



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
**No. 61 — Wednesday, 3 June 2020**  
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- 1 The President took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PETITION — EASE THE COVID-19 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS —**  
Mr Bourman presented a Petition bearing 4,131 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to work with the Victorian Chief Health Officer to immediately allow outdoor recreational activities to recommence, subject to social distancing restrictions.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 3 **PAPERS —**  
**COMMUNITY PETITIONS TO SAVE CHANNEL 31 —** Mr Barton moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the community petitions to save Channel 31.  
Question — put and agreed to.  
The Report was presented by Mr Barton and ordered to lie on the Table.  
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- PAPERS PURSUANT TO STATUTE —** The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid on the Table by the Clerk:  
Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 —  
Minister's Order of 1 April 2020 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Alexandra Gardens Reserve and Kings Domain Reserve.  
Minister's Order of 17 September 2019 giving approval to the granting of a lease at Sandringham Beach Park.  
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in respect of Statutory Rule No. 24.
- 4 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS —** Statements were made by Members pursuant to Standing Order 5.13.
- 5 **WILDLIFE RESCUE VICTORIA BILL 2020 —** Mr Meddick laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.  
Mr Meddick moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
On the motion of Ms Stitt, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.
- 6 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REFERENCE — VICTORIA'S JUSTICE SYSTEM —** Ms Maxwell moved, That this House requires the Legal and Social Issues Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by no later than 28 February 2022, on various issues associated with the operation of Victoria's justice system, including, but not limited to —  
(1) an analysis of factors influencing Victoria's growing remand and prison populations;  
(2) strategies to reduce rates of criminal recidivism;

- (3) an examination of how to ensure that judges and magistrates have appropriate knowledge and expertise when sentencing and dealing with offenders, including an understanding of recidivism and the causes of crime; and
- (4) the consideration of judicial appointment processes in other jurisdictions, specifically noting the particular skill-set necessary for judges and magistrates overseeing specialist courts.

Debate ensued.

Mr O'Donohue moved, as amendments, That —

- (1) In paragraph (2) after the words "criminal recidivism" **insert** the words ", both in respect to custodial sentences and community corrections orders".
- (2) In paragraph (3) **omit** "crime; and" and **insert** in their place "crime;".
- (3) In paragraph (4) **omit** "courts." and **insert** in their place "courts;".
- (4) After paragraph (4), **insert** the following:
  - "(5) a comprehensive review of the operational costs of Victoria's correctional system, which is currently the highest in the nation on a per prisoner per day basis; and
  - (6) reviewing the growing rate of serious prisoner on staff assaults, which are at the highest rate in a decade."

Debate ensued.

Question — That the amendments moved by Mr O'Donohue be agreed to — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Mr Atkinson; Dr Bach; Ms Bath; Ms Crozier; Mr Davis; Mr Limbrick; Mrs McArthur; Mr O'Donohue; Mr Ondarchie; Mr Quilty; Mr Rich-Phillips.

*(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an Order of the Council of 23 April 2020)*

NOES, 26

Mr Barton; Mr Bourman; Dr Cumming; Mr Elasmarr; Mr Erdogan; Ms Garrett; Mr Grimley; Mr Hayes; Dr Kieu; Mr Leane; Ms Maxwell; Mr Meddick; Mr Melhem; Ms Mikakos; Ms Patten; Ms Pulford; Dr Ratnam; Ms Shing; Mr Somyurek; Ms Stitt; Ms Symes; Mr Tarlamis; Ms Taylor; Ms Terpstra; Ms Tierney; Ms Vaghela.

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Question negatived.

Original question — put and agreed to.

- 7 **BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 317, be postponed until later this day.
- 8 **BARLEY TARIFFS** — Mr Davis moved, That this House opposes the unjustified special tariffs imposed on Victorian barley by the Chinese Communist Party Government and calls for these unjustified tariffs to be removed immediately.

*Business having been interrupted at 12.00 noon pursuant to Sessional Orders —*

- 9 **QUESTIONS AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS** — Questions without notice were taken and Ministers' Statements were made pursuant to Sessional Order 13.

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**QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE** — The President directed written responses be provided to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Latrobe Valley Hospital obstetrics** — substantive question asked by Ms Crozier — response from Ms Mikakos due Thursday, 4 June 2020.
- **Latrobe University borrowings** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Rich-Phillips — response from Ms Tierney due Thursday, 4 June 2020.
- **Temporary ban on sale of firearms and ammunition during pandemic** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Bourman — response from Ms Tierney due Friday, 5 June 2020.

- 10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS** — Constituency questions were taken pursuant to Standing Order 8.08.

**11 BARLEY TARIFFS** — Debate continued on the question, That this House opposes the unjustified special tariffs imposed on Victorian barley by the Chinese Communist Party Government and calls for these unjustified tariffs to be removed immediately.

*The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 8, had elapsed —*

Question — put and agreed to.

**12 CULLING OF BRUMBIES** — Ms Lovell moved, That this House calls on the Andrews Labor Government to cease its plan for the broadscale shooting of brumbies in Victorian national parks.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

**13 STATEMENTS ON REPORTS, PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Statements on reports, papers and petitions were made by Members pursuant to Sessional Order 16.

**14 INAUGURAL SPEECH — MR LEE TARLAMIS** — Pursuant to Standing Order 5.08, Mr Lee Tarlamis made his inaugural speech.

**15 ADJOURNMENT** — Ms Symes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued and a response to an Adjournment matter was circulated pursuant to Standing Order 4.13.

And then the Council, at 6.42 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow.

ANDREW YOUNG  
*Clerk of the Legislative Council*