



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Legislation Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Inquiry into the Judicial Commission Bill 2020**

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**May 2020**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 4**

12.00 pm, Thursday 13 February 2020  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen  
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 16 December 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into new Bill referrals, with the exception of the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020, to be received by Wednesday 11 March 2020.
2. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill, to be received by 2 March 2020.
3. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills.

Questions put and passed.

**4. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Darwin Community Legal Service, the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal

Service, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

**5. PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting a written response to the issues raised by Professor Aughterson by Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

**6. LICENSING (DIRECTOR-GENERAL) REPEAL BILL 2019**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Friday 14 February 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

**7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also agreed to accept a late submission from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association to be received by Friday 14 February 2020.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Environmental Defenders Office, the Northern and Central Land Councils, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, the Protect Country Alliance, the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association and the Department of Primary Industry and Resources to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

**8. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

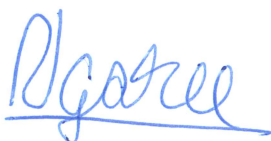
1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, Knowmore Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service, Australia's Right to Know, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2020 (consideration of new Bill referrals).

Meeting closed at 1.14 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA  
Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 8

3.00 pm, Monday 16 March 2020

Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On 10 March 2020, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA was discharged from the Committee. The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mrs Finocchiaro nominated Ms Nelson to be the Chair of the Committee. However, Ms Nelson declined the nomination. Ms Nelson then nominated Mr Sievers to be the Chair and Mr Bowden seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Sievers to be the elected Chair of the Committee

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 9 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

**5. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019**

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Petroleum Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

**6. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**7. TREATY COMMISSIONER BILL 2020**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

**8. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

**9. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**10. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**11. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020**

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**12. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Department's response noted.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative via teleconference: 3.00 pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill).

Meeting closed at 4.55 pm.



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



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 10

2.00 pm, Wednesday 1 April 2020

Via Teleconference

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 of 18 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 3. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from Scarlet Alliance and SWOP NT.

Question put and passed.

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

**6. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from NT Police.
2. The Committee write to the Member for Goyder requesting that she respond in writing to the issues raised in the submissions from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture and NT Police by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Questions put and passed.

**7. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN**

Noted

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative: 1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2020 (Consideration of evidence received on Bills referred in February).

Meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

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





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 11

1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2020  
Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 1 April 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

#### 3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

#### 4. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

#### 5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

#### 6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm, Thursday 30 April 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft reports on Bills referred in February).

Meeting closed at 1.54 pm.

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



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 12

1.00 pm, Thursday 30 April 2020

Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan  
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
- Apologies:** Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 of 23 April 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Bowden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

**6. DISSENTING REPORTS**

It was agreed that dissenting reports are to be forwarded to the Committee Secretary by 12 noon, Friday 1 May 2020.

**7. ANNUAL REPORT**

Meeting will be convened in early July to consider/adopt Chair's draft Annual Report 2019-2020.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Deliberative: TBC – Consideration of Chair's draft Annual Report.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm.

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