



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

10.15 am, Wednesday 30 October 2024

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja |
| Secretariat: | Mr Russell Keith, Clerk Ms Klarin Sivyver, Acting Deputy Clerk Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr Howe nominated Mrs Carlson to be Chair. Mr Mackay seconded the nomination and Mrs Carlson accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Committee Secretary declared Mrs Carlson to be the Chair.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Howe nominated Mr Mackay to be Deputy Chair. Mrs Carlson seconded the nomination and Mr Mackay accepted the nomination.

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

3. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Mrs Carlson moved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), the committee authorises the publication of public hearing transcripts after witnesses have had three business days to make corrections.
2. Pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the committee authorises the Chair of the committee to issue media releases and give public briefings on matters relating to any inquiries of the committee.

Questions put and passed.

4. AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION CONFERENCE

Mrs Carlson moved that:

The committee send two delegates accompanied by the Committee Secretary to the Australia-New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference to be held at Parliament House, Melbourne Victoria from 3 – 5 December 2024.

Question put and passed.

The Chair, Justine Davis and Mr Paech expressed their interest in attending the conference. The Chair asked that J. Davis and Mr Paech contact the Committee Secretary to confirm which of them would be attending the conference by close of business Friday 1 November.

5. BRIEFING NOTE – COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

Noted.

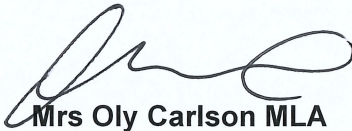
6. ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Justine Davis congratulated the Government on re-establishing a legislative scrutiny committee, acknowledging its important benefits. She looks forward to the committee's effective and productive contributions in the 15th Assembly.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 28 November 2024.

Meeting closed at 10.38 am.



**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

12.07 pm, Thursday 28 November 2024
Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of 30 October 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BILL INQUIRIES

The committee agreed to the following provisional standard procedures for Bill inquiries:

1. Immediately following referral of a bill to the committee, the committee secretary on behalf of the Chair will publish notices calling for submissions. Notices calling for submissions will advise that the committee may hold public hearings at a later date.
2. Notices calling for submissions will be:
 - a) published on the Assembly's website, via email to subscribers to the committee email alert service, and on the Assembly's Facebook page; and
 - b) through direct and targeted contact via email or letters to key stakeholders as identified by the committee secretariat, and other persons and organisations as identified by, and agreed to, by the committee within two days of the Bill being referred.
3. Submission due dates will be no less than one week and no more than six weeks (subject to the reporting timeframe for the bill inquiry) from the date of the notice calling for submissions as agreed to by the committee.
4. Following the end of a sittings period, where more than one bill has been referred, the committee secretary on behalf of the Chair will issue a notice listing the bills on which the committee is calling for submissions and the date by which submissions are due.
5. Immediately following referral of a bill to the committee, the committee secretary on behalf of the Chair will write to the Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the bill to request a contact officer for the bill.

6. Following consultation with committee members, the Chair may write to the Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the bill to request a briefing on the bill.
7. After the due date for submissions, the committee will determine whether and when to hold public hearings and who shall be invited to appear at the hearings.

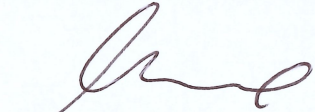
3. MEMBERS' ACCESS FOLDERS

Noted. Members to advise secretariat if they experience any issues accessing the LSC folder on their M Drive.

4. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 13 February 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.52 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

12.08 pm, Thursday 13 February

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 28 November 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. BILL REFERRALS

The Committee noted the proposed Bill inquiry plan for Bills referred during the February sittings and agreed to the following actions:

Committee Secretary to save copies of submissions referred Bills in the Bill Inquiry sub-folders in the Members Access Drive as they are received.

Territory Coordinator Bill 2025 (Serial 17)

- Key Stakeholder register as amended to incorporate Mr Paech's additions agreed to.

Defamation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 13)

- Draft Key Stakeholder register noted – Members to provide secretariat with any additional stakeholders by 3.30 pm, Thursday 13 February 2025.
- Departmental representatives to be requested to brief the committee on the Defamation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 at a public briefing at 2.00 pm, Wednesday 19 February 2025.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The committee acknowledge the prompt work of the committee secretariat to assist committee members given the short timeframe.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing: 2.00 pm, Wednesday 19 February 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.


Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

2.00 pm, Wednesday 19 February 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja via TEAMS |
| Apologies: | Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – DEFAMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Ms Leonique Swart: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Attorney-General's Department
- Ms Hannah Clee: Acting Director – Legal Policy, Attorney-General's Department

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2025.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

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Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

2.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale via TEAMS Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja via TEAMS |
| Apologies: | Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Paech moved and Justin Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 13 February and Meeting No. 4 of 19 February 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Mrs Carlson moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The committee authorise submissions 1 – 302 for publication, with the exception of submission nos. 3, 62, 78, 79, 80, 118, 128, 189 and 221.

Question put and passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

The Committee agreed to hold public hearings on the Territory Coordinator Bill on Wednesday 26 February from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm, and Thursday 27 February and that the following individuals and organisations be invited to appear before the committee:

- Nhulunbuy Corporation
- NT Planning Commission
- Keep Top End Coasts Health
- Andy Peart – Private Citizen
- Environment Centre NT
- Frack Free NT
- Arid Lands Environment Centre
- City of Palmerston
- Justin Tutty – Private Citizen
- Australian Energy Producers
- Larrakia Development Corporation
- Heritage Council NT
- Catherine McLeish – Private Citizen
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT

- Protect Big Rivers
- Environmental Defenders Office
- Northern Land Council
- Local Government Association NT
- Minerals Council of Australia NT Division
- Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Central Land Council
- INPEX
- Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory
- Australian Institute of Architects
- Department of Mining and Energy
- Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

5. NEXT MEETINGS

Public Hearings:

8.30 am – 5.00 pm Wednesday 26 February 2025

8.30 am – 3.00 pm Thursday 27 February 2025

Meeting closed at 4.10 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No .6

8.30 am, Wednesday 26 February 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri via TEAMS
Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Nhulunbuy Corporation

Shane Whitten: Chief Executive Officer
The witness withdrew.

Keep Top End Coasts Healthy

Adele Pedder: Protected Areas Manager
The witness withdrew.

Environment Centre NT

Bree Aherns: Acting Co-Executive Director
Naish Gawen: Policy and Research Lead
The witnesses withdrew.

Frack Free NT

Peter Callender: Community Organiser
Louis Boyle-Bryant: Top End Regional Campaigner
The witnesses withdrew.

Arid Lands Environment Centre

Alex Vaughan: Policy Advocacy Coordinator
Hannah Ekin: Frack Free Campaign Coordinator
The witnesses withdrew.

City of Palmerston:

Athina Pascoe-Bell: Mayor
Nadine Nilon: Interim Chief Executive Officer
The witnesses withdrew.

Private Citizen

Justin Tutty
The witness withdrew.

Australian Energy Producers

David Slama: Director Northern Territory & South Australia
Aaron Heugh: Senior Policy Advisor

Questions Taken on Notice

1. What is the potential revenue per year from gas in the NT?
2. Did anyone from your organisation meet with the CLP prior to the drafting of this Bill?

3. Did your submission to the consultation on the Bill make recommendations regarding changes to the exposure draft of the Bill? **Note:** Mr Slama undertook to provide the committee with a copy of AEP's submission of 17 January 2025 on the exposure draft of the Bill.
4. Can you provide some tangible examples or a concrete example of a delay that you can describe to us that you think this legislation will address and, if there is a delay, what you can attribute that to.

The witnesses withdrew.

Heritage Council NT

Randle Walker: Chairperson

The witness withdrew.

Private Citizen

Catherine McLeish

The witness withdrew.

Environmental Defenders Office

Elanor Fenge: Managing Lawyer NT/SA Region

Rufus Coffield-Feith: Senior Solicitor

Natalie Czpaski: Senior Solicitor

The witnesses withdrew.

Protect Big Rivers

Dr Samantha Phelan: Member

Cecelia Lake: Member

Miliwanga Wurrben: Elder Big Rivers Region

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing: 9.00 am, Thursday 27 February 2025.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

9.00 am, Thursday 27 February 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri via TEAMS
Mr Andrew Mackay, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Mary Watson: Chief Executive Officer

Sarah Zaharie: Director Public Affairs

Question Taken on Notice

1. Is it a position of LGANT that you would like it in the legislation for the Local Government to be exempted from inclusion in the Schedule of Laws?

The witnesses withdrew.

