

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

JOINT SITTING

OF THE

**HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT OF THE STATE OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023

TO

**CHOOSE PERSONS TO FILL THE VACANCIES IN THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATIONS
OF THE HONOURABLE MARK LATHAM AND THE
HONOURABLE NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES**

HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22D OF THE
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The members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly met in the Legislative Council Chamber at 2.15 pm.

1. MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The President directed the Clerk of the Parliaments to read the following message from Her Excellency the Governor convening the joint sitting. The message read as follows:

MESSAGE

I, the Honourable MARGARET BEAZLEY AC KC, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby convene a joint sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of the election of persons to fill the seats in the Legislative Council vacated by The Honourable Mark Latham MLC and The Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, and I do hereby announce and declare that such Members shall assemble for such purpose on Wednesday the 10th day of May 2023 at 2:15pm in the building known as the Legislative Council Chamber situated in Macquarie Street in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

In order that the Members of both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the convening of the joint sitting, I have this day addressed a like message to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

MARGARET BEAZLEY AC KC
Government House
Sydney, 3 May 2023

The Honourable the
President of the
Legislative Council

2. PERSON PROPOSED TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONOURABLE MARK LATHAM.

The President announced that he was now prepared to receive proposals with regard to an eligible person to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of the Honourable Mark Latham.

Ms Tania Mihailuk was proposed by the Honourable Mark Latham MLC. Mr Latham moved: That Ms Tania Mihailuk be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by the Honourable Mark Latham. Mr Latham stated that if Ms Tania Mihailuk were a member of the Legislative Council she would not be disqualified from sitting or voting as such a member, and that she is a member of the same party, Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party, as the Honourable Mark Latham was publicly recognised as being an endorsed candidate of that party and who publicly represented himself to be such a candidate at the time of his election at the twelfth periodic council election held on 23 March 2019. Mr Latham further indicated that the person being proposed would be willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.

The Honourable Rod Roberts MLC, seconded the motion.

The President inquired if any member desired to propose any other eligible person to fill the vacancy.

No other person being proposed, the President declared Ms Tania Mihailuk to be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat vacated by the Honourable Mark Latham.

3. PERSON PROPOSED TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONOURABLE NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES.

The President announced that he was now prepared to receive proposals with regard to an eligible person to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones.


Mr Scott Farlow was proposed by Mr Mark Speakman MP. Mr Speakman moved: That Mr Scott Farlow be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones. Mr Speakman stated that if Mr Scott Farlow were a member of the Legislative Council he would not be disqualified from sitting or voting as such a member, and that he is a member of the same party, The Liberal Party of Australia, New South Wales Division, as the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones was publicly recognised as being an endorsed candidate of that party and publicly represented herself to be such a candidate at the time of her election at the twelfth periodic council election held on 23 March 2019. Mr Speakman further indicated that the person being proposed would be willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.

The Honourable Damien Tudehope MLC, seconded the motion.

The President inquired if any member desired to propose any other eligible person to fill the vacancy.

No other person being proposed, the President declared Mr Scott Farlow to be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat vacated the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones.

The President, at 2.23 pm, declared the joint sitting closed.



David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

Authorised by the Parliament of New South Wales