



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2024 - 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025

- 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 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without were asked.
- 5 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-
 - (1) Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023: Child and Youth Safe Organisations Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 79).
 - (2) Response to Petition No. 8 of 2024 (correction).
- 7 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – The Minister for Transport brought up the following Report of the House of Assembly Standing Orders Committee:-

Operation of Sessional Orders (Paper No. 13).

Ordered, That the said Report be received and printed. (Minister for Transport)
- 8 PAPERS. – The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-
 - (1) Glenorchy City Council: By-Law No. 1 of 2025 Animal Management.
 - (2) Crown Lands Act 1976: Notice No. 104 (University of Tasmania).
 - (3) Response to Petition Nos. 14 and 16 of 2024.
 - (4) Response to Petition No. 11 of 2025.
 - (5) Answer to Question on Notice No. 43 of 2025.
 - (6) Answer to Question on Notice No. 44 of 2025.
 - (7) Answer to Question on Notice No. 45 of 2025.

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9 PAPERS. – The Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Question on Notice No. 50 of 2025.

10 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

BARBARA BAKER, *Governor*.

A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$467 512 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025 (Bill No. 1 (*Act No. 4 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, 11 April 2025.

11 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

BARBARA BAKER, *Governor*.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023 (Bill No. 55 of 2024 (*Act No. 1 of 2025*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Health Act 1997 (Bill No. 47 of 2024 (*Act No. 2 of 2025*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Anatomical Examinations Act 2006, the Food Act 2003 and the Poisons Act 1971, to repeal the Mental Health (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2013 and the Optometry Offences Act 2010 and to revoke the Tasmanian Health Organisations (Tasmanian Health Service) Order 2015 (Bill No. 48 of 2024 (*Act No. 3 of 2025*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Family Violence Act 2004 (Bill No. 51 of 2024 (*Act No. 5 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, 16 April 2025.

12 BILL NO. 19. – The Minister for Children and Youth presented -

“A Bill for an Act to facilitate the accelerated construction of a facility in the south of the State to be used for the purposes of youth justice” (Bill No. 19)

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

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

14 THE LATE HONOURABLE ANTHONY MAXWELL RUNDLE: CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION. - *Resolved, nemine contradicente* - That this House expresses its deep sadness at the

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death on 6 April 2025 of the Honourable Anthony Maxwell Rundle, former Premier from 1996 to 1998, Minister of the Crown from 1992 to 1996, a former Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1988 to 1989, and a Member for the Division of Braddon from 1986 to 2002, 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 a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the family of the late Mr Rundle. (The Premier)

15 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That Dr *Woodruff* have leave to make a motion without notice. (Dr *Woodruff*).

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – A Motion being made - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the following motion from being brought on for debate forthwith.

That the House has no confidence in the Premier on the following grounds:—

- (1) On the first day of the 2024 State Election campaign, Jeremy Rockliff announced a central promise to the Tasmanian people. When it came to government funding for the stadium, he said on 7 Tasmania Nightly News, 15 February 2024 his “clear commitment is that the 375 million dollars will be invested and not one red cent more.”
- (2) This promise was made due to the unpopularity of the stadium with voters, with senior Liberal party campaign figure, Brad Stansfield, describing it as “the biggest pile of stinking poo in this state, politically... We spent the entire campaign variously trying to polish that turd, or to cover it up and disguise”; “the biggest single drag on the Liberal campaign”; and “the main issue in this campaign” during the Fontcast on 26 March 2024.
- (3) Without this promise Jeremy Rockliff’s chances of being re-elected as Premier would have been significantly reduced, and that he may not have been able to form government.
- (4) This promise is therefore fundamental to Jeremy Rockliff’s position as Premier.
- (5) In making this promise, Jeremy Rockliff had no evidence to suggest that it would be possible to achieve it – let alone any basis for making a guarantee – and was intentionally, cynically and dishonestly seeking electoral advantage.
- (6) The Premier has continued to repeat this promise without basis on dozens of occasions in Parliament including:
 - (a) Stating on 22 May 2024 “We have capped at \$375 million. Not a red cent more, if that is the right terminology, will be spent and invested into the stadium. We made that very clear at the beginning of the election campaign.”
 - (b) Stating on 19 September 2024 “We are investing \$375 million in this project and not one red cent more.”
 - (c) Stating during House of Assembly Budget Estimates, on 23 September 2024 “We will be investing \$375 million and the rest will be coming from private resources.”
 - (d) Stating during Legislative Council Budget Estimates, 24 September 2024 “We will be investing \$375 million, Ms O’Connor. Happy to be held account to that when the time comes. The other aspects of course, we expect private investment in the Macquarie Point precinct and stadium. Can I assure you that we have drawn a line in the sand. It will be \$375 million which we will invest once.”
 - (e) On at least 15 further occasions in 2024 Budget Estimates for the House of Assembly and Legislative Council.
- (7) The Premier has now abandoned his pretence of seeking private investment for the stadium.

