



OFFICIAL BILLS & ACTS

**OF THE 11TH JUNIOR
PARLIAMENT OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

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We congratulate the 11th Junior Parliament of South Australia for putting their ideas to paper: We celebrate their creativity, innovation and open mindedness. With such leadership there is a bright future. We look forward to seeing the bills debated and seen by stakeholders!



Alek Luczak
Bill Development Officer

This year, I have the privilege to be a part of the 11th sitting of Junior Parliament, which encapsulates the drive young people have for change. Each idea in this book is an example of the fresh and important perspective that young people bring to parliament and is proof of the hard work every single Junior Parliamentarian has put into writing and soon debating their bills. Watching all of you collaborate and support each other over the course of the bill creation is inspiring, the passion, creativity, and intellect exemplified by these ideas will only continue to grow throughout the debates in parliament house. I am proud of you all for stepping up to the challenge, and answering your call to make change, and the ideas throughout each and every bill only solidify my confidence that every one of you is in the right place today. Every person in this program is a future leader and politically active citizen, and all Junior Parliamentarian's fill me with a trust in the future generation to bring positive change, and diversity of ideas to our state and beyond. Keep bringing that love of ideas and dedication to change to every aspect of your life, because all of the ideas within these bills have the capacity to future generations' passions into the present.



Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell
Youth Governor & Bill Development Officer

Welcome to the 11th Sitting of the YMCA Junior Parliament of South Australia!

This year's bills capture the creativity, passion, and ideas of young people who are ready to have their voices heard. Junior Parliament is all about giving young South Australians the chance to step into the shoes of decision-makers, to learn, to debate, and to imagine what a stronger and fairer community could look like. Each bill in this book is the product of teamwork, curiosity, and courage. I'm so proud of the effort and energy our participants have put in for the 2026 JP program!



Tabitha Stephenson-Jones
Parliament Programs Manager



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Vote Records of the 11th Session of the South Australian Junior Parliament

Youth Bill	Ayes	Noes	Result
Wellness Within Reach Bill 2025 (Health & Wellbeing Ministry)			
Coastal Protection Bill 2025 (Climate, Environment & Energy Ministry)			
EdChat Is This Real Bill 2025 (Technology & Innovation Ministry)			
Energise, Enrich, Entertain Bill 2025 (Recreation & the Arts Ministry)			
Primary Social Science Education Reform Bill 2025 (Education & Training Ministry)			
Breakout Board (BOBB) Bill 2025 (Human Services & Inclusion Ministry)			

Debate Schedule

Debate No.	Sponsoring Ministry	Refuting Ministry
1	Health & Wellbeing Ministry	Recreation & the Arts Ministry
2	Climate, Environment & Energy Ministry	Education & Training Ministry
3	Technology & Innovation Ministry	Human Services & Inclusion Ministry
4	Recreation & the Arts Ministry	Health & Wellbeing Ministry
5	Education & Training Ministry	Climate, Environment & Energy Ministry
6	Human Services & Inclusion Ministry	Technology & Innovation Ministry



Election of the Junior Leaders

28 September 2025

An election was held at 3:30pm, the 28th of September, 2025 to determine the leaders of the Junior Government and Junior Opposition for the Junior Parliament of South Australia.

A total number of 24 votes were cast, with 0 removed due to their invalidity. A total 24 valid votes were cast.

As the Returning Officer at the above election, I, Brooke Duncan, hereby declare the following Junior Members are elected as leaders of the Junior Government in order of preference:

1. Georgia Haines
2. Rebecca Lanzilli

I, Brooke Duncan, also hereby declare the following Junior Members are elected as leaders of the Junior Opposition in order of preference:

1. Oliver Matthews
2. June Lim

Brooke Duncan

South Australian Junior Parliament Electoral Commissioner

29.10.2025

STANDING ORDERS

as of 24 September 2025

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS & INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose

The Standing Orders of the South Australian Junior Parliament are the formal written rules that govern the proceedings of the South Australian Junior Parliament, including the rules of debate, the role of the Speaker, and the business and the conduct of Junior Parliamentarians.

