



# Legislative Assembly Privileges Committee

## Report on the complaint by the Member for Brighton

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# About the Committee

## Functions

Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, No 8 — Thursday 23 February 2023.

**3 Committee Membership** — Motion made, by leave, and question That:

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- (8) A select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon complaints of breach of privilege referred to it by the House, right of reply applications referred under SO 227 and any other matter referred to it by the House; and Lily D'Ambrosio, Melissa Horne, James Newbury, Danny Pearson, Mary-Anne Thomas, Peter Walsh and Kim Wells be members of the Privileges Committee

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put and agreed to.

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# Findings and recommendation

**FINDING 1:** That Louise Carrigg committed a contempt by serving, attempting to serve, or purporting to serve legal papers on a member of Parliament in the parliamentary precincts on a sitting day.

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**FINDING 2:** That, as Louise Carrigg has provided a written apology, the Committee considers this matter settled and will not recommend any further action.

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**RECOMMENDATION 1:** That the Speaker, having regard to the content of this report, raise with the President and House Committee, or other appropriate forum, the issue of how best to manage the interaction between the exclusive cognisance of each House of Parliament and the requirements for passholders to be accountable for the conduct of their visitors, and consider any need for change or education on this issue.

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# Report on the complaint by the Member for Brighton

## 1.1 Background

On 21 March 2024 the Speaker announced to the House that the Member for Brighton had written to make a complaint of a breach of privilege. The Speaker noted that she was satisfied that the allegations made by the Member for Brighton fell within the category of contempt. The Speaker also announced that the Member for Brighton had raised the matter with her within a reasonably practicable time.

Consequently, the Speaker decided that the matter should have precedence according to the procedures of the House, and the Assembly agreed to the following motion, moved by the Member for Brighton:

That the complaint made by the Member for Brighton on Thursday 21 March 2024 be referred to the Privileges Committee for examination and report.<sup>1</sup>

The Member for Brighton included in his contribution on the motion the following information:

- That on the morning of 20 March 2024, while the House was sitting, the Member for Hawthorn was approached by two people within the parliamentary precincts and that one of those people, Louise Carrigg, purported to serve legal papers on the Member.
- That the Member for Hawthorn is concerned that these events ‘constitute a contempt of Parliament and raise serious concerns about security for all members of Parliament, staff and visitors who work and attend the parliamentary precinct’.<sup>2</sup>

An excerpt from Hansard of the Member for Brighton’s contribution on the motion is attached in Appendix A.

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<sup>1</sup> Legislative Assembly, *Votes and Proceedings*, 21 March 2024, p. 330.

<sup>2</sup> Legislative Assembly, 21 March 2024, *Parliamentary debates*, p. 1108.

## 1.2 Principles for considering complaints about privilege and contempt of parliament

In considering the complaint and issues arising from it, the Committee considered procedures of the House and precedents from other parliaments that it regarded as relevant to the matter raised by the Member for Brighton, and in particular the extent to which parliamentary privilege was engaged in these events.

House of Representatives Practice, the authoritative text on procedure and practice for the Commonwealth House of Representatives, provides a definition of ‘parliamentary privilege’:

The term parliamentary privilege refers to the special rights and immunities which apply to the Houses, their committees and their Members, and which are considered essential for the proper operation of the Parliament. These rights and immunities allow the Houses to meet and carry out their proper constitutional roles, for committees to operate effectively, for Members to discharge their responsibilities to their constituents, and for others properly involved in the parliamentary processes to carry out their duties and responsibilities without obstruction or fear of prosecution.<sup>3</sup>

A breach of privilege (an infringement of one of the special rights or immunities of a House or a member) can be a contempt of parliament. Erskine May (*May*), the United Kingdom House of Commons guide on parliamentary procedure, states in regard of contempt:

Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of their duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results, may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent of the offence.<sup>4</sup>

*May* further states that, when determining whether to pursue a contempt:

In general, the House exercises such jurisdiction in any event as sparingly as possible and only when satisfied that to do so is essential in order to provide reasonable protection for the House, its Members or its officers from such improper obstruction or attempt at or threat of obstruction causing, or likely to cause, substantial interference with the performance of their respective functions.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *House of Representatives Practice*, 7th edn, Department of the House of Representatives, Canberra, 2018, <[https://www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/House\\_of\\_Representatives/Powers\\_practice\\_and\\_procedure/Practice7/HTML/Chapter20/Privilege\\_defined](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/Powers_practice_and_procedure/Practice7/HTML/Chapter20/Privilege_defined)> accessed 22 October 2024, p. 733.

