

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2021

(Amendments and New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr DAVIS)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 32, after "Commission" insert "or as approved by the Commission".
2. Clause 1, page 4, after line 9 insert—
 - "(iii) to provide for advertising of hardship provisions under the **Local Government Act 1989**; and".
3. Clause 23, line 4, after "(3B)" insert "and (3C)".
4. Clause 23, line 11, omit 'Commission.'".' and insert 'Commission.'.
5. Clause 23, after line 11 insert—
 - '(3C) It is not an offence under subsection (3A) for a person to make available or distribute an application to vote by post if the application to vote by post is approved by the Commission.'".'.
6. Clause 38, page 25, line 2, after "subsection (1)" insert "or, if subsection (2A) applies, by complying with the requirements set out in subsection (2A)".
7. Clause 38, page 25, after line 2 insert—
 - "(2A) Despite subsection (1), if a requirement in an Act, a statutory rule or any other subordinate instrument for notice (however described) to be published in a print newspaper applies in respect of any locality or part of Victoria which is regional Victoria, publication—
 - (a) must be in published in a print newspaper circulating in that part of regional Victoria; and
 - (b) in addition, may otherwise be published in a manner specified in subsection (1)(a) to (c).".

NEW CLAUSE

8. After clause 42 insert—

'42A New section 107A inserted**"107A Advertising of hardship provisions for rates**

- (1) For the period of 4 years from the commencement of this section, a Council must include details of the waiver for financial hardship provisions in section 171A of the **Local Government Act 1989**—
 - (a) in a separate sheet enclosed with any rate notice sent during that period; and

- (b) on a website maintained by the Council and on all social media platforms used by the Council.
- (2) A Council must include in its annual report—
 - (a) the number of requests for waivers received under section 171A of the **Local Government Act 1989** during the period referred to in subsection (1); and
 - (b) the number of waivers granted in whole or in part during that period."!