



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2018

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

2 PAPER.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return. Hon Jane Howlett MLC, Member for Prosser.

3 BILL NO 23.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — “A Bill for An Act to amend the *Anzac Day Observance Act 1929* and the *Shop Trading Hours Act 1984* and to revoke the *Shop Trading Hours Order 2012*”,

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

House of Assembly, 21 August 2018

S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

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

4 LEAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT: SELECT COMMITTEE FIREARMS REFORMS.—*Ordered*, That Mr Dean have leave to make a statement.

5 STATEMENT: SELECT COMMITTEE FIREARMS REFORMS.— Mr Dean said —

“Mr President, my statement today relates to the proposed firearms law reform inquiry. The Legislative Council Select Committee inquiring into proposed firearms law reforms, having been placed in its current position by the Government's decision not to progress the previously announced firearms law proposals, has determined to provide a report to the parliament setting out the circumstances in reaching this stage.

The report will include a copy of the 110 submissions received by the committee, and these submissions will be available to the Government when and should it review the firearms legislation. Those submissions will also be available to any other person wanting to view them. The time to put them together has not been wasted and will inform the Government in any review of the firearms legislation.

The media statement that will be released shortly after this statement reads -

The Select Committee inquiring into the Government's proposed firearms laws notes the announcement of 17 August 2018 that the Government would not be progressing the firearms law reforms as previously announced. As the Inquiry Terms of Reference were specifically drafted to address the Government's proposed reforms, the Committee has been placed in the unenviable position of being without valid Terms of Reference. The Committee is therefore unable to progress with the work of the Inquiry.

The Committee intends to table a report to this effect and will publish all public submissions as part of this, with the exception of those submissions indicated as confidential.

The Committee acknowledges the considerable thought and effort that went into the submissions and expresses its gratitude to all individuals and organisations that contributed to the Inquiry. The submissions will be available to assist the Government in the event that it reviews firearms policy in the future.

Members of the Committee are:

Hon Robert Armstrong MLC (Inquiry Deputy Chair)

Hon Ivan Dean MLC (Inquiry Chair)

Hon Mike Gaffney MLC

Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC

Hon Tania Rattray MLC

Hon Jo Siejka MLC.”

6 BILL NO. 14.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Metro Tasmania Amendment Bill 2018.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

7 SITTING SUSPENDED.— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells for the purpose of briefing. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Sitting was suspended at 11.21 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 12.43 o'clock p.m.

8 BILL NO. 14.— The Council, according to Order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Metro Tasmania Amendment Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

9 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.

10 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were five Questions asked.

11 BILL NO. 14.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Metro Tasmania Amendment Bill 2018 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 42 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. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

12 BILL NO. 8.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Threatened Species Protection Bill 2018.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

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 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 6 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. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

13 BILL NO 12.— 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 appointment and duties of justices, for the issuing of a code of conduct that applies to justices, for the suspension and revocation of the appointment of justices, for the use of titles by justices and retired justices and for related purposes”,

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

House of Assembly, 22 August 2018

S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was put, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock am on Thursday, 23 August 2018. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Council adjourned at 5.28 o'clock pm.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.

Briefings:

- *Police Offences Amendment (Prohibited Insignia) Bill 2018 (Bill No 21)*
- *Metro Tasmania Amendment Bill 2018 (Bill No 14)*