

Victorian Greens Parliamentary Voting Record 19 December 2006 to 6 December 2007

This table provides details on how the Greens and other parties have voted in the Legislative Council on government bills and non-government motions. ** To date, most of the bills the government has introduced have passed because they were uncontroversial. Of the few remaining bills, about half have passed with Greens support and the other half with Liberal and/or National support. Only one Bill has failed entirely.

If you are interested in reading the debates on the bills or non government motions in the Legislative Council, go to Hansard <http://tex.parliament.vic.gov.au/bin/texhtml?form=VicHansard.adv> and **search** under the name of the bill or motion, the date and/or the name of the speaker/s.

** A Government Bill is a proposed law presented by the government in the form of a draft Act of Parliament. Most Bills introduced into the Legislative Council have previously been initiated and dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. The overwhelming majority of Bills initiated in the Victorian Parliament fall into this latter category. General (non government) Business now takes precedence over government business on Wednesdays. It takes the form of non-government motions (or private members' bills, of which four have now been introduced in this parliamentary session) that are listed on the notice paper. The order of debate is a matter of negotiation between the non-government parties.

Date Passed	Title of Proposed Government Bill or General (non-government) Business	How all parties voted
6 Dec 2007	ROAD LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2007 The Greens proposed an amendment to remove a clause from the bill that would have allowed the release of information on individuals that is held by VicRoads to outside organisations. This was argued because of a lack of privacy safeguards in the bill. The amendment was not supported by any other parties.	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
6 Dec 2007	POLICE REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
6 Dec 2007	LIQUOR CONTROL REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
5 Dec 2007	STATE TAXATION and ACCIDENT COMPENSATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
5 Dec 2007	Non government business – POLICE – CORRUPTION Richard Della Riva (Liberal) moved a motion that "That this house expresses its serious concern at the recent allegations of police corruption in Victoria". It was supported by all parties.	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
4 Dec 2007	VICTORIAN WORKERS WAGES PROTECTION BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib- Against Nat- Against DLP-For
4 Dec 2007	VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
4 Dec 2007	NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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4 Dec 2007	<p>ANIMAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANIMAL CARE) BILL 2007</p> <p>This bill made a large number of changes to marginally improve provisions for animal welfare and increasing penalties for cruelty to animals. The Greens proposed an amendment to ban the use of steel jawed traps in Victoria – in line with the ban in NSW. This failed to gain support from any of the other parties. The bill also increased penalties for non compliance with permits for rodeos. The greens took the opportunity to point out that rodeos are a cruel ‘spectator’ sport in which animals are injured and that they should be banned.</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
4 Dec 2007	<p>AGENT-GENERAL and COMMISSIONERS for VICTORIA BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Nov 2007	<p>TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens proposed a number of amendments including a provision that would entitle overseas students to use public transport at concessional rates in line with practice in elsewhere in Australia (excepting NSW). The DLP supported this Greens amendment but it was opposed by ALP, Liberal & National parties.</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Nov 2007	<p>PORT SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens moved to adjourn debate on this bill on the grounds that the channel deepening project was yet to be approved by either the state or federal environment ministers. The motion was supported by the Liberals but was narrowly defeated by the ALP and Nationals. The Greens subsequently proposed a series of amendments to stop the creation of exclusion zones and prevent contaminated waste from being dumped in the waters controlled by the Port of Melbourne Corporation or the Victorian Channels Authority. These amendments were supported by a sole Liberal, Mr Bruce Atkinson but opposed by the ALP, Liberal & National parties.</p>	Grn-Against ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Nov 2007	<p>MELBOURNE and OLYMPIC PARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Nov 2007	<p>GRAFFITI PREVENTION BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens opposed this bill because it proposed excessive penalties for a range of “graffiti” offences, including search without warrant and reversed the “onus of proof” (presumption of innocence) for the offence of carrying prescribed graffiti implements (spray cans, markers etc), repealed provisions in the Transport Act for supervised clean-up programs and imposed a penalty of two years imprisonment for marking graffiti. The Greens and legal bodies are concerned that these penalties are too harsh and not appropriate for minors – police statistics show that 70% of graffiti offenders are minors.</p>	Grn-Against ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Nov 2007	<p>EMERGENCY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>The National Party moved a reasoned amendment - that ‘this bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the replenishment, by the government, of all water from privately owned storages, used by the Country Fire Authority and/or the Metropolitan Fire Brigade to fight fires and to undertake other authorised activities’. The Greens and other non government parties supported the reasoned amendment, although the major concern of the Greens is that people could be forcibly removed from their properties, even if defending their property in accordance with their bushfire survival plan as recommended and encouraged by the CFA and AFAC. The bill is therefore lapsed.</p>	Lapsed
