	Circular Head Council	9	...	...	2.2
7.	Clarence CPR 2976	Clarence City Council	12	...	...	1.1
8.	Derwent Valley CPR 2481	Derwent Valley Council	8	...	...	2.2
9.	Devonport CPR 3658	Devonport City Council	9	...	...	2.1
10.	Dorset CPR 2484	Dorset Council	9	...	...	2.3
11.	Flinders CPR 2978	Flinders Council	7	...	...	2.4
12.	George Town CPR 10734	George Town Council	9	...	...	2.3
13.	Glamorgan-Spring Bay CPR 2473	Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council	8	...	...	2.3

14.	Glenorchy CPR 9815	Glenorchy City Council	10	...	...	1.2
15.	Hobart CPR 9814	Hobart City Council	12	...	...	1.1
16.	Huon Valley CPR 2469	Huon Valley Council	9	...	...	2.2
17.	Kentish CPR 2979	Kentish Council	9	...	...	2.3
18.	King Island CPR 1790	King Island Council	9	...	...	2.4
19.	Kingborough CPR 2478	Kingborough Council	10	...	...	1.2
20.	Latrobe CPR 3657	Latrobe Council	9	...	...	2.2
21.	Launceston CPR 10733	Launceston City Council	12	...	...	1.1
22.	Meander Valley CPR 2467	Meander Valley Council	9	...	...	2.2
23.	Northern Midlands CPR 2482	Northern Midlands Council	9	...	...	2.2
24.	Sorell CPR 3510	Sorell Council	9	...	...	2.2
25.	Southern Midlands CPR 2486	Southern Midlands Council	7	...	...	2.3
26.	Tasman CPR 2981	Tasman Council	7	...	...	2.4
27.	Waratah- Wynyard CPR 2488	Waratah- Wynyard Council	8	...	...	2.2
28.	West Coast CPR 2489	West Coast Council	9	...	...	2.4
29.	West Tamar CPR 2982	West Tamar Council	9	...	...	2.1

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Garland
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 27

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
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Mrs Greene
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Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Prof Razay
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Dr Broad (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 43, as read, agreed to.

Clause 44 read.

Amendment proposed (*Ms Rosol*).

Page 73, proposed new schedule 4, clause 3

Leave out that clause.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 44, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 45 to 55 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mr *Mitchell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment.

And the Question being put – That the Bill be now read a Third time;

The House divided.

AYES 29

NOES 5

Mr *Abetz*

Ms *Badger*

Mrs *Archer*

Ms *Johnston*

Mr *Barnett*

Ms *Rosol*

Dr *Broad*

Dr *Woodruff*

Ms *Brown*

Mr *Bayley* (Teller)

Ms *Burnet*

Ms *Butler*

Mr *Di Falco*

Ms *Dow*

Mr *Ellis*

Mr *Fairs*

Mr *Ferguson*

Ms *Finlay*

Mr *Garland*

Mr *George*

Ms *Haddad*

Ms *Howlett*

Mr *Jaensch*

Mr *Mitchell*

Mr *O'Byrne*

Ms *Ogilvie*

Mr *Pearce*

Prof *Razay*

Mr *Rockliff*

Mr *Shelton*

Mr *Vermey*

Mr *Willie*

Mr *Winter*

Mrs *Greene* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

15 BILL NO. 10. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled-

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2025 and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025”.

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 16 April 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

16 BILL NO. 8. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Public Health Amendment (Prohibited Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2026.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed- That the Bill be now read the Second time. (The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing)

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 House.

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Mr *Fairs* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 12 agreed to.

New Clause A was brought up by Ms *Burnet* and read a First Time as follows:-

NEW CLAUSE A

To follow clause 12.

- A. Section 74J amended (Register of smoking product licences)
Section 74J of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2):
- (3) The register, other than the addresses of holders of smoking product licences, is to be made freely available by publishing the register on the website maintained by, or on behalf of, the Department.

And the Question being put – That New Clause A read a Second time and made a part of the Bill to follow Clause 12;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 13 to 15 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mr *Fairs* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bill being now read the Third time. (The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration.

And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.
And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

17 BILL NO. 8. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled-

“A Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Health Act 1997*”.

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 16 April 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

18 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Treasurer)

The Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes past Six o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.