



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

- 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 notice commenced.
- 5 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Braddon, Dr *Broad*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 7 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. – The Premier made a Statement to the House in relation to the safety of children and young people.
- 8 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT NOTED. – A Motion was made and the Question proposed – That the Ministerial Statement made by the Premier be noted. (Ms *White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

- 9 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Traffic Act 1925:
 - (a) Traffic (Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment (Road Rules) Regulations 2022 (Statutory Rules 2022, No. 44); and
 - (b) Road Amendment Rules 2022 (Statutory Rules 2022, No. 43).
 - (2) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Vehicle and Traffic (Offence Detection Devices) Amendment Regulations 2022 (Statutory Rules 2022, No. 47).
 - (3) Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) Act 2012: Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees and FOI) Amendment Regulations 2022.

10 PAPERS. – The Minister for Local Government laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

Land Acquisition Act 1993 Notice of Acquisition under Section 18:

- (i) Dated 3 June 2022, land situate in the Land District of Cornwell, Parish of Perth, Municipal Area of Northern Midlands, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey 177503 registered in the name of Bernard John Einoder for road purposes;
- (ii) Dated 25 July 2022, land situate in Land District of Pembroke, Parish of Sorell, Town of Sorell, Lot 5 Register Volume 16027 registered in the name of Julfran Pty Ltd for road purposes;
- (iii) Dated 25 July 2022, land situate in Land District of Pembroke, Parish of Sorell, Town of Sorell, Lot 4 Register Volume 181114 registered in the name of Julfran Pty Ltd for road purposes; and
- (iv) Dated 25 July 2022, land situate in Land District of Pembroke, Parish of Sorell, Town of Sorell, Lot 3 Register Volume 123674 registered in the name of Mervyn Leslie George for road purposes.

11 PAPERS. – The Minister for Energy and Renewables laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) National Energy Retail Law (Tasmania) Act 2012: National Energy Retail Law (Tasmania) Regulations 2022 (Statutory Rules 2022, No. 38).
- (2) Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995: Electricity Supply Industry Amendment Regulations 2022 (Statutory Rules 2022, No. 61).

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

13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent - a Motion relating to the “Motion for Respect: Report into workplace culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services”; and a Motion to establish a Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee - from being debated forthwith. (The Premier)

14 MOTION FOR RESPECT REPORT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House of Assembly:

(1) Notes:

- (a) The Motion for Respect: Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services report released on Monday 29 August 2022; and
- (b) That the Report provides 14 recommendations to improve workplace culture and processes, and ensure a shared responsibility for the varied workplaces covered by the Report.

(2) Acknowledges:

- (a) Those who shared their experiences and apologies for the hurt and harm caused to them;
- (b) The need to improve workplace culture and processes in the workplaces covered by the Report;
- (c) That Tasmanians expect Members of Parliament and their offices to set the highest standards in workplace culture and accountability;

(d) That staff employed in the workplaces covered by the Report are hard-working, dedicated and valued by Members of Parliament;

(e) That the Report addresses a number of individual workplaces with respective needs and employment conditions; and

(f) That each workplace must retain its individual rights to employ and manage staff, in line with best practice workplace policies, processes and procedures.

(3) Resolves:

(a) That Members and staff in the workplaces covered by the Report have a right to a safe and inclusive work environment free from discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment; and

(b) That best practice workplace policies, processes and procedures enable safe and respectful workplaces and contribute towards positive culture.

(4) Supports:

(a) The development and sharing of policies, procedures and frameworks, and relevant codes of conduct, that would ensure consistency across the workplaces covered in the Report; and

(b) The provision of ongoing professional development and training to deliver a culture of continuous improvement.

(5) Commits to:

(a) Ensuring oversight and accountability for the implementation of recommendations by the relevant employer. (The Premier)

15 PAPERS. – The Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Copy of Joint Media Release on the Independent Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services – 29 August 2022.

16 MOTION FOR RESPECT REPORT. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

17 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

18 MOTION FOR RESPECT REPORT. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Council requesting its concurrence with the Resolution. (The Premier)

19 MOTION FOR RESPECT REPORT. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

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) Notes:

- (a) The Motion for Respect: Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services report released on Monday 29 August 2022; and
- (b) That the Report provides 14 recommendations to improve workplace culture and processes, and ensure a shared responsibility for the varied workplaces covered by the Report.