22 Nov 2007	<p>ELECTRICITY SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Nov 2007	<p>HEALTH (FLUORIDATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2007 (private members bill)</p> <p>Peter Kavanagh (DLP) introduced this private member’s bill which proposed to allow local plebiscites prior to the fluoridation of regional water supplies. The Greens proposed several amendments to clarify aspects of the plebiscite process – these amendments were passed together with the amended bill.</p>	Grn- For ALP– Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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21 Nov 2007	<p>Non government business – GAMING – PUBLIC LOTTERIES LICENCE Philip Davis (Liberal) moved this motion which noted that the Leader of the Government had on two occasions failed to comply with resolutions of the Council to produce documents concerning the awarding of new public lottery licences. The motion cited the Leader of the Government as guilty of contempt of the house and consequently required production of the documents by 4.00 pm the following day (22 November) with the sanction of suspension for non-compliance. The motion was supported by all the non government parties. Postscript – on the following day at 4.00 pm John Lenders, the Leader of the Government in the Council, was suspended from the house for the remainder of the day as the required documents had not been produced.</p>	Grn-For ALP–Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Nov 2007	<p>Non government business – PIG FARMING – CODE OF PRACTICE Sue Pennicuik (Greens) moved a motion to disallow the revised Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Pigs 2007 (Revision No. 2). This code, similarly to codes applying to other production animals such as battery hens, exempts animal farmers from the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals Act, if they follow the relevant code. The Code will permit, among other things, the use of narrow sow stalls for the entire duration of the sow's pregnancy for at least the next 10 years, and allow the keeping of sows with piglets in 'farrowing crates' not much bigger than the sow's body. Europe, NZ and parts of the USA are moving away from the use of sow stalls and towards more 'free range' pig arming methods. The motion was supported by the DLP.</p>	Grn-For ALP–Against Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-For
21 Nov 2007	<p>Non government business – PLANNING – YARRA AMENDMENT Greg Barber (Greens) moved this motion seeking to revoke amendment C95 of the City of Yarra Planning Scheme. Parliament retains the power to disallow planning scheme amendments made under the Planning & Environment Act. C95 is a state government imposed planning amendment which is opposed by the Yarra Council and community. The motion was supported by the DLP and National Party but opposed by the ALP and Liberal Party and so did not carry.</p>	Grn- For ALP–Against Lib- Against Nat-For DLP-For
20 Nov 2007	<p>TRANSPORT ACCIDENT & ACCIDENT COMPENSATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007 The Greens proposed amendments to prevent the removal of benefits paid to injured workers and to ensure that medical assessments for spinal cord injuries occurred pre-operatively not post-operatively as the legislation provided. The amendments (including similar amendments proposed by the National Party) were supported by the National Party and DLP, but opposed by the ALP and Liberal party. The unamended bill passed with the support of all parties.</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 Nov 2007	<p>EDUCATION & TRAINING REFORM MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 Nov 2007	<p>BUILDING AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 Nov 2007	<p>CRIMES AMENDMENT (RAPE) BILL 2007 (with amendments) The Scrutiny of Acts & Regulations Committee raised concerns about several clauses of this bill relating to the offence of "procuring incest". Following the introduction of the bill into the Council the government put forward several amendments that addressed the Committee's concerns. These amendments were passed in the Council with the support of all parties.</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 Nov 2007	<p>WORKING with CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP– For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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31 Oct 2007	<p>Non government business – GAMING: PUBLIC LOTTERIES LICENCE (CENSURE MOTION)</p> <p>This motion of Philip Davis (Liberal) noted that documents concerning the awarding of new public lottery licences and initially requested on the 19 September and again on the 10 October had still not been received by the due date of 15 October. The motion noted the government's "apparent belief that it is not accountable to the Parliament of Victoria" and asserted the right of Council to scrutinise and hold to account the executive in all aspects. The motion then moved to censure the leader of the government in the Council, John Lenders for failing to comply with previous Council orders. The government was given till the 5 November to comply with an order to produce the tender documents.</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
30 Oct 2007	<p>Non government business – SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>This motion of Matt Viney (ALP) proposed to replace the party nomination system of committee membership with a system based on proportional representation. Mr Viney argued that as the Legislative Council was now elected by a form of proportional representation this should also be adopted as the method for membership of committees. The principle currently used for membership of select committees requires every party to be represented, with the government (ALP) and opposition (Liberal) parties nominating two members and the other parties (Greens, Nat, DLP) nominating one member, to provide a seven member committee model. The motion was not supported by the non-government parties on the basis that participation of all the parties on Council committees was a more important objective than strict numerical representation, which is impossible to achieve on a committee in any case.</p>	<p>Grn- Against ALP- For Lib- Against Nat- Against DLP- Against</p>
