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### THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT – 13-15 SEPT 2011

*If you would like further detail on any of these bills sent to you, please contact my office on 60244488.*

*Regards, Bill.*

*The Parliament of Victoria consists of three parts, the **Legislative Assembly** (Lower House), the **Legislative Council** (Upper House) and the **Crown** (represented by the Governor). All three parts must agree to any new law.*

### **NEW BILLS THAT WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:**

#### **Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Youth Justice Facilities) Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to improve the management and security of the Parkville youth justice precinct.

#### **Crimes and Domestic Animals Acts Amendment (Offences and Penalties) Bill**

This bill strengthens the law by creating new offences for a person who fails to control a dangerous, menacing, or restricted breed dog and that dog endangers the life of, or causes the death of, another person. This follows up the urgent Act of Parliament enacted earlier this month ending the amnesty on restricted breed dogs.

#### **Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to adopt a recommendation of the Bushfire Royal Commission to improve the operation of emergency services and better coordinate them in cases of major emergency in Victoria.

#### **Energy Legislation Amendment (Bushfire Mitigation and Other Matters) Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to adopt a recommendation of the Bushfire Royal Commission to improve the obligations of energy companies to mitigate bushfire risk.

### **Sentencing Amendment (Community Corrections Reform) Bill**

This Bill continues the Government's major sentencing reforms and replaces a range of community-based sentences with a single, flexible, Community Corrections Order.

### **Transport Legislation Amendment (Public Transport Development Authority) Bill**

This Bill establishes a new Public Transport Development Authority as a single coordinating authority for all metropolitan and regional train, tram and bus services – focussed on putting the customer first.

### **Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to establish a new, single integrated body to regulate liquor and gambling in Victoria.

## **OTHER BILLS BEING DEBATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:**

### **Extractive Industries (Lysterfield) Amendment Bill**

This Bill improves the regulation of the Boral quarry at Lysterfield and improves environmental outcomes at the quarry site.

### **Gambling Regulation Amendment (Licensing) Bill**

This Bill gives the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation the power to apply a public interest test to certain raffles and improves the licensing regime for gaming machines being introduced in line with the 2012 regulation model.

## **BILLS THAT PASSED THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND WILL NOW BE DEBATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**

### **Commercial Arbitration Bill 2011**

This Bill repeals the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1984* to bring Victoria into line with model legislation being progressively passed by all States relating to commercial arbitration and seeks to restore Victoria as a suitable venue for dispute resolution.

### **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Prohibition of Sale and Display of Cannabis Water Pipes) Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to make the sale of cannabis water pipes (commonly known as bongs) illegal in Victoria.

## **Electronic Transactions (Victoria) Amendment Bill**

This Bill improves the regime relating to contracts and other legal documents made by electronic means, including by using electronic signatures, and updates the law in line with international models to aid Victoria's status as a centre for international commerce.

## **Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

This Bill amends certain earth resources legislation and clarifies the role of the Department of Primary Industries in relation to geothermal exploration.

## **BILLS PASSED BOTH HOUSES AND AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT:**

### **Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Amendment Bill**

This Bill gives a health service provider certain rights of appeal against decisions made by a National Board.

### **Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Further Amendment Bill 2011**

This Bill caps a statutory increase in the salaries of Members of the Parliament of Victoria from 1 July 2011 at 2.5 per cent, for the duration of the 2011-12 financial year, reducing a higher increase which flowed on from a Federal Government decision.

### **Road Safety Camera Commissioner Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to establish Victoria's first Road Safety Commissioner, to provide for the powers of that person, for a complaints mechanism and to improve transparency in the placement of road safety cameras.

### **Sentencing Legislation Amendment (Abolition of Home Detention) Bill**

This Bill implements an election commitment to remove home detention from the Victorian statute book.

### **Transport Legislation Amendment (Public Transport Safety) Bill**

This Bill promotes public safety by improving the safety regimes applicable to bus and train operators.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Premier and other Party Leaders spoke to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States on 11 September 2001.

A number of annual reports of government departments, agencies and organisations were tabled, but in a measured way allowing scrutiny of their contents. This follows through on a promise not to dump all reports on the last possible day to avoid scrutiny, as the previous Labor government did.