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MOTION

Use of Electronic Devices in Chamber

 **Mr HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (2.42 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That this House adopt the following resolution:

- (1) The House permits members' use of electronic devices in the chamber and parliamentary committees, provided that:
 - (a) the use of any device avoids interference with or distraction to other members, either visually or audibly, and does not interfere with proceedings—in particular, phone calls are not permitted and devices should be operated in silent mode;
 - (b) devices are not used to record the proceedings (by either audio or visual means);
 - (c) communication on social media regarding private meetings of parliamentary committees or in camera hearings will be considered a potential breach of privilege; and
 - (d) the use of devices is as unobtrusive as possible and is directly related to members' parliamentary duties; and
- (2) The House notes that:
 - (a) communication via electronic devices, whether in the chamber or not, is unlikely to be covered by parliamentary privilege; and
 - (b) reflections on the chair made by members on social media may be treated as a contempt, the same as any such reflections made inside or outside the chamber.