30 Oct 2007	<p>ENERGY LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
11 Oct 2007	<p>FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
10 Oct 2007	<p>Non government business – GAMING: PUBLIC LOTTERIES LICENCE and SELECT COMMITTEE ON GAMING LICENSING</p> <p>This motion of Philip Davis (Liberal) noted that documents relating to the awarding of new public lottery licences and requested on the 19 September in a motion of the Council had not been received by the due date of 27 September. The motion reaffirmed the inherent power of the Council, as a house of parliament, to request documents and required that a range of documents relating to the lotteries tender process as provided to the Minister for Gaming be produced no later than COB 15 October. John Lenders (ALP), the leader of the government in the Council, argued that the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 provided specific secrecy provisions that prevented the Minister for Gaming from disclosing documents relating to the lottery tender process. This argument would imply that the Council's right to request documents might be effectively negated by specific statute provisions in any Act of Parliament and further entrench executive privilege. Several amendments were proposed by the ALP that would have removed the key active clauses of the motion. Neither the argument nor the amendments were supported by the non-government parties.</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
10 Oct 2007	<p>FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
10 Oct 2007	<p>JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	<p>Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>

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9 Oct 2007	<p>JUSTICE & ROAD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LAW ENFORCEMENT) BILL 2007</p> <p>This Bill amended a number of Acts in the justice area. The Greens proposed several amendments to proposed changes to media requests for police photos "mug shots" of convicted persons. The Greens amendments sought to provide a element of procedural fairness by requiring 1) that any person photographed by police is made aware at the time, that the media may request a photo if the person is found guilty of a crime, and 2) the timely notification, i.e. before the photo is released, to the person that such a media request has been made, to allow the person to notify the Commissioner of any extenuating circumstances.</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 Sep 2007	<p>CONFISCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens queried whether the "sufficient interest" test may inadvertently preclude the exclusion of property by persons with a legitimate interest.</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 Sep 2007	<p>GENE TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens proposed an amendment to restrict a power that allows ministers to make emergency dealing determinations in relation to various GM technology applications, to medical emergencies only. The amendment was supported by the DLP only and the bill ultimately passed unamended.</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Sep 2007	<p>Non government business – ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Water Inquiry</p> <p>This motion from Peter Hall (National) was to send a reference to the Joint Environment & Resources Committee to inquire into, and report on, various measures to supplement Melbourne's water supply, including storm water recycling, groundwater, improved water use, efficiency, etc. The second part of the motion called on the government to suspend plans to pipe water from the Goulburn catchment to Melbourne or to construct a major desalination plant at Wonthaggi. This second part was not supported by the ALP or Liberal Party. The motion was finally agreed with the second section removed by amendment.</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Sep 2007	<p>Non government business – PUBLIC LOTTERIES LICENCES: DOCUMENTS</p> <p>This motion from Gordon Rich-Phillips (Liberal) was to require the production of various documents related to the government tender process for awarding new public lottery licences to support the work of the Select Committee on Gaming Licensing. The motion uses a power set out in sessional order 21 which reaffirms the right of the Legislative Council to require the production of any document. The motion passed with the support of all non-government parties.</p>	Grn- For ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Sep 2007	<p>LAND (REVOICATION) OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Sep 2007	<p>PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Sep 2007	<p>SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (UPSKIRTING) BILL 2007</p> <p>The Greens queried whether the bill was necessary given that convictions have already been recorded under existing laws and whether 'celebrities' could complain under the new legislation if covert photos of them are published which feature their intimate body parts, without their explicit or implied consent.</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Sep 2007	<p>ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (LAND) BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Sep 2007	<p>LEGAL PROFESSION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION) BILL 2007</p>	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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18 Sep 2007	GRAINS HANDLING & STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
