



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

**Inquiry into the Hemp Industry**

**Bill 2019**

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**July 2019**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 34

12.45 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2019  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA  
Ms Kate Worden MLA  
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA  
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

**Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley  
Russell Keith

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 33 of 9 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 3. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from Territory Families.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee hold a public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill on Tuesday 21 May 2019 from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to invite the following witnesses to the public hearing:

- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Law Society NT
- Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Danila Dilba Health Service
- Mr Guyula and Mr Costa to provide the secretary with names of other witnesses
- Territory Families

**4. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put and passed.

**5. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of the written responses to questions from the Department of the Chief Minister.
2. The Committee write to the Department enquiring whether the Government has the power to extend the Electoral Commissioner's term of appointment for an appropriately short period to deal with matters such as the appointment otherwise concluding four months before an election, as may occur in the 2024 election.

**6. BILLS REFERRED IN MAY SITTINGS**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that the Committee:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the May sittings to be received by Friday 14 June 2019.
2. Write to responsible Ministers requesting contact officers for Bills referred during the May sittings.

Question put and passed.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

12.00 – 2.00 pm Monday 20 May 2019

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm



**Mr Tony Sievers MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 35

12.00 pm, Monday, 20 May 2019

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA  
Ms Kate Worden MLA  
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA  
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

**Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

##### *Hemp Industry Bill 2019*

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources:

- Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive
- Dr Warren Hunt, Manager, Agricultural Policy & Analysis
- Mr Peter Zeroni, Director, Policy and Legislation

##### *Tabled Papers*

- TP1-1: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Opening Statement to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee, Public Briefing, 20 May 2019.
- TP1-2: List of stakeholders consulted during development of the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.
- TP1-3: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Fact Sheet, Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

#### 2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

##### *Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Jenni Daniel-Yee, Director, Legal Policy
- Douglas Burns, Senior Policy Lawyer

**3. PUBLIC BRIEFING**  
***Liquor Bill 2019***

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Bronwyn Haack, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of the Chief Minister:

- Giovina D'Alessandro, Executive Director, Alcohol Review Implementation Team
- Ryan Neve, Director of Communications

***Tabled Papers***

TP1-1: Liquor Bill 2019 - PowerPoint presentation slides

TP1-2: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence application process – Issuing a licence or authority – Part 3 Division 3

TP1-3: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence complaints process – Part 7 Division 3

TP1-4: Overview of the Changes to Search, Seizure and Forfeiture under the Liquor Bill 2019 – Parts 10 and 12

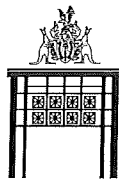
**4. NEXT MEETING**

8.30 am, Tuesday 21 May 2019, public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 2.21 pm



**Mr Tony Sievers MLA**  
**Chair**



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13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 37

10.30 am, Monday, 27 May 2019  
Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers MLA Ms Kate Worden MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, 1 <sup>st</sup> Clerk Assistant

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of the following Meetings be confirmed.

- Meeting No. 34 – 16 May 2019
- Meeting No. 35 – 20 May 2019
- Meeting No. 36 – 21 May 2019

Question put and passed.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of documents tabled at Meetings No. 35 and 36 and of the paper provided after Meeting No. 36 by Jaquie Palavra, NT Legal Aid Commission.

Question put and passed.

Secretary to confirm that Ms Palavra is happy to have the paper published.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

#### 4. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

#### 5. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

6. **INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**  
Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.
7. **NEXT MEETING**  
Friday 7 June 2.00 pm  
Meeting closed at 11.44 am



**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 39

12.00 pm, Thursday, 20 June 2019  
Ormiston Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers MLA Ms Kate Worden MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 38 of 7 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to publish the second submission from police on the Liquor Bill 2019 but not the first submission they provided.

#### 3. LIQUOR BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Liquor Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised.

Question put and passed

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised

Question put and passed



**5. HEMP INDUSTRY BILL**

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee prepare a No Issues report on the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.

Question put and passed

**6. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

The Committee agreed to:

- Call for submissions on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019
- Invite staff from the Chief Minister's Department to attend a public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

Secretariat to send out list of stakeholders to Committee members.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed to adopt the revised bill inquiry plan and the dates set out below for meetings, public hearings and briefings.

- Deliberative Meeting to review submissions and public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 – Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm
- Public Hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019 – Wednesday 10 July 2019 – times to be determined after consideration of submissions.
- Deliberative Meeting to consider evidence on Bills referred in the May sittings - Thursday 18 July, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.
- Deliberative Meeting to adopt reports, Tuesday 30 July 2019, 1.00 pm

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing on Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019, Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm

Meeting closed at 12.34



**Mr Tony Sievers MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 42

10.00 am, Thursday, 18 July 2019  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA  
Ms Kate Worden MLA  
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA  
Mr Jeff Collins MLA  
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

**Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

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#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair expressed thanks to Mr Guyula for his contribution to the Committee over the last 10 months and welcomed Mr Jeff Collins back as a member of the Committee.

Mr Costa left the meeting at 10.20 am

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed:

1. Meeting No. 40 of 3 July 2019
2. Meeting No. 41 of 10 July 2019

Question put and passed.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of the written responses to questions on the Constructions Contracts (Security of Payments) Bill 2019 provided by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.
2. A Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. HEMP INDUSTRY BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Hemp Industry Bill 2019 to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 19 July pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

**6. LIQUOR BILL 2019**

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

1. That the Committee authorises the publication of the written responses to questions on the Liquor Bill 2019 provided by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.
2. That the Committee authorises publication of papers tabled at the public hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019 held on 10 July, excepting Tabled Paper 1-2 - Case study of vehicle seizure for which NAAJA requested confidentiality.
3. That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Liquor Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

1.00 pm, Tuesday 30 July 2019 – Deliberative to adopt the Chair's draft reports into the Liquor Bill 2019 and the Constructions Contracts (Security of Payments) Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am

**Mr Tony Sievers MLA**  
**Chair**