(2) Acknowledges:

- (a) Those who shared their experiences and apologies for the hurt and harm caused to them;
- (b) The need to improve workplace culture and processes in the workplaces covered by the Report;
- (c) That Tasmanians expect Members of Parliament and their offices to set the highest standards in workplace culture and accountability;
- (d) That staff employed in the workplaces covered by the Report are hard-working, dedicated and valued by Members of Parliament;
- (e) That the Report addresses a number of individual workplaces with respective needs and employment conditions; and
- (f) That each workplace must retain its individual rights to employ and manage staff, in line with best practice workplace policies, processes and procedures.

(3) Resolves:

- (a) That Members and staff in the workplaces covered by the Report have a right to a safe and inclusive work environment free from discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment; and
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- (a) The development and sharing of policies, procedures and frameworks, and relevant codes of conduct, that would ensure consistency across the workplaces covered in the Report; and
- (b) The provision of ongoing professional development and training to deliver a culture of continuous improvement.

(5) Commits to:

- (a) Ensuring oversight and accountability for the implementation of recommendations by the relevant employer.”

House of Assembly, 6 September 2022.

MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*.

20 WORKPLACE CULTURE OVERSIGHT, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That:—

- (1) A Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).
- (2) The number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be 4. (The Premier)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

21 WORKPLACE CULTURE OVERSIGHT, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

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:-

Resolved, That -

- (1) A Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).
- (2) The number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be 4.

House of Assembly, 6 September 2022.

MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*.

22 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: HEALTH. – Ms *Dow* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Health.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

23 BILL NO. 63 of 2021. - The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021.

(In the Committee)

The Chair of Committees took the Chair.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Ms *White*)

Page 12, proposed new section 5C, subsection (1), after “representatives”.

Insert “, scientific, environmental and community bodies, local government, relevant unions and the Tasmanian community”.

Question put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 12, proposed new division 1, section 5C, after subsection (2).

Insert the following new subsection –

- “(A) The Minister must prepare sector-based emissions reduction and resilience plans -
 - (a) In the case of transport, within 12 months of the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; and
 - (b) In all other cases, within 24 months of the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent
- (B) Before preparing a sector-based emissions reduction and resilience plan under subsection (1) or (A), the Minister must cause a draft sector-based emissions reduction and resilience plan to be published online and call for public comment.”

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed. (The Minister for Environment and Climate Change)

Leave out the word “must”.

Insert instead the words “is to” wherever occurring.

Question put - That the Amendment to the Amendment be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Question put - That the Amendment, as amended be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 12, proposed new division 1, section 5C, subsection (3).

Leave out the subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection:

“(3) An emissions reduction and resilience plan must be updated at least every 3 years.”

Question put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 3

Ms O'Connor
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 21

Mrs Alexander
Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Ms White
Mr Winter
Mr Young
Mr Wood (Teller)

So it passed in in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment made (*Ms White*)

Page 12, same proposed new section, after subsection (3).

Insert the following subsection:

“(3A) In developing an emissions reduction and resilience plan, the objects of this Act must be taken into account.”

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (*Ms White*)

Page 12, same proposed new section, after new subsection (3A):

Insert the following subsection:

“(3B) Each emissions reduction and resilience plan must include a numerical estimate of the emissions reduction that the plan will bring about.”

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr Woodruff)

Page 13, proposed new division 1, section 5C, subsection (4).

Leave out the subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection:

“(4) As soon as practicable after preparing a sector-based emissions reduction and resilience plan, the Minister must cause a copy of the emissions reduction and resilience plan to be tabled in each House of Parliament.”

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr Woodruff)

Page 13, proposed new division 1, section 5D, subsection (1).

Leave out “is to”.

Insert instead “must”.

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr Woodruff)

Page 13, proposed new division 1, section 5D, subsection (3).

Leave out the subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection:

“(3) As soon as practicable after preparing a greenhouse gas report, the Minister must cause a copy of the greenhouse gas report to be tabled in each House of Parliament.”

