# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# No. 2

# **TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2008**

# 1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 3.30pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Nick Griffiths, took the Chair and read prayers.

# 2. Messages from His Excellency the Governor - Assent to Bills

The President reported the receipt of Messages from His Excellency the Governor assenting to the following Bills -

1 July 2008 - Message No. 24	Act No.
Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill 2007	27 of 2008
Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Repeal Bill 2007	28 of 2008
27 June 2008 - Message No. 25	Act No.
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# 3. Death of Hon Victor Jasper Ferry - Motion of Condolence

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Hon Victor Jasper Ferry, a former Member of the Legislative Council for the South-West Region; and places on record its appreciation for his long public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and members of his family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported by several Members including the President and was carried in silence, Members standing in their places.

# 4. Statement by President - Hon Shelley Eaton and Hon Carolyn Burton

The President made the following Statement -

I advise the House that on Wednesday, 17 September 2008, I had the pleasure of swearing-in Hon Shelley Elizabeth Eaton and Hon Carolyn Anne Burton as members of the Legislative Council. I take this opportunity to welcome the two new members.

#### 5. Petitions

Hon Barbara Scott presented a petition, by delivery to the Clerk, [SO 130], from one petitioner requesting the Legislative Council support an investigation into why Legal Aid receives minimal funding to defend their clients. (Tabled paper 236).

Hon Norman Moore presented a petition Praying for Relief from Mr Noel Crichton-Browne. (Tabled paper 224).

Hon Barbara Scott presented a petition from 92 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council support the reintroduction of Transperth bus route 155. (Tabled paper 225).

Hon Kate Doust presented a petition from one petitioner requesting the Legislative Council oppose the export of containerised lead concentrate through the Port of Fremantle. (Tabled paper 226).

Hon Kate Doust presented a petition from 60 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council support increased funding for Social and Community Services organisations. (Tabled paper 227).

Hon Ed Dermer presented a petition from 784 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council support changing the times for speed zones around Western Australian schools. (Tabled paper 228).

Hon Paul Llewellyn presented a petition from 295 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council oppose the ING Development on Victoria Quay, Fremantle. (Tabled paper 229).

# 6. Papers

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# 7. Mineral Sands (Eneabba) Agreement Amendment Bill 2008

The Leader of the House: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the *Mineral Sands (Eneabba) Agreement Act 1975.*" be introduced and read a first time.

## 8. Surrogacy Bill 2008

The Minister for Transport: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act about arrangements for surrogate births and children born under those arrangements and for related purposes, and to make related amendments to –

- the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1998; and
- the Children and Community Services Act 2004; and
- the Family Court Act 1997; and
- the Guardianship and Administration Act 1990; and
- the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991; and
- the *Interpretation Act 1984*." be introduced and read a first time.

# 9. Statutes (Repeals and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008

The Minister for Transport: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the statute law by -

- repealing various Acts; and
- making minor amendments to various other written laws,

and for related purposes." be introduced and read a first time.

# 10. Training Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2008

The Minister for Training: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act to -

- amend the Vocational Education and Training Act 1996; and
- repeal the *Industrial Training Act 1975*,

and, as a consequence, to amend various Acts, and for related purposes." be introduced and read a first time.

# 11. Daylight Savings Amendment Bill 2008

Hon Anthony Fels: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the *Daylight Savings Act 2006* to provide for the holding of a referendum in conjunction with a general election and for the abridgement of the daylight savings trial period." be introduced and read a first time.

# 12. Referendums (Implementation of Result) Amendment Bill 2008

Hon Anthony Fels: To move on the next day of sitting -

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the *Referendums Act 1983* to provide for the compulsory introduction of legislation and policies designed to implement the result of a referendum" be introduced and read a first time.

## 13. Section 38 Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899

The Leader of the House: To move on the next day of sitting -

That this House direct that Ms Mia Davies on becoming the holder of an office or place at the material time shall be disregarded for the purposes of section 38 of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* and that the Legislative Assembly be invited to pass a similar resolution.

# 14. Renewable Energy Technologies - Gross Feed-in Tariff

Hon Paul Llewellyn: To move on the next day of sitting -

That this House calls on the Western Australian Government to introduce a State-based comprehensive gross feed-in tariff for renewable energy technologies.

# 15. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations - Office of Shared Services

Hon Anthony Fels: To move on the next day of sitting -

That the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations table in the Legislative Council any documents and transcripts of proceedings of the briefing from the Office of Shared Services provided to them on 21 August 2006, as referred to at 2.34 in the 2006 Annual Report.