2. Interpretation

(a) The Speaker is responsible for ruling whenever any question arises as to the interpretation or application of a Standing Order and for deciding cases not otherwise provided for.

(b) In all cases the Speaker will be guided by previous rulings and by the established practices of the Parliament.

3. The Speaker

The Speaker:

(a) maintains order and decorum in debate during the Junior Parliament pursuant to the Standing Orders of the junior parliament;

(b) ensures that all Junior Parliamentarians have an opportunity to take part in debates; and

(c) does not participate in debate and shall not vote on procedural motions.

CHAPTER 2 – GENERAL PROCEDURES & RULES OF ADMISSION

4. Dress Standards

Junior Parliamentarians shall wear business attire or their traditional national attire, as befits the dignity and decorum of the Chamber.

5. Articles not permitted inside the chamber

Members may not bring food or drink, pens, or large bags into the chamber.

6. Use of electronics

Members are permitted to bring mobile phones, tablets, and notebooks or laptops into chamber as required for their roles, however:

(a) all electronic devices must be in silent mode/off;

(b) Members are not permitted to make or receive calls in the chamber while the House is sitting; and

(c) no film, photography, or sound recording may be captured or posted by a Junior Parliamentarian on social media while the Chamber is in session.

7. Respect for Parliament House

- (a) Members shall respect Parliament House at all times.
- (b) Members shall take all personal items with them when exiting the chamber unless it is to be supervised.
- (c) Members shall not touch any feature of the parliamentary benches except the button to turn the microphone on and off. This includes the drawers of Members of Parliament, security buttons, and anything else not necessary in performing the role of a Junior Parliamentarian.
- (d) Members are not permitted to consume any food or liquid in the chamber with the exception of bottled water.

MAINTENANCE OF ORDER

8. The Speaker maintains order

- (a) The Speaker maintains order and decorum in the House.
- (b) Whenever the Speaker rises during a sitting, members must sit down and be silent so that the Speaker can be heard without interruption.

9. Members to be seated

Members must be seated when they are in the Chamber except when speaking when called on by the speaker, voting or speaking to another member.

10. Respect to the Speaker

- (a) Members must rise in their places as the Speaker is entering and leaving the Chamber.
- (b) Members may not turn their back to the Speaker.
- (c) Members must refer to the Speaker by their correct title e.g. Mr / Madam / Mx Speaker
- (d) Except when voting, Members must make an acknowledgment (bow) to the Presiding

11. Respect for Members speaking

- (a) When a member is speaking, no other member shall pass between the person speaking and the Speaker.
- (b) Members have the right to reasonable silence when speaking. If the Speaker cannot hear a Member who is speaking, then reasonable silence has been breached.
- (c) Members may request to be heard in silence during their speech. This will be enforced by the Speaker.

12. Interjections

- (a) Members may not clap or boo in the Chamber.
- (b) Members may say "Hear hear" to support a fellow Member or their statements.
- (c) If a Member wishes to express dissatisfaction with a Member who is speaking, they may say the word "Shame".
- (b) Members may also interject using other phrases, provided they do not breach other standing orders, are not used repetitively, and are short, witty and respectful in nature. The Speaker and the clerks have the authority to rule certain interjections as out of order.
- (c) Members may not interject when no one is standing to speak.
- (d) Members must not use interjections to converse across the chamber.

13. Disorderly conduct

(a) A Junior Parliamentarian who has been called to order by the Speaker must apologise to the House immediately; failure to do so, or refusal to comply with an order of the Speaker, may, on the authority of the Clerk, result in expulsion from the chamber for a period of time as specified by the Clerk.

(b) Any Member ordered to withdraw from the House may not enter the Chamber for the time specified by the Clerk and their right to vote shall be subject to the authority of the Clerk.

RULES OF DEBATE

14. Speaker calls upon Member to speak

(a) A Member wishing to speak shall stand at their seat.

