**Legislative Council**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019**

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Dr RATNAM)

1. Clause 1, omit this clause.
2. Insert the following New Clause before clause 2—

"1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are—

(a) to give effect to section 74A(1) of the **Constitution Act 1975** which provides that local government is a distinct and essential tier of government consisting of democratically elected Councils having the functions and powers that the Parliament considers are necessary to ensure the peace, order and good government of each municipal district; and

(b) to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** to enable a person who has attained 16 years of age to provisionally enrol on the register of electors.".

1. Clause 241, line 11, omit "18" and insert "16".
2. Clause 266, page 243, lines 5 to 7, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

"(4) Subsection (1) or (2) does not apply if—

(a) the person is less than 18 years of age; or

(b) an exemption prescribed by the regulations applies to the person.".

1. Clause 339, after line 16 insert—

"(1) In section 9A(2)(a) of the **City of Melbourne Act 2001**, for "18 years" **substitute** "16 years".".

1. Clause 339, line 17, before "In" insert "(2)".
2. Clause 349, lines 18 to 21, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

""(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if—

(a) the person is less than 18 years of age; or

(b) an exemption prescribed by regulations under this Act or the **Local Government Act 2019** applies to the person.".".

1. Page 314, after line 21 insert the following heading—

"Division 2A—Amendment of Electoral Act 2002".

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 357 and the heading proposed by amendment number 8—

"357A Electoral Act 2002

In section 22(5) of the **Electoral Act 2002**, for "17 years" **substitute** "16 years".".

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

1. Long title, after "**Act 2001**," insert "the **Electoral Act 2002**,".