

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Constitution Amendment (Virtual Attendance) Bill 2021

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Remote attendance only permitted in emergencies

Page 2, clause 3(2), proposed section 3(3), lines 18–22. Omit all words on those lines.

Insert instead—

- (3) Subsection (2) has effect for a House of Parliament only if the Presiding Officer of the House has declared that—
 - (a) it will be impracticable for Members of the House to meet in person during a specified period due to a public emergency, including a public health crisis, natural disaster, major accident, civil disturbance or act of terrorism, and
 - (b) a majority of the Members of the House have requested remote attendance of the House be permitted under this section during the specified period.
- (3A) A Member is taken to have made a request under subsection (3)(b) if the following person has made the request on the Member's behalf—
 - (a) if the Member belongs to a party—the Member's party leader,
 - (b) a Member of Parliament nominated by the Member to the Presiding Officer.

No. 2 Remote attendance only permitted in emergencies

Page 2, clause 3(2), proposed section 3(4), line 23. Omit “Subsections (2) and (3)”. Insert instead “Subsections (2)–(3A)”.