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 13, proposed new division 1, section 5E, subsection (1).

Leave out “is to”.

Insert instead “must”.

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

AYES 3

Ms O'Connor
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 21

Mrs Alexander
Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Ms White
Mr Winter
Mr Young
Mr Wood (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 14, proposed new division 1, section 5E, subsection (2).

Leave out “is to”.

Insert instead “must”.

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment made (Ms *White*)

Page 14, proposed new section 5E, subsection (2), after paragraph (a).

Insert the following paragraph:

“(ab) details of progress towards achieving the targets and objectives of the sector-based emission reduction and resilience plans; and”

SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, Pursuant to Sessional Order 18A, that for this day’s sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o’clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o’clock (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)

Clause 6, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*).

Page 14, proposed new division 1, section 5E, subsection (3).

Leave out the subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection:

“(3) As soon as practicable after preparing a climate change activity statement, the Minister must cause a copy of the climate change activity statement to be tabled in each House of Parliament.”

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 6, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 read.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 15, paragraph (a), proposed new subsection (3).

Leave out the proposed new subsection.

Insert instead the following subsection –

“(3) The Minister must take reasonable steps to ensure that the review is carried out in consultation with relevant business, industry, scientific, environmental and community bodies, local government, Tasmanian Aboriginal people, children and young people, and the Tasmanian community more broadly.”

Question put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 12

NOES 12

Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Ms Johnston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms O'Connor
Ms White
Mr Winter
Dr Woodruff
Dr Broad (Teller)

Mrs Alexander
Ms Archer
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Mr Ferguson
Mr Jaensch
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Mr Street
Mr Young
Mr Wood (Teller)

CHAIR OF COMMITTEES GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Chair of Committees said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 257 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 8 further considered.

Amendment made (The Minister for Environment and Climate Change)

Page 15, proposed new subsection (3), after “bodies”.

Insert “children and young people,”.

Clause 8, as amended, further considered.

Amendment proposed (*Ms White*),

Page 15, proposed new subsection (3), after “government”.

Insert “, relevant unions”.

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

New Clause D was brought up by *Dr Woodruff* and read a First Time as follows:-

D. Schedule 3 inserted

The following Schedule is inserted after Schedule 2 to the Principal Act:

SCHEDULE 3 - GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO INFORM CLIMATE ACTION

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Principle	Column 3 Description
1.	No Harm	Where possible, new policies should not increase emissions or exposure to climate impacts and at the same

		time should promote innovation and economic competitiveness.
2.	Equity	The promotion of intra- and inter-generational and distributive equity should be paramount, with all care taken to minimise financial burdens associated with emissions reduction on low-income households and communities.
3.	Leadership and collaboration	Tasmania should lead on climate policy and action both through providing a climate-positive example and by contributing to technical and policy innovation that showcases how to reduce emissions across Australia and beyond.
4.	Accountability	The outcomes of decisions and actions should be measurable and reported. All significant emissions should be recorded in the correct category of the State and Territory Greenhouse Gas Inventories.
5.	Integrity in carbon accounting	Offsets and credits to reduce the balance of greenhouse gas emissions should only be used if they are removing greenhouse gas emissions that would not otherwise have been removed, and they should sequester those greenhouse gas emissions permanently.

Question proposed – That new Clause D be read the Second time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 8;

Mrs *Alexander* took the Chair.

Question put - That new Clause D be read the Second time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 8;

The Committee divided.

AYES 3

Ms O'Connor
Dr Woodruff
Ms Johnston (Teller)

NOES 21

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Tucker
Ms White
Mr Winter
Mr Young
Mr Wood (Teller)

So it passed in in the Negative.

Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 read.

Amendment proposed (*Dr Woodruff*)

Page 17, proposed new regulation 5, subregulation (2).

Leave out “is to”.

Insert instead “must”.

Question put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 11, as read, agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Title agreed to

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mrs *Alexander* 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 Environment and Climate Change)

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.

24 BILL NO. 63 of 2021. - 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 Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008”,

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

House of Assembly, 6 September 2022.

MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*.

25 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Minister for Environment and Climate Change)

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

The House adjourned at seven minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence attended Question Time.