

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026

(Amendments to be proposed in Committee by MELINA BATH)

1. Clause 3, page 3, after line 23 insert—
 - "(i) motorised and non-motorised recreation;
 - (j) recreational motorcycling and trail-bike riding;
 - (k) prospecting and fossicking;
 - (l) horse riding and equestrian activities;
 - (m) any other prescribed activity;"
2. Clause 7, after line 18 insert—
 - "(da) to optimise the social, cultural and economic benefits of commercial fishing and aquaculture in Victoria in a sustainable manner;"
3. Clause 8, page 11, line 2, after "fishing" insert ", hunting".
4. Clause 8, page 11, line 3, after "fishing" insert ", hunting".
5. Clause 10, page 12, line 8, omit "**1995.**" and insert "**1995; and**".
6. Clause 10, page 12, after line 8 insert—
 - "(iii) the sustainability and viability of commercial fishing and aquaculture; and
 - (iv) the facilitation of fair and reasonable access to aquatic resources."
7. Clause 16, line 26, before "The" insert "(1)".
8. Clause 16, after line 28 insert—
 - "(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the best available information may include the following—
 - (a) scientific research;
 - (b) regional data, including localised information relating to use, access, closures, participation, economic impact, safety, compliance and environmental conditions;
 - (c) stakeholder knowledge;
 - (d) on-ground evidence, including observations, incident reports, field assessments, stakeholder reports and operational experience from areas to which the decisions relate."
9. Clause 18, line 16, before "The" insert "(1)".

10. Clause 18, after line 27 insert—

"(2) The principle of transparency requires publication of the following, to the extent practicable information regarding consultation processes."
11. Clause 21, page 17, line 2, omit "or aquaculture" and insert ", aquaculture, hunting, or recreational fishing".
12. Clause 21, page 17, lines 24 to 26, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(b) where possible, does not ordinarily reside in Victoria."
13. Clause 25, page 21, line 5, after "body" insert ", other than on a voluntary basis, where possible".
14. Clause 40, after line 16 insert—

"(1A) A report under this section must set out—

 - (a) information regarding the authorised officers appointed by Outdoor Recreation Victoria under section 42, including the number of authorised officers appointed by Outdoor Recreation Victoria; and
 - (b) information regarding access to land, including any matter that has reduced access to any public land for the purposes of outdoor recreation."
15. Clause 42, after line 32 insert—

"(5) Outdoor Recreation Victoria, in appointing authorised officers under this provision, must have regard to the number of functions, duties and powers in relation to which authorised officers may be appointed under subsection (2)(b)."
16. Clause 47, line 4, omit "Subject to subsection (3), the function of the Land" and insert "The function of the Land".
17. Clause 47, page 38, after line 10 insert—

"(6) The Land Access Panel, by written notice, may request information from any person or body who is appointed as the manager of an area of public land.

(7) A person or body to whom a request for information under subsection (6) is given must provide a written response to the Land Access Panel."
18. Clause 48, line 13, omit "12" and insert "9".
19. Clause 48, after line 15 insert—

"(2A) Where possible, the Minister must ensure that the majority of members of the Land Access Panel are appointed from representative bodies."