<sup>4</sup> *Erskine May's Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament*, 25th edn, <<https://erskinemay.parliament.uk/section/4991/contempts>> accessed 22 October 2024, para 15.2.

<sup>5</sup> *Erskine May's Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament*, 25th edn, <<https://erskinemay.parliament.uk/section/4578/modern-application-of-privilege-law>> accessed 22 October 2024, para 12.9.

In relation to serving legal papers within the precincts on a sitting day, *May* states:

...serving or executing civil or criminal process within the precincts of either House while the House is sitting without obtaining the leave of the House is a contempt ...<sup>6</sup>

Further, in 1999, the United Kingdom Joint Committee on Parliamentary Privilege noted that:

Service of court documents such as writs and orders within the precincts of the House on a day when the House is sitting, but not otherwise, has long been regarded as a contempt, as tending to obstruct or impede the House in its functions. The main purpose of this rule nowadays is to protect members and others who attend either House from service within the House being used for publicity seeking purposes. Such activity would be an abuse of the precincts of Parliament.<sup>7</sup>

### 1.3 Committee deliberation and decision

The Committee met to consider the complaint raised by the Member for Brighton and referred to the Committee by the Assembly. The Committee particularly considered whether a contempt had occurred.

The Committee was satisfied that Louise Carrigg, while the Assembly was sitting on 20 March 2024, served, attempted to serve, or purported to serve legal papers on the Member for Hawthorn within the parliamentary precincts.

The Committee determined that Louise Carrigg had committed a contempt by serving, attempting to serve, or purporting to serve legal papers on a member of Parliament in the parliamentary precincts on a sitting day.

The Committee is unaware of a question of privilege of this type having been considered in Victoria. There are, however, examples of similar situations occurring in other Westminster-style jurisdictions, most relevantly in other Australasian parliaments.<sup>8</sup> In these cases the matter was considered settled when the relevant parties provided an apology.

The Committee wrote to Louise Carrigg informing her that her actions, in serving, attempting to serve, or purporting to serve legal papers on a member of Parliament in the parliamentary precincts on a sitting day constituted a contempt of parliament. The Committee invited Louise Carrigg to provide a written apology.

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6 *Erskine May's Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament*, 25th edn, <<https://erskinemay.parliament.uk/section/5002/other-indignities-offered-to-either-house#footnote-item-1>> accessed 22 October 2024, para 15.11.

7 Parliament of the United Kingdom, Joint Committee on Parliamentary Privilege, *Parliamentary privilege – first report*, March 1999, <<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt199899/jtselect/jtpriv/43/4311.htm>> accessed 22 October 2024, para 334.

8 See for example, Parliament of Western Australia, Legislative Council Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Report 21: Referral of a matter of privilege raised by Hon. John Ford MLC*, March 2010; Parliament of New Zealand, House of Representatives Privileges Committee, *Report of the Privileges Committee 1990, Second session, 42nd Parliament*, 1990.

Louise Carrigg provided the Committee with a written apology on 10 October 2024.

Consistent with practice in other Westminster-style jurisdictions, the Committee now considers this matter settled and will not recommend any further action with regard to Louise Carrigg.

**FINDING 1:** That Louise Carrigg committed a contempt by serving, attempting to serve, or purporting to serve legal papers on a member of Parliament in the parliamentary precincts on a sitting day.

**FINDING 2:** That, as Louise Carrigg has provided a written apology, the Committee considers this matter settled and will not recommend any further action.

