



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

10.30 am, 29 July 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Apologies:	Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Ms Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20, of 1 April 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee agreed to recommence travel to remote communities with a view to undertaking visits to communities in the Electorates of Arafura, Mulka and Namatjira over the coming months. Committee Secretary to liaise with the Chair regarding development of a proposed travel plan for consideration at the next meeting.

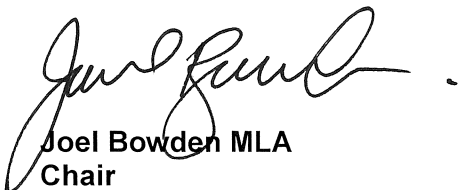
4. PETITIONS

Noted

5. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 September 2022.

Meeting closed at 10.43 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

1.00 pm, 22 August 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. DRAFT UPDATED LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY PLAN

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee travel to the Tiwi Islands in the week beginning 12 September 2022 to meet with representatives from the Tiwi Islands Land Council, the Tiwi Islands Regional Council and the Mantiyupwi Land Owning Group.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee travel to the Gove Peninsula and Groote Eylandt in the week beginning 24 October 2022 to hold public hearings and meet with stakeholders.

Question put and passed.

Committee secretariat to undertake initial planning with travel arrangements to be confirmed at the Committee's next meeting.

2. LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Araluen expressing their condolences regarding the loss of her son, Harry Lambley.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 September 2022.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

10.30 am, 2 September 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER FOR FANNIE BAY TO COMMITTEE

Mr Bowden welcomed Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay, who was appointed to the Committee effective as of 2 September 2022 to replace Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA who was discharged from the Committee as of 22 August 2022.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Following discharge of the Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, from the Committee on 22 August 2022, the Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair. Mr Costa accepted the nomination and Mr Potter seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee confirmed that it would travel to the following communities as part of its inquiry into the Local Decision Making:

- Tiwi Islands – Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Yirrkala and Groote Eylandt – Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022

Secretariat to arrange travel and advise Members accordingly.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 21 of 29 July and No. 22 of 22 August 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

6. OUTSOURCING AND LABOUR HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Briefing Noted.

7. CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2021-22* to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 6 September 2022 pursuant to SO200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

Question put and passed.

8. PETITIONS

The Committee considered petitions 13 – 18 and agreed:

- a) Petition 13: note Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 14: write to the Minister for Local Government and request a response to the petition.
- c) Petition 15: write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and request a response to the petition.
- d) Petition 16: write to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing and request clarification regarding the Government's decision in relation to recalling the \$12m grant for the Darwin Turf Club Grandstand.
- e) Petition 17: write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and request a response to the petition.
- f) Petition 18: write to the Minister for Disabilities and the CEO of Darwin City Council regarding their actions and considerations in relation to disability access.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022 – Tiwi Islands.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

10.30 am, 14 October 2022
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

Committee considered draft itinerary for upcoming public hearings and public forums in Yirrkala and Alyangula.

2. BRIEFING FROM AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on her August 2022 Report to the Legislative Assembly.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 23 of 2 September 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

5. PETITIONS

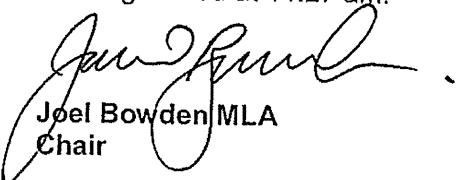
The Committee considered petitions 14 – 21 and agreed as follows:

- a) Petitions 14 – 18: noted Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 19: write to the Minister for Housing and Homelands and request a response to the petition.
- c) Petition 20: write to the Minister for Local Government and request a response to the petition.
- d) Petition 21: write to the Minister for Mining and Industry and request a response to the petition.

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022 – public hearings and public forums in Yirrkala and Alyangula.

Meeting closed at 11.27 am.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

9.50 am, Thursday, 27 October 2022

Sea Rights Room, Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre, Yirrkala

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Substitute:	Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly for Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

Kerry Legge: Chief Executive Officer
Barayuwa Mununggurr: Chairperson
Yananyumul Mununggurr: Director

The witnesses withdrew.

Yolgnu Nations Assembly Aboriginal Corporation

Shannon Voss: General Secretary
Nyomba Gandangu: Vice Chairperson
Anthony Hayward-Ryan: Researcher

The witnesses withdrew.

Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation

Matt Stevenson: Community Development Program Manager
Faye Matjarra Garrawurra: Board Director

The witnesses withdrew.

Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation

Ben Grimes: Chief Executive Officer
Gawura Wanambi: Chairperson
Dipililinga Marika: Vice Chairperson

Tabled Paper 1.3: ARDS & LDM Workshops Facilitation

The witnesses withdrew.

