

**Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2021 –
Standing Orders suspended to take Third Reading**

The Speaker: I call on Mr Baker to move the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Third Reading.

Mr Baker: Mr Speaker, I would like to move the suspension of Standing Orders to permit Third Reading of this Bill to be progressed at this sitting.
Thank you.

The Speaker: Mr Callister.

Mr Callister: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

The Speaker: Mr Hooper.

Mr Hooper: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Can the Minister expand on his rationale for wanting to do this? We have another sitting, at which he could easily take Third Reading. There is no chance that this Bill is going to get outside the Legislative Council this side of the election. So what is the logic behind trying to speed this through today?

The Speaker: I call on the mover to reply.

Mr Baker: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The Hon. Member's question is entirely reasonable. My simple logic is that we have gone through the clauses, fully supported with the couple of points for future attention. We went through the Second Reading fully supported, and it is simply about progressing the Bill on. We can then pass it across to the Legislative Council for their deliberations as they see fit.

I do not particularly see any need to delay the Third Reading, and I note in passing that the Hon. Member himself has moved the Third Reading, as I recall, of his Private Member's Bill only very recently. *(Interjection)*

The Speaker: I put the question then that Standing Orders be suspended to permit Third Reading of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2021. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it.

A division was called for and electronic voting resulted as follows:

FOR

Mr Ashford
Mr Moorhouse
Dr Allinson
Mr Baker
Mr Boot
Mr Callister
Mr Cannan
Mrs Christian
Mrs Corlett
Mr Cregeen
Mr Harmer
Mr Peake
Mr Perkins
Mr Quayle
Mr Quine

AGAINST

Mrs Barber
Mrs Caine
Ms Edge
Mr Hooper
Mr Thomas

Mr Robertshaw
Mr Shimmins
Mr Skelly
Mr Speaker

The Speaker: There are 19 votes for, 5 against. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.