In the course of its inquiry the Committee wrote to the Presiding Officers requesting information about:

1. How Louise Carrigg came to enter the parliamentary precincts and who registered her as a visitor.
2. What responsibility passholders who register visitors have for the behaviour of visitors while in the parliamentary precincts, and what options the Presiding Officers have to respond to inappropriate behaviour by visitors.

The Presiding Officers responded that Louise Carrigg was registered as a visitor by a member of the Legislative Council and, as such, considering the principle of exclusive cognisance, it was not appropriate for them to provide the requested information to the Committee.

The Presiding Officers referred the Committee to requirements around visitor registration on the Members' Intranet and in the Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry issued by them in May 2024. This included noting that, if the requirements in the Conditions of Entry are not met:

- entry by visitors may be refused or visitors may be removed
- for passholders, the suspension, cancellation or change of conditions of their access pass.<sup>9</sup>

The Presiding Officers highlighted that a 'key requirement' of the visitor management system is that 'a passholder escorts visitors at all times'.<sup>10</sup> The Presiding Officers' letter is included as Appendix B.

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<sup>9</sup> Hon Maree Edwards, Speaker and Hon Shaun Leane, President, Presiding Officers, Parliament of Victoria, correspondence, 14 October 2024, p. 1.

<sup>10</sup> Hon Maree Edwards, Speaker and Hon Shaun Leane, President, Presiding Officers, Parliament of Victoria, correspondence, 14 October 2024, p. 1.

The Committee fully supports the principle of exclusive cognisance, being each House's exclusive right to control its own affairs. The Committee also supports the Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry issued by the Presiding Officers, and notes the requirement for 'all staff, users, guests and visitors' to conduct themselves:

in a manner which does not disrupt, interfere, or obstruct other persons, the operations or proceedings of Parliament, and which does not recklessly endanger others.<sup>11</sup>

The Committee encourages all members and parliamentary precincts passholders to be aware of and comply with the Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry issued by the Presiding Officers. These documents are reproduced as Appendix C and Appendix D of this report.

The Committee notes that the way exclusive cognisance and the processes for administering visitor behaviour in the parliamentary precincts interact means that, in this case, the Committee was not able to examine the actions of the passholder who signed Louise Carrigg into the precinct and ascertain whether they took steps to ensure their visitor complied with the requirements for visitors. The Committee's view is that this is an area that is worthy of further consideration. As such, the Committee recommends that the Speaker raise this issue with the President and the House Committee, or other appropriate forum.

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** That the Speaker, having regard to the content of this report, raise with the President and House Committee, or other appropriate forum, the issue of how best to manage the interaction between the exclusive cognisance of each House of Parliament and the requirements for passholders to be accountable for the conduct of their visitors, and consider any need for change or education on this issue.

**Adopted by the Legislative Assembly Privileges Committee  
Parliament of Victoria, East Melbourne  
13 November 2024**

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<sup>11</sup> Hon Maree Edwards, Speaker and Hon Shaun Leane, President, Presiding Officers, Parliament of Victoria, *Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct*, <<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/49c016/globalassets/sections-shared/about/policies/parliamentary-precincts---code-of-conduct.pdf>> accessed 22 October 2024, p. 1.



# Appendix A

## Extract from Hansard, 21 March 2024

**The SPEAKER (09:35):** Before we move to statements by members, I wish to advise the house that in keeping with the practice adopted in April 1978, the Manager of Opposition Business this morning provided me with written notification of a complaint of a contempt of Parliament. The complaint alleges that the attendance and actions of a person on the parliamentary precinct on the sitting day yesterday improperly interfered with the free performance of a member's duties as a member. All members will be aware that serving civil or criminal processes within the precincts on a sitting day or on a day when a member has committee responsibilities can be a contempt of the house's privilege. Members must be able to attend sittings or committee activities freely and without obstruction. However, yesterday a person had access to the parliamentary precinct and delivered legal documents to the Leader of the Opposition directly.

