



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2024

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2024

- 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 traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 **PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 **PAPERS.**— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - (1) Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Final Report. Volumes 1-7.
 - (2) Integrity Commission: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (3) Tasmanian Electoral Commission: 2022 to 2024 Report on Parliamentary Elections.
 - (4) Tasmanian Electoral Commission: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (5) Department of Health: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (6) Office of the Public Guardian Tasmania: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (7) Tasracing: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (8) Tasmanian Irrigation: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (9) Aurora Energy: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (10) Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (11) Private Forests Tasmania: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (12) TasNetworks: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (13) Hydro Tasmania: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (14) TT-Line Company Pty Ltd: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (15) Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST): Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (16) Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (17) Inland Fisheries Service: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (18) Council of Obstetric & Paediatric Mortality & Morbidity Tasmania: Annual Report 2022.
 - (19) Sustainable Timber Tasmania: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (20) Tasmanian Community Fund: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (21) Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (22) Chief Psychiatrist: Annual Report 2023-2024.
 - (23) Public Trustee: Annual Report 2023-2024.

- (24) Department of Justice: Annual Report 2023-2024.
- (25) Legal Profession Board of Tasmania: Annual Report 2023-2024.
- (26) *Independent Review of Neighbourhood Disputes about Plants Act 2017*: Report of the Independent Reviewers. Dated August 2024.
- (27) Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: *Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006* (Tas). Annual Report – Controlled Operations 2023-2024.
- (28) Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: *Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006* (Tas): Annual Report – Surveillance Devices 2023-2024.
- (29) Ombudsman Tasmania: Report on inspections under the *Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006* and the *Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006*.
- (30) Tasmanian Planning Commission: Tasmanian 2024 State of the Environment Report. Erratum Notice.
- (31) Climate Change Office: Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan 2024-2029.
- (32) Department of Health: Guidelines for the sale of Personal Vaporiser Products. Effective 1 October 2024.
- (33) *Building Act 2016*: Statutory Rules 2024, No. 54, Building Amendment Regulations 2024.
- (34) *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*: Statutory Rules 2024, proposed Housing Land Supply (Penguin) Order 2024.
- (35) *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*: Statutory Rules 2024, proposed Housing Land Supply (Brighton) Order 2024.
- (36) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*: Fisheries (Abalone Management Plan) Order 2024.
- (37) *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (Qld): Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Amendment Regulation 2024.
- (38) Forestry Tasmania (trading as Sustainable Timber Tasmania): Ministerial Charter. Dated August 2024.
- (39) Metro Tasmania Pty Ltd: Members' Statement of Expectations. Dated October 2024.
- (40) Legislative Council Estimates Committee A 2024 Report and minutes and transcripts of proceedings.
- (41) Legislative Council Estimates Committee B 2024 Report and minutes and transcripts of proceedings.

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 to amend the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*

Work Health and Safety Amendment (Safer Workplaces) Act 2024
(Bill No. 24 of 2024; *Act No. 15 of 2024*)

A Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing, to ensure the integrity of persons involved in such racing, to safeguard the welfare of animals, and for related purposes

Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024
(Bill No. 10 of 2024; *Act No. 16 of 2024*)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Liability Act 2002*, the *Corrections Act 1997*, the *Criminal Code Act 1924*, the *Police Offences Act 1935*, the *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013* and the *Sentencing Act 1997* and to consequentially amend the *Annulled Convictions Act*

2003, the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*, the *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2005*, the *Evidence Act 2001*, the *Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Act 2001* and the *Justices Act 1959*

Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry Act) 2024
(Bill No. 26 of 2024; Act No. 17 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses Act 2001*

Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Act 2024
(Bill No. 28 of 2024; Act No. 18 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Forest Practices Act 1985* and the *Private Forests Act 1994*

Forestry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2004
(Bill No. 20 of 2024; Act No. 19 of 2024)

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, 2 October 2024

6 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 make provision for mediation concerning farm debts and for other related purposes

Farm Debt Mediation Act 2024
(Bill No. 33 of 2024; Act No. 20 of 2024)

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, 2 October 2024

7 BILL NO. 39.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$8 057 461 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025’,

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

House of Assembly, 17 October 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Mrs Hiscutt)

8 BILL NO. 40.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$53 235 000 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 2025’,

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

House of Assembly, 17 October 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
(Mrs *Hiscutt*)

9 BILL NO. 41.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to provide for the examination of complaints in relation to certain judicial officers, to provide for their suspension or removal from office in certain circumstances and for related purposes’,

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

House of Assembly, 17 October 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
(Mrs *Hiscutt*)

4 BILL NO. 29.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has this day agreed, without Amendment, to the Bill intituled, ‘A Bill for an Act to advance and safeguard the human rights of people with disability and to advance the full and effective inclusion of people with disability in the Tasmanian community’.

House of Assembly, 17 October 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

10 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o’clock a.m. on Monday, 21 October 2024. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

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

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