

**CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION,
ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023**

(Amendments made by the Legislative Council)

1. Clause 4, after line 24 insert—

"7AA Statement of acknowledgement

- (1) The Parliament acknowledges that removing an Aboriginal child from the care of a parent may—
 - (a) disrupt the child's connection to their culture; and
 - (b) cause harm to the child, including serious harm.
- (2) The Parliament does not intend by this section to affect in any way the interpretation of this Act or of any other laws in force in Victoria."

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 4—

'4A Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

- (1) After section 13(3) of the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005** insert—
 - "(4) For the avoidance of doubt, the Court or a bail justice (as the case may be) must have regard to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle in making any decision or taking any action in respect of a child in need of protection under Chapter 4."

3. Clause 7, page 14, lines 33 to 36, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

4. Clause 7, page 15, lines 1 to 3, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
5. Clause 7, page 15, line 4, omit "(9)" and insert "(8)".

Certified -

Clerk of the Legislative Council