My role in this matter is to determine whether the complaint raised falls within the category of a contempt. I am satisfied that this complaint meets that threshold. I note that the matter before the house is not about any legal action itself – the house will have no view about that and respects court processes. The issue for the house is whether its rights have been infringed.

Further, in considering whether the complaint should be granted precedence over business of the house, I must be satisfied that the matter has been raised as soon as reasonably practical. The member wrote to me this morning, and so that requirement has been met.

**James NEWBURY (Brighton) (09:37):** I move:

That the complaint made by the member for Hawthorn on Thursday 21 March 2024 be referred to the Privileges Committee for examination and report.

The member for Hawthorn has requested that I put the following facts about what occurred yesterday in the parliamentary precinct on the record. At about 9:45 am the members for Kew and Malvern and Ms Crozier of the other place undertook a doorstep interview at the back door of Parliament House. The member for Kew later remarked she had seen Mrs Deeming of the other place watching the media conference with, it appeared to her, one or more other people.

At about 11:40 am the members for Hawthorn and Nepean exited the annex building via the lift on the mezzanine floor on their way to an arranged media conference. The member for Hawthorn was approached by two women, later identified as Anna Hughes, an electorate officer of Mrs Deeming of the other place, and Louise Carrigg. Ms Carrigg greeted the member for Hawthorn and asked if he was John Pesutto. The member for Hawthorn replied in the affirmative. Ms Carrigg then

attempted to force a set of papers into the member for Hawthorn's hands, claiming he had been served defamation proceedings by Ms Angie Jones. The papers in question about Ms Jones were not sealed; that is, they did not bear the seal of a court, which is required for legal service. The member for Hawthorn also said Ms Carrigg and Ms Jones's lawyers had electronically sent defamation papers to his lawyers, MinterEllison, so no further action to achieve that purpose was required. The member for Hawthorn took possession of the documents so he could proceed to the media conference in the garden. It was apparent to Mr Pesutto that Ms Carrigg and Ms Hughes knew where he would be and were waiting for him. Last year Ms Carrigg, along with Ms Jones, protested outside the Leader of the Opposition's electorate office in Hawthorn.

It is the member for Hawthorn's belief that Ms Carrigg intended to attempt to confront him had he held a press conference at the back door of Parliament House and for it to be captured on camera by the assembled media. The later interaction at 11:40 am was a further attempt to have vision of the member for Hawthorn supposedly being served for defamation captured by the media. It was therefore a stunt as part of the ongoing and highly publicised legal actions of Ms Angie Jones, Ms Kellie-Jay Keen and Mrs Deeming of the other place.

The member for Hawthorn is concerned that the events of Wednesday constitute a contempt of Parliament and raise serious concerns about security for all members of Parliament, staff and visitors who work and attend the parliamentary precinct. The Victorian constitution incorporates the rights of members of Parliament as they existed in July 1855 in the United Kingdom House of Commons. A right inherited, as *Erskine May* asserts, is against any who would:

... obstruct Members in the discharge of their responsibilities to the House or in their participation in its proceedings.

*Erskine May*, the 25th edition, on page 296, says,

It is a contempt to molest a Member of either House while attending the House, or coming to or going from it, and in the eighteenth century, both Houses roundly condemned 'assaulting, insulting or menacing Lords or Members' going to or coming from the House or trying to force to influence them in their conduct in Parliament.

The member for Hawthorn therefore requests that the Privileges Committee consider the question of the following: whether visitors obstructing a member going about his or her parliamentary activities within the parliamentary precinct is a contempt of the Parliament or a staff member employed by the Parliament signing in a visitor for that purpose is a contempt, irrespective of the fact that Ms Carrigg did not, in law, serve defamation proceedings on the member for Hawthorn; and whether members are protected against being served legal documents while at work in the parliamentary precinct, or whether such protections extend to a member's electorate office.

The member for Hawthorn thanks the house in anticipation of the success of the motion and looks forward to an expeditious inquiry and report by the Privileges Committee.