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- (8) Other than a small contribution from the AFL and \$240 million from the Federal Government, Tasmanians will now bear the entire cost of building the stadium, including all cost overruns.
- (9) The Premier has broken the promise that secured his election – a cost cap of \$375 million for the stadium.
- (10) The Premier has spent over a year misleading Tasmanians and the Parliament about the stadium cost cap, having repeated this claim without any evidence that it could or would be achieved.
- (11) The Premier:
 - (a) lied to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and treated them with contempt by promising a Reconciliation Park at Macquarie Point and using the Mercury newspaper to announce a stadium for the site instead.
 - (b) lied to Tasmanians when he said the stadium would not be a condition of the AFL team deal.
- (12) The Premier is in clear breach of the Standing Orders and has flouted the Ministerial Code of Conduct by being dishonest and misleading with Tasmanians.
- (13) In breaking such a fundamental promise to the Tasmanian people, Jeremy Rockliff's integrity is in tatters, he cannot be trusted, and his position as Premier is untenable.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 7

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

NOES 25

Mr Abetz
Mr Barnett
Mr Behrakis
Mrs Beswick
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Farrell
Mr Ferguson
Ms Haddad
Mr Jaensch
Mr Jenner
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Pentland
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Winter
Mr Wood
Ms Finlay (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

17 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. – It being after One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

18 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That *Ms Haddad* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (*Ms Haddad*)

19 GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION B: STANDING COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. – *Ordered*, That:

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The reporting date for the Government Administration Committee B, inquiry into the assessment and treatment of ADHD and support services be extended until 26 August next. (Ms *Haddad*)

20 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BROKEN PROMISES. – Mr *Winter* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Broken Promises.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

21 BILL NO. 12. - The Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Sensitive Disclosures) Bill 2025 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

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

22 BILL NO. 12. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993”,

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2025.

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*.

23 BILL NO. 54 of 2024. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Thursday, 13 March 2025 - That the Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2024 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)

Mr *Behrakis* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendment proposed (Minister for Community Services)

Page 4, paragraph (a), proposed new subsection (2A).

Leave out that subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection.

(2A) The Board may not provide a grant under subsection (1)(a) if the Board believes, on reasonable grounds, that the grant is, or may be, for a political purpose.

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

And it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment proposed (Minister for Community Services)

Page 5, paragraph (b), proposed new paragraph (ab), after “act independently,”.

Insert “apolitically,”.

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

Amendments proposed (Minister for Community Services)

First Amendment

Page 6, proposed new section 7A, subsection (2), paragraph (d).

Leave out that paragraph.

Second Amendment

Page 8, proposed new section 7B, subsection (2), paragraph (a), subparagraph (iv).

Leave out that subparagraph.

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

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 6, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendments.

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

A Motion being made, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bill being now read the Third time. (Minister for Community Services)

The House divided.

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AYES 28

Mr *Abetz*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Behrakis*
Mrs *Beswick*
Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Ms *Dow*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Fairs*
Mr *Farrell*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Finlay*
Mr *Garland*
Ms *Haddad*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *Jenner*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mrs *Pentland*
Mrs *Petrusma*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Street*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *Wood*
Ms *Johnston* (Teller)

NOES 5

Ms *Badger*
Mr *Bayley*
Ms *Rosol*
Dr *Woodruff*
Ms *Burnet* (Teller)

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration.
And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to.

A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Third time.

The House divided.

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Mr *O'Byrne* (Teller)

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Mr *Bayley*
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Ms *Rosol*
Dr *Woodruff*
Ms *Badger* (Teller)

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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

24 BILL NO. 54 of 2024. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005”,

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2025.

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*.

25 BILL NO. 14. - The Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025 was, according to Order, 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)

Ms *Finlay* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendment proposed (The Minister for Justice).

Page 9, proposed new section 58C, subsection (4), after paragraph (a).

Insert the following paragraph:

() the release of the coronial record to the senior next of kin would be –

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- (i) an unreasonable intrusion on the privacy of a person referred to in the record, other than the deceased person to whom the request relates; and
- (ii) contrary to the public interest due to that intrusion on the privacy of the person; or

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

And was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (The Minister for Justice).

Page 9, proposed new section 58C,

Leave out everything after subsection (5).

Insert instead the following subsections.

- (6) A coronial authority may order that a coronial record, released to a senior next of kin under this section, not be published.
- (7) A coronial authority may only make an order under subsection (6) if the coronial authority is satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that the publication of the coronial record is contrary to the public interest.
- (8) A person must not publish a coronial record contrary to an order under subsection (6).

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

- (9) If a senior next of kin who has made a request under this section is aggrieved by one or more of the following decisions under this section in respect of the request, the senior next of kin may appeal the decision:
 - (a) a decision that a record is not a coronial record for the purposes of the request;
 - (b) a decision that subsection (4) applies in respect of a coronial records to which the request relates including, but not limited to, whether an intrusion on the privacy of a person is unreasonable;
 - (c) the making of an order under subsection (6) in respect of a coronial record released under the request.
- (10) An appeal under subsection (9) is to be determined by –
 - (a) if the appeal relates to a decision of a coronial authority other than the Chief Magistrate, the Chief Magistrate; and
 - (b) if the appeal relates to a decision of the Chief Magistrate as a coronial authority, the Supreme Court.
- (11) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Chief Magistrate under subsection (10)(a) may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.
- (12) On the hearing of an appeal under subsection (9) or (11), the person determining the appeal may –
 - (a) affirm the decision specified in subsection (9) to which the appeal relates; or

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- (b) quash that decision and make any further orders as the person thinks fit in the circumstances.

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

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendments.

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

A Motion being made, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bill being now read the Third time. (Minister for Justice)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration.
And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to.

The Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Third time.
And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

26 BILL NO. 14. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Coroners Act 1995, the Corrections Act 1997, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020 and the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988”,

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2025.

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*.

27 BILL NO. 15. – The Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Bill 2025 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

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

28 BILL NO. 15. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Act 2001”,

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2025.

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*.

29 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Deputy Premier)

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

And the Question being put; That the House do now adjourn;

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And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned at forty-nine minutes past Seven o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Sport and Events and Minister for Parks; the Minister for Education, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence; and the Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for Local Government attended Question Time.