(b) Members must be formally acknowledged by the Speaker before they may begin speaking.

(c) Members must introduce themselves to the Chair before speaking.

16. Members to address Speaker

(a) A Member being called to speak addresses the Speaker at all times.

(b) In other words, Junior Parliamentarians shall not refer to one another in debate in the second person singular (“you”), only by title and name (“Mr. Halford” or “Ms. Kira Nerys”) or in general by title (“the Honourable Junior Parliamentarian” or “the member opposite” etc).

17. Visual aids

(a) A Member may use an appropriate visual aid to illustrate a point being made during the member’s speech, provided that the aid does not inconvenience other members or obstruct the proceedings of the House.

(b) Such an aid may be displayed only when the member is speaking to a question before the House and must be removed from sight at the conclusion of the Member’s speech.

18. References to Sovereign or Youth Governor

A Member may not refer to the Sovereign (the King) or their representatives including the Youth Governor, disrespectfully in debate or for the purpose of influencing the House in its deliberations.

19. Respect for the non-partisan status of the Junior Parliament

Members must not discuss or reflect on, whether positively, negatively or otherwise, Australian, International and historical political parties, political figures or similar entities at any level of government.

20. Personal reflections

Members may not accuse other Members of improper motives, make an offensive reference to a Member’s private affairs, or make a personal reflection against a Member.

21. Offensive or disorderly words

Members may not use offensive or disorderly words. It is highly disorderly to use any form of words that suggest that a Member is not truthful or is dishonest. Repeated use of offensive or disorderly words may warrant expulsion from the chamber.

**CHAPTER 3 –
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES**

22. Parliamentary Process

A bill must pass through three readings in the House before it may be presented to the Youth Governor for their Royal Assent through which the Bill will officially become an Act of the Junior Parliament.

22. First Reading

The Bill is introduced to the Junior Parliament for initial consideration.

(a) The Member must seek the leave of the House to introduce the Bill which must be seconded.

(b) The question shall be put that the Bill be given initial consideration. This shall be decided without amendment or debate.

23. Second Reading

- (a) In this stage, the Bill's general principles shall be debated.
- (b) The sponsor must move that the Bill be read a second time and deliver a speech no longer than three minutes to the House. The motion must then be seconded.
- (c) A primary refuter shall deliver a speech to the House.
- (d) Debate will ensue as time allows before moving on to the next stage.
- (e) The question shall be put that the Bill be given in principle support to move to the next stage. This shall be decided without amendment or debate.

28. Third Reading

The final stage of consideration of a Bill by the Junior Parliament. The final vote of this reading is where it is decided whether or not the Bill shall pass.

- (a) The sponsor shall move the question "that this Bill now be read a third time;" and speak for a maximum of two minutes.
- (b) The motion must then be seconded.
- (c) The Speaker shall then permit debate as time permits. Upon conclusion of the allotted time, a right of reply shall be allowed to first, the refuter, and then the sponsor. The replies must pertain to the matters raised during the debate.
- (d) The Speaker shall then yield control of the Chamber to the Clerk who will put the question to the House.

PUTTING THE QUESTION

29. Question is put when debate concluded

- (a) Except where otherwise provided, as soon as the debate upon a question is concluded the Speaker puts the question to the House.
- (b) Questions are determined by a majority of votes Aye (Yes) or No. Every Member is entitled to one vote or to abstain.

30. Voice vote

- (a) The Speaker asks members to answer "Aye" or "No" to the question and states the result of the voice vote.
- (b) Following a voice vote, the Speaker may call for a personal vote to be held. However, the Speaker may, at their discretion, declare the result of a vote on the voices without calling for a personal vote.