**Motion agreed to.**



# Appendix B

## Letter from Presiding Officers





14 October 2024

Hon Lily D'Ambrosio  
Chair  
Legislative Assembly Privileges Committee  
By email: [joel.hallinan@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:joel.hallinan@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Chair

**Reference from the Legislative Assembly — Complaint by the Member for Brighton**

We write in response to your letter dated 3 October 2024 seeking certain information relating the complaint by the Member for Brighton made in the Assembly on 21 March 2024.

Your first question seeks information about a visitor to the parliamentary precinct. We advise that the visitor was registered by a member of the Legislative Council. We are cognisant of the principle of exclusive cognisance, and do not believe it is appropriate for us to divulge any information that may relate to guests of an officer or member of the Legislative Council to a Legislative Assembly Committee. We therefore cannot provide any further information in response to this question.

Your second question relates to visitor registration. There is information about the visitor registration process on the Members' Intranet — an extract of which is attached to this letter. A key requirement is that a passholder escorts visitors at all times.

In May 2024, following consultation with the House Committee, we issued a Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry, which are now displayed at the entrance to Parliament House. They are also available on the Parliament of Victoria website at:

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policies>

The Conditions of Entry clarify that if the requirements are not met —

- entry by visitors may be refused or visitors may be removed
- for passholders, the suspension, cancellation or change of conditions of their access pass.

We hope this assists the Committee's consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Maree Edwards in blue ink.

**Hon Maree Edwards**  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Handwritten signature of Shaun Leane in blue ink.

**Hon Shaun Leane**  
President of the Legislative Council

## Visitor Registration

[https://parliamentofvictoria.sharepoint.com/sites/MembersIntranet/SitePages/Visitor-Registration\(1\).aspx](https://parliamentofvictoria.sharepoint.com/sites/MembersIntranet/SitePages/Visitor-Registration(1).aspx)

**All passholders who wish to meet with non-passholders at Parliament House must register their guests prior to their visit.**

To register your visitor, complete the **Internal Visitor Register** form by clicking the button below or using your phone to scan the QR code on the right of this page.

[Click here to access the Internal Visitor Registration form](#)

### When your visitor arrives

- You will be contacted and asked to collect them from where they have entered Parliament House.
- A passholder must accompany a non-passholder while they are in the building at all times.
- You must escort them to the exit when they are leaving.

### More Information

The **Internal Visitor Register** allows passholders to register multiple guests, select the reason for their visit and the expected date and time of their arrival. An automatic email will be generated confirming the registration.

Another feature of the Internal Visitor Register is that it allows the passholder registering their guest/s to select a preferred way of being notified when their guest arrives. They will have a choice of being notified by text message, phone call or email. The notification message will inform the passholder where to collect their guest/s, from either the front or rear entrance to Parliament House.

If you have any questions regarding the new visitor registration system, please email [visitorservices@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorservices@parliament.vic.gov.au).

A reminder that all guests of passholders must be registered and accompanied by a passholder whilst visiting Parliament House.

# Appendix C

## Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct



# Parliament of Victoria

## Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct

Welcome to Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts.

This is a parliamentary workplace for Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff. The Presiding Officers have approved clear guidelines for behaviour as set out in this Code of Conduct.

This Code of Conduct applies to all staff, users, guests and visitors to the Parliamentary Precincts, including Members of Parliament, and reflects the values and behaviours set out in the *Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978* and *Parliamentary Administration Act 2005*. The respective Standing and Sessional Orders continue to govern the proceedings of each House of Parliament.

Whilst in the Parliamentary Precincts, you must:

1. Treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
2. Comply with any directions given by an authorised officer and with any reasonable request (including signage) of parliamentary staff and security personnel.
3. Comply with all relevant laws, policies and procedures in existence at the time of your visit.
4. Conduct yourself in a manner which does not disrupt, interfere, or obstruct other persons, the operations or proceedings of Parliament, and which does not recklessly endanger others.
5. Not remove, damage, destroy or interfere with any material, exhibit, displays, paintings, building or equipment.
6. Act to promote the safety and wellbeing of any children in the Parliamentary Precincts in accordance with the Child Safety Standards, and supervise any children (including students) for whom you are responsible.