23 Aug 2007	GAMBLING & RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SPORTS BETTING) BILL 2007 The Greens and Liberals both moved amendments that would have reduced the number of poker machines in Victoria to 10,000 (Greens policy) or 22,000 (Liberal Policy) respectively (cap is currently 30,000). These amendments were supported by the DLP but defeated by the ALP and Nationals. The Greens also moved an amendment to reduce the amount at which a payout from a machine must be paid by cheque. The currently amount is \$2,000 – the bill proposed \$1,000, the Greens amendment proposed \$250. Only the DLP supported this Greens amendment. The bill finally passed with the support of all parties.	Grn- For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Aug 2007	Non government business – ANTICORRUPTION COMMISSION: LEGAL MODEL This motion: “that the House calls on the Attorney-General to send a reference to the Victorian Law Reform Commission to examine the most appropriate legal model for an anti-corruption commission for Victoria”, was the first Greens motion debated in the Council. It was supported by all non government parties.	Grn- For ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 Aug 2007	Non government business – HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Motion, moved by Mr Mathew Guy (Lib) that “the House notes the State Labor Government’s failure to adequately address the issue of housing affordability, and in particular: (1) the lack of any strategic State Government plan to combat housing affordability; (2) the lack of any initiatives in the recent budget to assist first home buyers; and (3) its failure to keep Victorian stamp duty rates competitive with other States. The Greens voted against this motion on the grounds that it did not propose any concrete measures to address the critical issues of rent affordability and the chronic shortage of public housing.	Grn- Against ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Against
21 Aug 2007	PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES & SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Aug 2007	OUTWORKERS & CONTRACTORS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Aug 2007	CRIMES (DECRIMINALISATION OF ABORTION) BILL 2007 This bill was introduced by Candy Broad on 17 July. It was the first private member’s bill introduced into the Legislative Council this session. It was due to be debated this day but was withdrawn as the Premier had announced that the government will seek advice from the Victorian Law Reform Commission on options for reform of Victoria’s abortion laws to report by March 2008.	Withdrawn
9 Aug 2007	SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONTRIBUTION SPLITTING & OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
9 Aug 2007	ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007 The Greens proposed two amendments to this bill. The first to prevent the inclusion of ‘material from a native forest’ in the definition of ‘biomass’ that can be burned to produce electricity. No other parties supported this amendment. The second was to eliminate the gap, created by this bill, between 100 KW and 30 MW at which retailers and NEMCO respectively deal with small generators wishing to feed power into the market. This was supported by the DLP only. The bill finally passed with all parties supporting.	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
8 Aug 2007	ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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8 Aug 2007	<p>Non government business - SELECT COMMITTEE ON GAMING LICENSING – Message From Assembly members</p> <p>The Legislative Council sent a message to the Assembly requesting certain members to appear before the Select Committee on Gaming. The Assembly sent back a message refusing the request as they are entitled to, but also challenging the Council's right to make such a request. Both houses have the right to request attendance under their standing orders. The debate was over this issue and the Greens supported a rejection by the Council of the challenge from the Assembly regarding that fundamental right. However, the government proposed an amendment which effectively negated the motion and referred the matter to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders. The amended motion was passed with the support of the ALP and the Nationals.</p>	Grn-Against ALP-For Lib- Against Nat-For DLP- Against
8 Aug 2007	<p>Non government business - SESSIONAL ORDERS</p> <p>An earlier motion amending sessional orders of 28 February included a sunset clause effective to 31 August. This clause was removed by a motion of the house so that current sessional orders will now apply for the remainder of this parliamentary session.</p>	Grn-For ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
7 Aug 2007	WILLS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
7 Aug 2007	<p>MAGISTRATES' COURT & CORONERS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p> <p>Greens proposed an amendment to prevent personal, private or sensitive information from disclosure under the Coroners Act. It was supported by DLP but not other parties. The bill passed with all parties supporting.</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jul 2007	<p>CRIMES AMENDMENT (DNA DATABASE) BILL 2007</p> <p>This bill emanated from agreements between the commonwealth, states and territories about the sharing of DNA information on respective databases automatically through the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD). After much consultation and thought, the Greens did not oppose the bill. However, we did raise concerns about the extent to which such data bases should exist and whose DNA information should be stored on them and why.</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jul 2007	BUILDING AMENDMENT (PLUMBING) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 Jun 2007	<p>Non government business - PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE – INVESTMENT</p> <p>Motion, moved by Mr Gordon Rich-Phillips (Lib) noting the failure of the State Government, over seven years, to facilitate the required investment in public infrastructure to ensure the security of supply and reliability of water, electricity, public transport and the road network. Debate continued over three sitting weeks. Greens voted against the motion on grounds that it simply noted the failure of the government and proposed no way forward on public infrastructure.</p>	Grn-Against ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Against
