

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025

(Amendments and New Clause to be moved by Mr Brad Rowsell)

1. Clause 76, after line 19 insert—

"(2A) The Minister must also cause a review to be conducted at least once every year into the effects of the availability of palliative care on the operation of this Act, which must include a review of—

- (a) the level of funding for palliative care services, including whether the funding has been maintained in real terms; and
- (b) whether equitable access to palliative care services is being provided to Victorians living in regional and rural communities."

2. Clause 76, line 20, after "review" insert "under subsection (1) or (2A)".

NEW CLAUSE

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

'4A Principles

After section 5(1) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(1A) The following principles apply in relation to palliative care—

- (a) the government should secure funding for palliative care services that is at least maintained annually in real terms;
- (b) equitable access to palliative care services should be provided to Victorians living in regional and rural communities.".