Minerals Council of Australia – NT Division

Cathryn Tilmouth: Executive Director Northern Australia

Dr Amber Jarrett: Principal Policy Advisor NT

Question Taken on Notice

1. Can you advise the committee of the companies that you represent in the Northern Territory?

The witnesses withdrew

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

Michael Rotumah: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

Central Land Council

Barbara Shaw: Deputy Chair

Georgia Stewart: Policy Officer

Su Sze Ting: Senior Lawyer

The witnesses withdrew.

Nurrdalinji Native Title Aboriginal Corporation

Samuel Janama Sandy: Chairperson

Greg McIntyre SC: Legal Representative, Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage

Question Taken on Notice

1. Can you give any examples of when decisions have been rushed and the negative consequences of them?

The witnesses withdrew.

Northern Land Council

Yuseph Deen: Chief Executive Officer

David Astalosh: General Manager Governance, Strategy and Communication

Question Taken on Notice

1. What is your consultation process and obtaining free, prior and informed consent?
The witnesses withdrew.

Australian Institute of Architects

Miriam Wallace: President NT Chapter

Karen Relp: Manager NT Chapter

Jo Rees: Ajar Architects

The witnesses withdrew.

Question Taken on Notice

1. What is the position of the Institute of Architects on the inclusion of the *Heritage Act* in the Bill?

Department of Mining and Energy

Alister Trier: Chief Executive

James Pratt: Senior Executive Director Energy Development

Brett Easton: Director Policy and Reform

Questions Taken on Notice

1. Did your agency recommend that the previous clause 14 of the original exposure draft of the Bill be removed?

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Tom Leeming: Deputy Chief Executive Officer Policy, Reform and Regions

Margaret Close: Senior Executive Director Strategic Policy and Delivery

Stuart Knowles: Interim Territory Coordinator

Questions Taken on Notice


1. How many submissions to the consultation were in support of the Bill and how many were against it
2. What recommendations were taken on board from who in relation to the two versions of the Bill?
3. Can you list which NTG agencies and independent authorities you met with in relation to developing the Bill?
4. Can you give us concrete examples of a delay that you think this Bill will remedy?

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Monday 3 March 2025.

Meeting closed at 2.30 pm.



**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

9.00 am, Monday 3 March 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja via TEAMS

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Justin Davis moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 5 of 20 February, Meeting No. 6 of 26 February and Meeting No. 7 of 27 February 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT – DEFAMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No issues' report *Inquiry into the Defamation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 5 March 2025 pursuant to Standing Order 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

Question put and passed.

4. PRIVATE BRIEFING – LEGAL ADVICE ON THE TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

The Committee was briefed by its independent legal counsel, Professor Ned Aughterson, on the Territory Coordinator Bill 2025.

5. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE – TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

In considering the evidence, the following resolutions were considered:

Justine Davis moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Clause 8: Primary principle of Act. That subclause (a) be amended to read 'ecologically sustainable development for the Territory or a region of the Territory.'

2 for, 3 against

Question negatived.

Mr Paech moved and Ms Davis seconded that:

Clause 11: Appointment of Territory Coordinator. That the Bill be amended to remove clause 11 and reinstate clause 78: Appointment of Territory Coordinator and clause 79: Eligibility for appointment from the exposure draft of the Bill.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Division 4: Exemption Notices be removed from the Bill.

2 for 3 against.

Question negatived.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Clause 79: Recommendation to Minister. That clause 2(b) be amended to read 'must consult with any other person the Coordinator considers may be affected by the proposed exemption notice.

3 for 1 against.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Clause 82: Tabling and Disallowance be amended to provide that exemption notices be tabled in the Assembly prior to their implementation.

2 for 3 against.

Question negatived.

Mr Paech moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Clause 95: Limitation on review or appeal be amended to include a merits review process.

2 for 3 against.

Question negatived.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Bill be amended to include to require that an independent review of the Act's operation after 5 years of commencement to assess the implementation, performance and outcomes of the legislation.

4 for 1 against.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The *Heritage Act 2011* be removed from the Schedule of Acts that are Scheduled laws.

2 for 3 against.

Question negatived.

Mr Paech moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Bill be amended to provide that marine parks, conservation areas, Northern Territory parks and reserves, Indigenous protected areas and Sacred Sites be exempt from the operation of the Act.