18 Jul 2007	<p>Non government business - ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE</p> <p>Motion, moved by Mr Phillip Davis (Lib) proposing to widen a previous reference to this committee on public land management practices and their impact on the intensity and scale of recent bushfires. The amended reference includes the consequential impact on the Gippsland floods.</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Jul 2007	<p>Non government business - STUDENTS – HIGHER EDUCATION</p> <p>Motion, moved by Mr Peter Hall (Nat) proposing a reference to the Joint Committee on Education & Training to inquire into and report on "geographical differences in the rate at which Victorian students participate in higher education".</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Jul 2007	Non government business - RAIL – LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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17 Jul 2007	STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
17 Jul 2007	ACCIDENT TOWING SERVICES BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Jun 2007	APPROPRIATION (2007/2008) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 Jun 2007	WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jun 2007	PAYROLL TAX BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jun 2007	COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jun 2007	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Jun 2007	HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
6 Jun 2007	STATE TAXATION AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2007 The Greens proposed an amendment (supported by Nationals & DLP) that would have granted a lower tax rate for all hybrid and electric vehicles irrespective of vehicle size or price. The Greens opposed the whole of clause 4 – this was not supported by any party. The bill finally passed with the support of all parties.	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
6 Jun 2007	APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2007/2008) BILL 2007	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
5 Jun 2007	STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2006	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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24 May 2007	<p>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT BILL The Bill aimed to use the EO Act protect workers who query their work entitlements. The Greens moved two amendments to the Bill that would have further protected workers from being discriminated against if they express dissatisfaction about their entitlements or a desire to change them. The DLP supported these amendments. The ALP, Liberals and Nationals did not.</p> <p>Also, in an historic move, the Greens moved to broaden the scope of the Bill to remove exemptions that currently exist in the EO Act that allow small businesses and religious schools to discriminate in employment on the basis of age, race, gender, religious belief, impairment, marital status, breastfeeding, physical features, industrial activity, marital status, sexual orientation, parental status or status as a carer. (All parties voted against these amendments).</p> <p>The existing legislation essentially means that employees in small businesses and religious schools have fewer rights, under the EO Act, than people in other workplaces and can be discriminated against, including for raising matters about their employment entitlements. The Bill was eventually passed with the Greens and DLP supporting the government.</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-For
23 May 2007	Non government business - OFFICE OF HOUSING - CONTRACTS	Grn-Against ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-Against DLP-Against
22 May 2007	FAIR TRADING AND CONSUMER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 May 2007	GAMBLING AND RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SPORTS BETTING) BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 May 2007	HOWARD FLOREY INSTITUTE OF EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY AND MEDICINE (REPEAL) BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
22 May 2007	STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL	Grn-For ALP -For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
3 May 2007	<p>INFERTILITY TREATMENT AMENDMENT BILL Conscience vote by all members – bill passed by both houses.</p>	Conscience vote
2 May 2007	ROAD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (2007)	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-Against Nat-For DLP-For
2 May 2007	<p>Non government business - SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT – Establishment This motion proposed to establish a select committee to inquire into the sale or alienation of public land for development with special reference to Melbourne 2030 and Green Wedges. The motion was supported by all non-government parties and opposed by the government.</p>	Grn-For ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 May 2007	<p>MAJOR EVENTS (AERIAL ADVERTISING) BILL Greens concerned it may impact on freedom of protest. Greens proposed amendments to exempt not-for-profit organisations or organisations established for a public purpose where no commercial interest was being compromised. Greens and DLP VS ALP, Liberals and Nationals on our amendments. The Bill passed without the Greens amendments.</p>	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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1 May 2007	DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF PART X) BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 May 2007	LEGAL PROFESSION AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Apr 2007	GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT (REVIEW PANEL) BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 Apr 2007	NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES (PROHIBITIONS) AMENDMENT (PLEBISCITE) BILL The bill as introduced to the Council vested a single minister with the power to frame the question and circumstances of any plebiscite put to the people. The Greens proposed amendments giving that power to Parliament. Greens, Liberals, DLP VS ALP and Nationals on our amendments. This is the only government bill that has not passed in the Legislative Council.	Grn-Against ALP-For Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-Against