#### 16. Native Forests

Hon Giz Watson: To move on the next day of sitting -

That in light of the Forest Product Commission's poor financial performance in the native forest sector; the failure of regulation and compliance of native forest logging; the impact of logging on the habitat of vulnerable species; the compelling evidence of native forest ecosystems at risk of irreparable damage; and the compounding impact of climate change, this House calls on the Government to -

- (1) Set in place a full transition to plantation and farm forestry for the production of commodity timber products currently derived from native forests.
- (2) Immediately develop an exit strategy for the native forest commodity timber industry.
- (3) Put in place an independently refereed, scientifically based program to restore the ecological integrity of native forests which underpins the delivery of clean air, clean water, carbon sequestration, biodiversity and natural heritage values of the South West region.

#### 17. Select Committee into the Iron Ore Industry of Western Australia - Establishment

Hon Anthony Fels: To move on the next day of sitting -

That -

- (1) A select committee of three members is appointed, any two of whom constitute a quorum.
- (2) The committee is to inquire into and report on -
  - (a) the content and terms of the iron ore policy including and in relation to -
    - (i) the allocation and grant of iron ore tenure;
    - (ii) the grant of certificates of exemption under section 102A of the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*;
    - (iii) the grant of extensions of term under section 61(2) of the *Mining Act* 1978 (WA) in respect of exploration licences which are authorised for iron ore under section 111 of the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*; and
    - (iv) the basis upon which exploration licences authorised for iron ore under section 111 of the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)* have been permitted to be utilised as holding titles;
  - (b) the relationship between the iron ore policy and the use of state agreements to facilitate the development of iron ore projects;
  - (c) the extent to which the iron ore policy has been the subject of review and variation including by the Department of Industry and Resources;
  - (d) whether the existence and terms of the iron ore policy have been adequately disclosed, including to new entrants and potential new entrants into the iron ore industry;
  - (e) the current operation of the iron ore policy including -
    - (i) the impact of the iron ore policy upon -
      - (A) investment in iron ore exploration in the State; and
      - (B) iron ore royalties and other revenues received by the State (in relation to both quantum and time of receipt);
    - (ii) whether the iron ore policy is anti-competitive in the current market in that it prevents the turn-over of ground and thereby -
      - (A) preserves the market power of existing members of the iron ore industry; and
      - (B) operates as a barrier to entry to new entrants into the market;
  - (f) whether the original rationale for the iron ore policy remains applicable today;
  - (g) whether there is still any need to treat iron ore differently to other mineral commodities under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*; and
  - (h) whether it is still necessary and appropriate to use government agreements to facilitate the development of iron ore resources or whether the *Mining Act* 1978 (WA) provides an adequate and appropriate vehicle.
- (3) The committee is to report to the House no later than 12 March 2009.

# 18. Water Catchments - South West Recovery Program

Hon Paul Llewellyn: To move on the next day of sitting -

In the light of the declining rainfall and catastrophic/decline in surface water inflow to our dams, and the impact of salinity on our South West water catchments this House calls on the Government to implement as a matter of priority a comprehensive upper catchment recovery

program based on farm forestry that aims to restore water and salt balance in the six key water catchments in the region.

#### 19. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as to enable an urgency motion to be moved.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question - put.

The President having counted the House, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

# 20. Matter of Urgency - Public Transport - Northern Suburbs

The President read the following letter -

Dear Mr President

At today's sitting it is my intention to move under SO 72 that the Council consider, as a matter of urgency the following motion -

That this House expresses its grave concern that the new State Government does not understand the public transport needs in northern suburbs and in particular the growing congestion that will occur on north-south roads if projects like the Butler train station are not commenced immediately.

Yours sincerely

Hon Ken Travers

Member for North Metropolitan Region

Four members having risen in support.

Hon Ken Travers moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

#### 21. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

# 22. Matter of Urgency - Public Transport - Northern Suburbs

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Ken Travers (cf item 20 above).

Motion lapsed.

# 23. Deputy Chairmen of Committees - Appointment

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That the following Members be appointed Deputy Chairmen of Committees -

- Hon Barry House;
- Hon Sheila Mills;
- Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm;
- Hon Ray Halligan; and
- Hon Ken Travers.

Question - put and passed.

# 24. Standing Committee on Legislation - State Administrative Tribunal Inquiry

The Leader of the House moved, by leave and without notice -

That under the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*, section 173(b), the function of conducting an inquiry into the jurisdiction and operation of the State Administrative Tribunal be conferred upon the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Question - put and passed.

#### 25. Address-In-Reply

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Ed Dermer the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

# 26. Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2008

The Leader of the House moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate stands adjourned.

# 27. Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review - Standing Committee on Legislation - Membership

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That -

- (1) Hon Adele Farina be removed from the Standing Committee on Legislation and appointed to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee; and
- (2) Hon Matthew Benson-Lidholm be removed from the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee and be appointed to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Question - put and passed.

# 28. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question - put and passed.

The House adjourned at 8.42pm until Wednesday, 12 November 2008 at 4.00pm.

# Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members.

#### MALCOLM PEACOCK

#### HON NICK GRIFFITHS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

President of the Legislative Council