East Arnhem Regional Council

Dale Keehne: Chief Executive Officer
Lapulung Dhamarrandji: President
Joanne Baker: Board Member - Milingimbi Local Authority

The witnesses withdrew.

During the hearing, the Committee also heard from the following members of the community:

Dhangatji Mununggurr: Board Member – Yirrkala Local Authority

Marpulawuy Marika: Councillor – East Arnhem Regional Council – Gumurr Miwatj ward

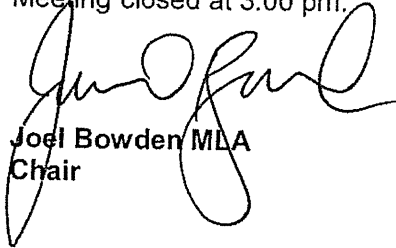
Fabian Marika: Landowner

Graham Maymura: Chairman – North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation

2. NEXT MEETING

Friday 28 October 2022 – public hearings and public forums in Alyangula.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

9.15 am, Friday, 28 October 2022
Barra Room, Groote Eylandt Lodge, Alyangula

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Substitute:	Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly for Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. **PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY**

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Anindilyakwa Land Council

Mark Hewitt: Chief Executive Officer
Mark Hautop: Legal and Executive Operations Manager
Tony Wurramarrba AO: Chairman

Tabled Paper 1.4: Garma Speech – Tony Wurramarrba AO

The witnesses withdrew.

Groote Holdings Aboriginal Corporation and Groote Aqua Aboriginal Corporation

Sean McCarthy: Sitzler (GHAC Project Manager)
Silas Bara: GHAC Director
Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witnesses withdrew.

Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Primary College Aboriginal Corporation

Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witness withdrew.

Warnumamalya Health Services Aboriginal Corporation

Atnas Maeko: Deputy Chairman
Marissa Wurramara: Director
Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Melissa Beasley: Regional Director – Anindilyakwa Region

Tabled Paper 1.5: Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Newsletter June 2022

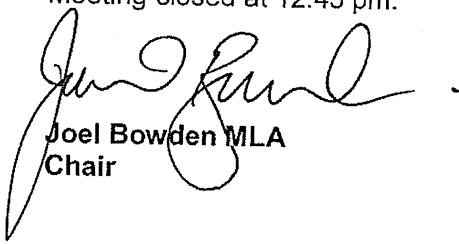
Tabled Paper 1.6: Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making (LDM) Agreement

The witnesses withdrew.

2. **NEXT MEETING**

10.30 am, Friday 25 November 2022

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

10.30 am, 25 November 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

- Present:**
- Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
 - Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
 - Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
 - Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
 - Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

 - Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
- Secretariat:**
- Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
 - Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
 - Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
 - Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

In addition to the public hearing with representatives from the East Arnhem Regional Office of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet scheduled for Friday 1 December 2022, the Committee agreed to:

- a) Invite representatives from the Local Government Association of the NT, Green River Aboriginal Corporation, Barkly Regional Council, Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to appear before the Committee at a public hearing in Darwin on Friday 17 February 2023.
- b) Travel to the Tiwi Islands in the week beginning 20 or 27 February 2023.
- c) Travel to Tiijikala in late February or early March 2023.
- d) Consider travelling to the Barkly and/or Big Rivers region in early March 2023.
- e) Table its report in the May 2023 meetings of the Assembly.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 24 of 14 October, No. 25 of 27 October and No. 26 of 28 October 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of papers tabled by the Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation, the Anindilyakwa Land Council and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearings held in Yirrkala on 27 October and Alyangula on 28 October 2022.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Submission 29 from the Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation regarding Local Decision Making.

Question put and passed.

5. PETITIONS

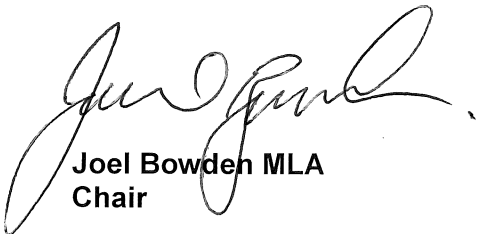
The Committee considered petitions 19 – 22 and agreed as follows:

- a) Petitions 19 – 21: noted Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 22: write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and request a response to the petition.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 December 2022 – Public Hearing followed by Deliberative Meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.49 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

10.30 am, 2 December 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Participating Member:	Mr Bill Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Jim Rogers: Executive Director – East Arnhem

Cathryn Moore: Regional Director – Yolngu Region

Waka Mununggurr: Strategic Cultural Advisor – East Arnhem

Tabled Papers

TP. 1.7: Local decision making in East Arnhem

TP. 1.8: Table of responses to Yirrkala PAC hearing statements

TP. 1.9: Attachment A to table of responses to Yirrkala PAC hearing statements

The witnesses withdrew

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 27 of 25 November 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the papers tabled by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearing.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also agreed to write to the Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making and request an updated version of the document previously provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding details of the progress of LDM across the NT.