18 Apr 2007	LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
18 Apr 2007	Non government business - SELECT COMMITTEE ON DESALINATION - Proposed establishment The Liberal party proposed a select committee to investigate the feasibility of desalination as a water option for Melbourne (Liberal policy at the state election). The Greens voted with the government to defeat the motion on the grounds that it would be energy intensive and posed environmental problems in relation to the highly saline waste stream.	Grn-Against ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
17 Apr 2007	VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
17 Apr 2007	PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
15 Mar 2007	PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2006	Grn-For ALP-For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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15 Mar 2007	<p>PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL</p> <p>The bill proposed amendments to the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 regarding the structure and constitution of joint investigatory parliamentary committees and to allow the committee system to focus on the government's commitments to the state's economic and infrastructure development and rural and regional Victoria. (Second reading speech). It also amended the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968 to increase the remuneration of certain MPs serving in senior positions on joint investigatory parliamentary committees.</p> <p>A Greens amendment (based on an amendment moved by Mr Ingram in the lower house) sought to include Public Works within the scope of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee. It did not go to a vote. The Greens proposed another amendment requiring that the Public Accounts & Estimates Committee be chaired by a non government member and contain a majority of non government members – this was argued by the Greens on “best practice” audit and governance grounds. It was supported only by the Liberals and DLP. The Government thereby preserved its majority membership on all joint house committees and the chair of all committees except the Rural and Regional Committee, chaired by the Nationals. The Greens, Liberals and DLP also opposed the salary increases to Committee chairs, but these were carried with the Nationals supporting the government. The bill entrenched party status at eleven members of parliament, but reduced the existing requirement from four upper house members to two, which coincides with the result the National Party achieved at the 2006 election. The bill passed with Nationals support.</p>	Grn-Against ALP –For Lib-Against Nat-For DLP-Against
15 Mar 2007	<p>PAY-ROLL TAX AMENDMENT (BUSHFIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE) BILL</p>	Grn-For ALP –For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
14 Mar 2007	<p>Non government business – PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>This motion asserted the right of the Council to compel any document or person to be produced on demand. The Greens case was based on parliamentary practice in the Senate and NSW and the powers conferred on the Victorian parliament via the Westminster system. Government members argued that they had a constitutional right to refuse a document in certain circumstances. The motion was supported by all non-government parties and opposed by the government.</p>	Grn-For ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
14 Mar 2007	<p>WATER AMENDMENT (CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS) BILL</p> <p>Greens were concerned this bill gave the Planning Minister too much power and there was no transparency on planning controls. Greens and Nationals voted against the Bill at second reading stage. Final bill passed with Liberal amendments which were supported by the Greens, Nationals and DLP.</p>	Grn-Against ALP –For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
1 Mar 2006	<p>MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL</p>	Grn-For ALP –For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 Feb 2007	<p>CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT (PENALTIES) BILL</p>	Grn-For ALP –For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 Feb 2007	<p>Non government business - SESSIONAL ORDERS</p> <p>All non government parties supported several changes to the sessional orders including the abolition of speaking time limits and expansion of the time allowed for non government business on Wednesdays. The Greens successfully moved an amendment regarding establishing an obligation on Upper House ministers to take questions without notice on matters where the relevant minister sat in the Legislative Assembly (Lower House), as is the practice in the Senate and other parliaments. Previously these questions were taken on notice and procedures to deal with unanswered questions on notice. The motion was supported by all non-government parties and opposed by the government.</p>	Grn-For ALP-Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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27 Feb 2006	INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL	Grn-For ALP –For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
14 Feb 2007	Non government business - SELECT COMMITTEE ON GAMING LICENSING - Establishment While formally moved by the Liberals, the Greens were instrumental in proposing key aspects of the composition and scope of this committee - the first Upper House select committee. The motion was supported by all non-government parties and opposed by the government.	Grn-For ALP–Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
21 Dec 2006	STATE TAXATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING AFFORDABILITY) BILL	Grn-For ALP–For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

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