Abuse, bullying, harassment, sexual harassment or assault, or discrimination in any form, including on the grounds of race, sex, sexuality, gender identity, disability, or religion will not be tolerated, condoned or ignored.

If you experience or witness unacceptable behaviour you are encouraged, and will be supported, to speak up. You can access independent and confidential support and advice by contacting [people@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:people@parliament.vic.gov.au) or reporting your concerns through Stopleveline on 1300 304 550 or [makeareport@stopleveline.com.au](http://makeareport@stopleveline.com.au)





# Appendix D

## Parliamentary Precincts

### Conditions of Entry



### Welcome to the Parliament of Victoria

By entering Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts you agree to be bound by the following Conditions of Entry. Entry may be refused, or you may be removed and for passholders, the suspension, cancellation or change of conditions of your access pass, if the following Conditions of Entry are not met:

#### **Code of Conduct**

1. Visitors must comply with the Parliamentary Precincts Code of Conduct which sets out expected standards of behaviour of Members of Parliament, staff, users, guests and visitors to Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts.
2. The Code of Conduct forms part of these Conditions of Entry.

#### **Security screening**

3. Visitors must pass through a security screening checkpoint before entering Parliament House. This may involve a walk-through scanner, hand-held scanner, and baggage scanning.
4. Visitors may be subject to search, seizure, and surrender processes by authorised security personnel as a condition of entry to Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts.
5. Visitors must comply with any directions given by an authorised officer, and must comply with any reasonable request (including signage) of parliamentary staff and security personnel.

#### **Prohibited items**

6. Visitors must surrender any dangerous articles or offensive objects or items considered unsuitable for carriage within Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts unless prior approval has been granted. Such items will be stored securely and returned at the conclusion of your visit.
7. No prohibited weapons may be carried or transported into Parliament House or the Parliamentary Precincts without lawful approval. If you possess, carry or use any prohibited or controlled weapon, or dangerous article which may be used as a weapon, without a lawful excuse you may be liable to arrest and removal from the Parliamentary Precincts.
8. Do not leave baggage or other personal items unattended.

#### **Identification requirements**

9. Visitors (including guests of passholders) must provide their name and present appropriate photo identification upon entry.

### **Security and visitor access and passes**

10. Security or event passes must be clearly displayed at all times.
11. Visitor passes must be clearly displayed at all times and must be returned before you leave Parliament House or the Parliamentary Precincts.
12. Except in the public galleries, guests must be accompanied by a passholder at all times whilst they are in the building. When leaving, guests must be escorted by a passholder to an exit.

### **Photography and filming**

13. Photography or filming of proceedings of Parliament, in the public galleries, or of security arrangements is prohibited.
14. Photography and filming for personal use is permitted in certain public areas of Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts. Your host or tour guide will advise where photography is permitted and not permitted.

### **Privacy**

15. Video surveillance (CCTV) operates throughout Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts, including in the public galleries.
16. Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts are subject to the provisions of the *Parliamentary Precincts Act 2001 (Vic)*, *Surveillance Devices Act 1999 (Vic)* and *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*.
17. Proceedings of Parliament, including the public galleries, are recorded, and publicly broadcast. You may be filmed when in the public galleries.
18. Parliament may also record or take images of other events and activities in Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precincts. Should you not wish to have your image photographed or filmed, please inform parliamentary staff.
19. Personal information collected is handled in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Privacy Collection Notice – Visitors to Parliament House](#).

### **Guide Dogs and Assistance Animals**

20. Guide dogs and assistance animals are welcome at Parliament House and in the Parliamentary Precincts. Please ensure you have your animal's accreditation card to present to security personnel on entry.

### **Smoking**

21. Parliament is a smoke-free workplace. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in Parliament House. Smoking and vaping in the Parliamentary Precincts is permitted in designated areas in accordance with the *Tobacco Act 1987 (Vic)*.