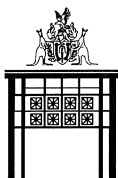
5. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Friday 17 February 2023 – Public Hearing followed by Deliberative Meeting

Meeting closed at 11.37 am.

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

9.00 am, Friday 17 February 2023
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Participating Member:	Mr Bill Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Sean Holden: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

Dr John Paterson: Acting Chief Executive Officer, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

David Cooper: Manager Research Advocacy Policy, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

Seranie Gamble: Manager, Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

The witnesses withdrew.

Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation

Waka Mununngurr: Chairperson (via video conference)

The witness withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Bridgette Bellenger: General Manager, Territory Regional Growth

Mischa Cartwright: Executive Director, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Partnerships

Tabled Paper

TP 1.10 – LDM Ground Up Monitoring and Evaluation Final Report – August 2022

The witnesses withdrew.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, following the passing of the former Member for Arafura and Deputy Chair of the Committee, the Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Potter to be Deputy Chair. Mr Potter seconded the nomination.

Mr Yan nominated himself to be Deputy Chair. The nomination was not seconded.

There being no further nominations the Chair declared Mr Potter to be the elected Deputy Chair.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 of 2 December 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Committee agreed to defer discussion regarding Member for Namatjira's letter and request that the Committee consider holding a hearing on the Cost of the Darwin Ship Lift Project to the next meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Bowden moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the paper tabled by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearing.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 24 March 2023

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

10.30 am, Friday 24 March 2023

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

It was agreed to invite representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to the next meeting to brief the Committee on procurement processes.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Young moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 of 17 February 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

The reporting timeframe for the inquiry into Local Decision Making was discussed.

4. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 31 March 2023

Meeting closed at 11.51 pm

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

10.30 am, Friday 31 March 2023

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

Following discussion of the briefing note, it was agreed that a draft report will be circulated before the before the next meeting, with the intention of tabling the finalised report in the second week of the May sittings.

The Chair thanked Member for Mulka for his participation in the Local Decision Making Inquiry.

2. BRIEFING ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

Mr Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Adam Walding, General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics briefed the committee on the NT Procurement Framework and its application to infrastructure procurement.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 30 of 24 March 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

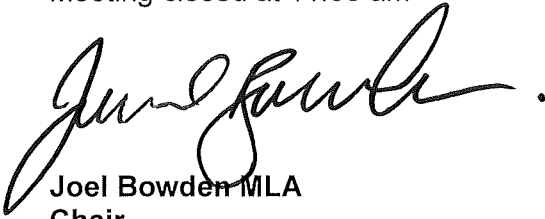
5. PETITIONS

The Committee considered petition 23 and agreed to write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency services and request a response to the petition.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

10.30 am, Friday 12 May 2023

Meeting closed at 11.55 am

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Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

12.15 pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via videoconference)
Apologies	Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 31 of 31 March 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee considered the Chair's draft report.

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Chair's report on Local Decision Making be adopted subject to amendments to be circulated and unanimously agreed to by the Members of the Committee.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley indicated that she would add a dissenting report.

4. PETITIONS

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

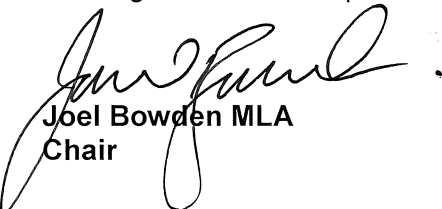
The committee notes petition no. 23.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

12 noon, Thursday, 27 July 2023

Meeting closed at 1.26 pm


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

11.52 pm, Thursday 27 July 2023
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 32 of 17 May 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2022-23* for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

3. PETITIONS

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 12(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 25.

Question put and passed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Work Plan

Mrs Lambley proposed that the Committee's Work Plan be considered at the next meeting and suggested that, consistent with inquiries currently being undertaken in other Australian jurisdictions, the Committee look into the use of consultants by the Northern Territory Government.

The Committee agreed that Members will forward work plan proposals to the Committee Secretary for consideration at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for 1 September 2023.

PAC Membership

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Chair write to the Leader of Government Business, Leader of the Opposition and Independent Members, seeking a reinstatement of clause 2 of Standing Order 177 to

provide that the Committee consist of six members – 3 Government and 3 non-Government Members.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

12 noon, Friday 1 September 2023

Meeting closed at 12.08 pm

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair