

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025

(Amendment and New Clause to be proposed in Committee by ANASINA GRAY-BARBERIO)

1. Clause 3, after line 17 insert—

"authorised officer means—

- (a) an authorised officer within the meaning of the Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria); or
- (b) an authorised officer within the meaning of the **Children's Services Act 1996**;

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 17—

"17A Minimum number of authorised officers

- (1) The Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority must employ or engage under sections 15 and 16 at least the required minimum number of authorised officers.
- (2) The required minimum number is the greater of—
 - (a) 60 authorised officers; or
 - (b) as many authorised officers as are necessary to ensure a ratio of authorised officers to approved education and care services and approved children's services that is sufficient for suitable and effective oversight.
- (3) The Minister must report to Parliament annually about—
 - (a) the number of authorised officers employed or engaged by the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority; and
 - (b) the ratio of those authorised officers to approved education and care services and approved children's services; and
 - (c) actions taken to enable the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority to adequately carry out its regulatory functions and powers under the Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria) and the **Children's Services Act 1996**."