

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL****WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2021****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. Skilled Worker Shortages

Hon Colin de Grussa: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House —

- (a) notes with concern the ongoing issues with skilled worker shortages and the lack of equitable small business support;
- (b) discusses the need for better planning, leadership and strategies to provide long term solutions and address the immediate issues facing Western Australian businesses and industry sectors; and
- (c) calls on the Ministers for Commerce, Regional Development, Small Business, Finance and State Development to work together and proactively resolve these issues.

3. Western Australia's Public Health System

Motion No. 3 having been called, Hon Tjorn Sibma, pursuant to notice, moved —

That this House —

- (a) expresses concern at the measurable decline in the capacity and performance of Western Australia's public health system;
- (b) registers its respect for the performance of the State's frontline clinical staff despite the McGowan Government's continued mismanagement of the health portfolio;
- (c) notes the lack of confidence in the Minister for Health, the Hon Roger Cook, expressed by medical professionals and the broader community; and
- (d) acquaints the Legislative Assembly accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Motion — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (8)

Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Donna Faragher
 Hon Nick Goiran
 Hon James Hayward

Hon Tjorn Sibma
 Hon Dr Steve Thomas
 Hon Neil Thomson
 Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Noes (21)

Hon Klara Andric
 Hon Dan Caddy
 Hon Stephen Dawson
 Hon Sue Ellery
 Hon Peter Foster
 Hon Lorna Harper
 Hon Jackie Jarvis
 Hon Alannah MacTiernan
 Hon Ayor Makur Chuot
 Hon Kyle McGinn
 Hon Shelley Payne

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt
 Hon Stephen Pratt
 Hon Martin Pritchard
 Hon Samantha Rowe
 Hon Matthew Swinbourn
 Hon Dr Sally Talbot
 Hon Wilson Tucker
 Hon Dr Brian Walker
 Hon Darren West
 Hon Pierre Yang (*Teller*)

Motion thus negated.

4. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Town of Port Hedland Waste Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 2, *Curtin University Statute No. 5 — Election of Council Members — Disallowance*, 3, *Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amendment Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 4, *Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 5, *Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Cemeteries Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 6, *Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Fencing Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 7, *Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Health Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 8, *Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Waste Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 9, *City of Gosnells Standing Orders Amendment Local Law (Number 2) 2020 — Disallowance*, 10, *Shire of Broome Waste Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 11, *Shire of Gingin — Meeting Procedures Amendment Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 12, *City of Bayswater Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 13, *City of Kalamunda Dogs Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 14, *City of Kalamunda Extractive Industries Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 15, *Shire of Peppermint Grove Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 16, *Shire of Peppermint Grove Fencing Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, 17, *Shire of Peppermint Grove Waste Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, and 18, *Weapons Amendment Regulations 2021 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 22, *Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill 2021*. (Leader of the House).

5. Arts and Culture Trust Bill 2021

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 26 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 448).

Debate stands adjourned.

6. Public Health Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Jackie Jarvis in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health tabled a report by the Department of Health entitled *Western Australian Women's Health and Wellbeing Policy, Lifting the health profile of women and girls*. (Tabled Paper 449).

Debate resumed.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate ensued.

7. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to roof-top solar installations and energy purchased through the Renewable Energy Buyback Scheme, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled minutes of the Quarantine Advisory Panel meeting on 14 June 2021, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Colin de Grussa. (Tabled Paper 450).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to funding of the Soldiers and Sirens program, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to questions on notice 153 asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt will be provided on 12 August 2021.

8. Public Health Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2021

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 6 above*).

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Peter Foster in the Chair)

Clause 4

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

The President announced that the Deputy Chair of Committees had certified that this was a true copy of the Bill as agreed to in Committee of the Whole House and reported.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

9. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

10. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.43pm until Thursday, 12 August 2021 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Martin Aldridge, Hon Sandra Carr, Hon Steve Martin and Hon Rosetta Sahanna.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council