

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by DAVID ETTERSHANK)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause before clause 63—

'62A Definitions

In section 3 of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** insert the following definition—

"*public sector employee* has the same meaning as in the **Public Administration Act 2004;"**.'.

2. Clause 63, line 8, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
3. Clause 65, line 26, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
4. Clause 65, line 27, omit "person" and insert "public sector employee".
5. Clause 65, page 127, lines 1 to 7, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
6. Clause 65, page 132, line 6, omit "60" and insert "30".
7. Clause 65, page 137, line 26, omit "60" and insert "30".
8. Clause 65, page 139, after line 29 insert—
 - "(1A) In determining whether there are reasonable grounds for making the order, the Magistrates' Court must have regard to the extent to which an electricity corporation or the CEO VicGrid has complied with the relevant obligations described in subsection (1B) in relation to entering—
 - (a) onto the land in respect of which the application is made; and
 - (b) in the circumstances in relation to which entry is sought to be authorised under the entry order; and
 - (c) for the purpose for which entry is sought to be authorised under the entry order.
 - (1B) The relevant obligations for the purposes of subsection (1A) are obligations that—
 - (a) are imposed by the provisions of a Code of Practice referred to in section 93(5)(d); and
 - (b) require things to be done before (and not during or after) entry onto land."

9. Clause 65, page 143, line 17, omit "60" and insert "30".
10. Clause 65, page 149, line 4, omit "60" and insert "30".
11. Clause 65, page 149, line 25, omit "60" and insert "30".
12. Clause 65, page 152, line 4, omit "6" and insert "4".
13. Clause 65, page 152, line 9, omit "6" and insert "4".
14. Clause 65, page 152, line 14, omit "6" and insert "4".
15. Clause 65, page 152, line 24, omit "6" and insert "4".

NEW CLAUSE

16. After clause 75 insert—

'75A Magistrates' Court may make entry order

In section 93BL(1A) of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** omit "or the CEO VicGrid".'.