



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.
The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.
Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

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3. Mamang Maambakoort Marine Park Order 2024 — Disallowance

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Mamang Maambakoort* published in the *Gazette* on 5 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

4. Mirning Marine Park Order 2024 — Disallowance

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Mirning Marine Park Order 2024* published in the *Gazette* on 5 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

5. **Western Bight Marine Park Order 2024 — Disallowance**

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Western Bight Marine Park Order 2024* published in the *Gazette* on 5 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

6. **Wudjari Marine Park Order 2024 — Disallowance**

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *Wudjari Marine Park Order 2024* published in the *Gazette* on 5 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

7. **Lalang-gaddam Marine Park (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 2024 — Disallowance**

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Lalang-gaddam Marine Park (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 2024* published in the *Gazette* on 8 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

8. **Mayala Marine Park (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 2024 — Disallowance**

Hon Neil Thomson: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Mayala Marine Park (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 2024* published in the *Gazette* on 8 November 2024 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 12 November 2024 under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 3808)

9. **Native timber industry**

Motion No. 13 having been called, Hon Louise Kingston, pursuant to notice, moved —

That the Legislative Council —

- (a) acknowledges that significant failures and maladministration has resulted from the closure of the native timber industry, which has adversely affected various stakeholders beyond furniture makers, including sawmill operators, firewood producers, and other related businesses who rely on a stable timber supply;
- (b) notes that urgent action is required to investigate and rectify the ongoing problems created by the closure, including, but not limited to —
 - (i) the disruption to the supply chain that has negatively impacted the production capacities of local manufacturers and operators across the industry;
 - (ii) the challenges faced by firewood operators who have been compelled to invest millions in their operations despite receiving no assurances regarding wood supply, leaving them in a precarious financial position;
 - (iii) the disparities in the grants system, where some individuals within the industry have received inadequate support or none at all, while those outside the industry have been considerably compensated, raising concerns about fairness and efficacy;

- (iv) the significant delays of up to 12 months in obtaining contracts and securing wood supplies for sawmills, which has hindered operational capacities and financial stability;
 - (v) the need for assurance regarding the availability of alternative timber supplies to meet industry demands;
 - (vi) the effectiveness of the Western Australian Government's initiatives aimed at mitigating these impacts and ensuring a sustainable flow of timber to local artisans and businesses; and
 - (vii) a comprehensive review of the Forest Products Commission's performance and its ability to adapt to the evolving needs and demands of the timber industry;
- (c) calls on the Government to commit to optimising timber supply processes to support all sectors of the timber industry and protect jobs within the community; and
- (d) calls on the Government to engage with all industry stakeholders to facilitate a constructive dialogue aimed at restoring confidence and operational stability for all affected parties.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (8)

Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Donna Faragher
 Hon Louise Kingston
 Hon Steve Martin

Hon Sophia Moermond
 Hon Tjorn Sibma
 Hon Dr Steve Thomas
 Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Noes (17)

Hon Klara Andric
 Hon Dan Caddy
 Hon Sandra Carr
 Hon Kate Doust
 Hon Sue Ellery
 Hon Jackie Jarvis
 Hon Ayor Makur Chuot
 Hon Kyle McGinn
 Hon Shelley Payne

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt
 Hon Martin Pritchard
 Hon Samantha Rowe
 Hon Rosie Sahanna
 Hon Matthew Swinbourn
 Hon Darren West
 Hon Pierre Yang
 Hon Peter Foster (*Teller*)

Question thus negated.

10. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Metropolitan Region Scheme Major Amendment 1404/41 — Roe 8 Remainder and Roe 9 (Removal of Primary Regional Roads Reservation) — Disallowance*, 2, *Shire of Mt Marshall Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2024 — Disallowance*, and 3, *Shire of Meekatharra Health Amendment Local Law 2024 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 15, *Family Court Amendment (Commonwealth Reforms) Bill 2024*. (Leader of the House).

11. Electoral Amendment (Names of Registered Political Parties) Bill 2024

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill. Debate ensued.

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 3817).

The Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 3818).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Wilson Tucker.

13. Electoral Amendment (Names of Registered Political Parties) Bill 2024

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 11 above*).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs, by leave, tabled a Media release from *WA Today* relating to the Western Australian micro party changes in 2021. (Tabled Paper 3819).

Question — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (18)

Hon Klara Andric
 Hon Dan Caddy
 Hon Sandra Carr
 Hon Kate Doust
 Hon Sue Ellery
 Hon Jackie Jarvis
 Hon Ayor Makur Chuot
 Hon Kyle McGinn
 Hon Sophia Moermond

Hon Shelley Payne
 Hon Stephen Pratt
 Hon Martin Pritchard
 Hon Samantha Rowe
 Hon Rosie Sahanna
 Hon Matthew Swinbourn
 Hon Darren West
 Hon Pierre Yang
 Hon Peter Foster (*Teller*)

Noes (8)

Hon Martin Aldridge
 Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Nick Goiran
 Hon Louise Kingston

Hon Tjorn Sibma
 Hon Neil Thomson
 Hon Dr Brian Walker
 Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs moved, That the Deputy Chair report progress and seek to sit again at a later stage at this days sitting.

Question — put and passed.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again.

14. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 13, *Local Government Amendment Bill 2024* be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

15. Local Government Amendment Bill 2024

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting President left the Chair at 5.48pm

The Acting President resumed the Chair at 5.53pm

On the motion of Hon Peter Foster the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

16. Reserves Bill 2024

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 193 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3820).

Debate stands adjourned.

17. Mining Amendment (Transfer of Royalty Administration) Bill 2024

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 194 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3821).

Debate stands adjourned.

18. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 13, *Local Government Amendment Bill 2024* be taken forthwith. (Minister for Agriculture and Food).

19. Local Government Amendment Bill 2024

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill. Hon Martin Aldridge sought leave for Hon Dr Brian Walker to continue his remarks at a later stage at the next days sitting.

Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

20. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

21. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.23pm until Thursday, 14 November 2024 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Stephen Dawson, Hon Lorna Harper and Hon Dr Sally Talbot.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council