31. Procedure for personal vote

All votes on whether a Bill may pass or not must be decided on a personal vote. In a personal vote:

- (a) the bells are rung for ten seconds;
- (b) the Chair directs the Ayes to the right of the chair, the Noes to the left, and abstentions to the centre;
- (c) the doors are closed as soon after the bells have stopped as the Chair directs; the Chair then restates the question;
- (d) all Members present within the Chamber must vote or record their abstentions;
- (e) Members' votes are counted by the tellers and returned to the Chair; the result is then declared to the House.

32. Members to remain in Chamber

Members voting or abstaining on a personal vote must remain in the Chamber until the declaration of the result by the Chair; the vote or abstention of any member who does not remain in the Chamber until the declaration of the result is disallowed.

32. Errors

If the result of a vote has been inaccurately reported, the Clerk may correct it.

33. Ties

In the case of a tie on a vote the question is resolved in the negative as there are not more Members in favour of the motion or Bill than are opposed.



Members of the Junior Parliament

GOVERNMENT

Hon. Georgia Haines MJP
Premier

Hon. Rebecca Lanzilli MJP
Deputy Premier

Health & Wellbeing

Hon. Athok Deng MJP

Hon. Melinda Wu MJP

Hon. Emma Britten-Jones MJP

Hon. Vanessa Evertz MJP

Education & Training

Hon. Daphne Lim MJP

Hon. Georgia Haines MJP

Hon. Vaani Suri MJP

Hon. Georgia Caldwell MJP

Technology & Innovation

Hon. Emma Eldhose MJP

Hon. Min Kalleske MJP

Hon. Rebecca Lanzilli MJP

Hon. Sid Gunapu MJP

OPPOSITION

Hon. Oliver Matthews MJP
Leader of the Opposition

Hon. June Lim MJP
*Deputy Leader of the
Opposition*

Recreation & the Arts

Hon. Willem Schinckel MJP

Hon. June Lim MJP

Hon. Catherine Mackay MJP

Hon. Isabelle James MJP

Climate, Environment & Energy

Hon. Nhat Quang Dang MJP

Hon. Molly Webb-Vance MJP

Hon. Leonardo Diaz MJP

Hon. Remi Bubner MJP

Hon. Valentina Pasaricek MJP

Human Services & Inclusion

Hon. Nam Doan MJP

Hon. Oliver Matthews MJP

Hon. Eamon Rossiter MJP

Hon. Jolie Hakizimana MJP

Orders of the day: Other Business

9:30 AM - Opening Ceremony

Orders of the day: Government and Opposition Business

10:00 AM - (No. 1): The Health and Wellbeing Ministry to move that the *Wellness Within Reach Bill 2025* be read

10:45 AM - (No. 2): The Climate, Environment and Energy Ministry to move that the *Coastal Protection Bill 2025* be read

11:45 AM - (No. 3): The Technology and Innovation Ministry to move that the *EdChat Is This Real Bill 2025* be read

1:30 PM - (No. 4): The Recreation and the Arts Ministry to move that the *Energise, Enrich, Entertain Bill 2025* be read

2:15 PM - (No. 5): The Education and Training Ministry to move that the *Primary Social Science Education Reform Bill 2025* be read

3:00 PM - (No. 6): The Human Services and Inclusion Ministry to move that the *Breakout Board (BOBB) Bill 2025* be read

Orders of the day: Other Business

4:00 PM - Adjournment Speeches

4:30 PM - Concluding Remarks



Ms Evie Beven
Speaker of the Junior Parliament



Mr Alek Luczak
Chief Clerk



*11th Session of the
Junior Parliament of South Australia*

Wellness Within Reach Bill 2025

(Health & Wellbeing Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to improve access to mental health resources for hospital patients; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven

*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell

Youth Governor of South Australia



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Coastal Protection Bill 2025

(Climate, Environment & Energy Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to protect coastal areas from waste and pollutants from urban development, establish an education not-for-profit, increase penalties for littering; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven
*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell
Youth Governor of South Australia



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Junior Parliament of South Australia*

EdChat Is This Real Bill 2025

(Technology & Innovation Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to to regulate the use of EdChat; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven

