

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND  
VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025

(Suggested amendments to be proposed in Committee by JACLYN SYMES)

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 6, page 4, lines 27 and 28, omit "Forest Fire Management Victoria" and insert "emergency management".

2. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 6, page 4, after line 28 insert—

**"Examples**

- 1 Functions of Emergency Management Victoria, the Emergency Management Commissioner, the Chief Executive, Emergency Management Victoria and the Secretary to the Department of Justice and Community Safety in relation to emergency management include operation of the following—
  - the State Control Centre;
  - Emergency Recovery Victoria;
  - the Emergency Alert Program in Victoria;
  - the Emergency Management Operational Communication Program.
- 2 Functions of the Secretary within the meaning of section 3(1) of the **Forests Act 1958** in relation to emergency management include functions delegated to the Chief Fire Officer employed under that Act."

3. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 13, page 9, line 4, after "recipient" insert "other than the CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria and VicSES".

4. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 13, page 9, line 6, omit "exceeding—" and insert "exceeding 95%."

5. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 13, page 9, lines 7 to 9, omit all words and expressions on those lines and insert—

- '(2B) The percentage of the annual funding requirements of the CFA and VicSES that are to be funded by the levy in a levy year is 95%.

- (2C) The percentage of the annual funding requirements of Fire Rescue Victoria that are to be funded by the levy in a levy year is 90%.".'.

6. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 13, page 9, after line 14 insert—

'(4) After section 12(5) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(5A) The Minister must specify in a notice of a determination in respect of the next levy year under subsection (1)—

(a) for each funding recipient—

(i) an estimate of the amount in dollars of the funding requirements of the funding recipient that are to be funded by the levy in that levy year; and

(ii) the percentage of the funding requirements of the funding recipient that the amount in subparagraph (i) represents; and

(b) an estimate of the amount of levy to be collected in that levy year for each land use classification specified in section 15(1); and

(c) that there is no duplication of funding.".'.

**NEW CLAUSE**

7. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 17—

**'17A New section 62A inserted**

After section 62 of the Principal Act **insert**—

**"62A Proceeds of levy**

The proceeds of levy collected under this Act must not exceed the sum of—

(a) the amounts applied to fund the funding recipients in accordance with section 12(2A), (2B) and (2C); and

(b) the administrative costs incurred in the performance of functions under this Act.".'.

8. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 22, line 9, omit "determined under" and insert "specified in".

9. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 22, line 10, omit "12(2A)" and insert "12(2B)".

10. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 22, line 20, omit "determined under" and insert "specified in".

11. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**  
Clause 22, line 21, omit "12(2A)" and insert "12(2C)".