*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell

Youth Governor of South Australia



*11th Session of the
Junior Parliament of South Australia*

Energise, Enrich, Entertain Bill 2025

(Recreation & the Arts Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to to increase engagement in recreation centres and promote supportive third spaces for teenagers; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven
*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell
Youth Governor of South Australia



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Primary Social Science Education Reform Bill 2025

(Education & Training Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to reform and support social science education in primary schools; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven
*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell
Youth Governor of South Australia



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Breakout Board (BOBB) Bill 2025

(Human Services & Inclusion Ministry)

A Bill for an Act to provide mental health services for young persons dealing with divorce; and for related purposes.

Ayes	Noes

Evie Beven
*Speaker of the
Junior Parliament*

In the name of His Majesty, I assent this Act.

Her Excellency Charlie Caldwell
Youth Governor of South Australia



Proceedings Script

First Reading

Speaker

"I call upon the sponsor"

Main Sponsor

"Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker/President, the Honourable <Name>, I move that I have leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to... <long title>."

Speaker

"Is the motion seconded?"

Parliamentarian

"I second the motion."

Speaker

"The question is that the motion be agreed to. All those in favour say 'aye', to the contrary 'no'. I think the ayes have it."

REMEMBER: everyone must vote AYE at this stage!

Clerk

"Order of the day number _____. A Bill for an Act to... <long title>"

This concludes the first reading.

Second Reading

Speaker

"I call upon the sponsor"

Main Sponsor

"Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker/President, the Honourable <Name>, I move that this Bill now be read a second time." (Main Sponsor then delivers a speech of no longer than 3 minutes)

Speaker

"Is the motion seconded?"

Parliamentarian

"I second the motion."

Speaker

"I call upon a refuter"

Main Refuter

"Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker/President, the Honourable <Name>..." (Main Refuter then delivers a speech of no longer than 2 minutes)

The Bill is now open for debate from the remaining members of the Sponsoring and Refuting teams which have not spoken. Once these participants have spoken, the floor is open for debate for others. Each speech should be a maximum of 2 minutes. After multiple rounds of speeches, the Speaker will call for a final speaker from each side, concluding the second reading with a speaker from the sponsoring side.

Speaker

"The question is that this Bill now be read a second time. All those in favour say 'aye', to the contrary 'no'. I think the ayes have it."

REMEMBER: everyone must vote AYE at this stage!

This concludes the second reading.



Third Reading

Main Sponsor

“Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker/President, the Honourable <Name>, I move that this Bill now be read a third time.” (Main Sponsor then delivers a final, brief, summary speech of no more than 2 minutes).

Speaker

“Is the motion seconded?”

Parliamentarian

“I second the motion”

Debate will ensure depending on time constraints and is ended by the Speaker calling upon a final refuter and a final sponsor for their Right of Reply. Ideally these speakers would be from the respective Ministries.

Speaker

“The question is that this Bill now pass. I now yield control of the chamber to the Clerk.”

Clerk

“The question is that this bill now pass. All those in favour say ‘aye’, to the contrary ‘no’.”

Members will say “AYE” or “NO” - THIS IS WHERE YOU VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE BILL!

“I think the ayes/noes have it.”

Two members from minority

Division!

Clerk

“Division has been called, ring the bells. ”

The bells will be rung and members may move to the back of chamber if they wish to abstain before the bars are closed. Abstentions should be reserved for reasons of great emotional connection or personal conflict associated with the Bill.

Clerk

“Members will now enter the well.”

All Members not abstaining will move into the well (the centre of the chamber).

“The Chamber will now divide. Those in favour of the bill move to the right of the chair, those against to the left. The Chamber will now divide in silence.”

Tellers (Parliamentarians) will count the votes and report their totals to the Clerk.

Clerk

If passed

“The Bill for an Act to <long title> has been passed with ___ ayes and ___ noes. Members may resume their seats.

If rejected:

“The Bill has failed to pass with ___ ayes and ___ noes. Members may resume their seats.”

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