4 for 1 against.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

3.00 pm, Monday 10 March 2025

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

3.00 pm, Monday 10 March 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale via TEAMS
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja via TEAMS

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 8 of 3 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT – TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Territory Coordinator Bill 2025*, as amended, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 12 March 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

3 for, 2 against

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 20 March 2025 – To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

12.07 pm, Thursday 20 March 2025
Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 9 of 10 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRALS

In relation to the new Bill referrals, the Committee agreed as follows:

- Attorney-General Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 19)
 - No initial public briefing from the Department required
 - Submissions due date by Friday 28 March 2025
 - Key stakeholder list agreed to
 - Consideration of submissions Tuesday 2 April 10.00 am
 - Public hearings to be determined
- Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 20)
 - No initial public briefing from the Department required
 - Submissions due by Friday 28 March 2025
 - Nhulunbuy Corporation included in stakeholder register.
 - Consideration of submissions Tuesday 2 April 10.00 am.
 - Public hearings to be determined

3. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 27 March 2025 – To be confirmed

10.00 am, Tuesday 1 April 2025 -Consideration of submissions

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

12.06 pm, Thursday 27 March 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 10 of 20 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRALS

In relation to the new Bill referrals, the Committee agreed as follows:

- Domestic and Family Violence and Victims Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 - Public briefing from Attorney-General's Department scheduled for 10.00 am, Tuesday 1 April 2025
 - Submissions due date by Friday 4 April 2025
 - Key stakeholder list including suggestions from Mr Paech agreed to – Justine Davis to email secretariat with additional stakeholders.
 - Consideration of submissions tentatively scheduled for 10.00 am, Monday 7 April 2025
- Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 - Public briefing from Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority scheduled for 11.00 am, Tuesday 1 April 2025
 - Submissions due date by Friday 4 April 2025
 - Key stakeholder list agreed to – any additional stakeholders to be emailed to secretariat by 3.00 pm.
 - Consideration of submissions tentatively scheduled for 10.00 am, Monday 7 April 2025

3. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Tuesday 1 April 2025 – Public Briefings Serial 22 & 23, and consideration of submissions Serial 19 & 20.

Meeting closed at 12.22 pm

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

10.00 am, Tuesday 1 April 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder via TEAMS
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja via TEAMS

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

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND VICTIMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Janet Hanigan: Executive Director, Strategic Policy Coordination, Attorney-General's Department

Hannah Clee: Acting Director, Legal Policy, Attorney-General's Department

Questions Taken on Notice

1. How many Domestic Violence Orders are in effect on any given day in the Territory?
2. In terms of the mandatory sentencing aspect of the Bill, how will that change the impact of judges to order offenders to attend a men's behaviour change program?
3. What data can you provide regarding the usefulness of mandatory sentencing in our current system?
4. What data is there that might show that mandatory sentencing assists with domestic, family and sexual violence resolution?
5. What evaluation will you do in terms of the impact of this Bill?

The witnesses withdrew.

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING – NORTHERN TERRITORY ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Dr Benedict Scambary: Chief Executive Officer

Cameron McInerney: Director Policy and Governance

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Jean Doherty: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Strategic and Corporate Services

Bronwyn Haack: Senior Director, Legal Policy via TEAMS

Chris Stewart: Director, Aboriginal Land and Waters

The witnesses withdrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 11 of 27 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

5. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Justine Davis moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions 1 – 6 redacting personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed not to hold a public hearing on the Bill.

6. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS: ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Justine Davis moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

That the Committee authorise publication of submission 1 redacting personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed not to hold a public hearing on the Bill.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Secretariat to circulate updated inquiry plan for the Bills referred in the March sittings.
- Submissions for the Domestic and Family Violence and Victims Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 and the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 to be considered at the committee's next meeting.
- Secretariat to provide a consideration of evidence for the Attorney-General Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 and the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 for consideration at the committee's next meeting to inform directions for report drafting.

8. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 9.00 am, Monday 7 April 2025:

- Consideration of submissions: Serial 22 & 23
- Consideration of evidence and direction for report drafting: Serial 19 & 20

Meeting closed at 12.27 pm



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

9.02 am, Monday 7 April 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale |
| Substituting Members: | Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura for Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Member for Blain for Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 12 of 1 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS: DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND VICTIMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, excluding proforma submissions, redacting personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee resolve not to hold public hearings on the Domestic and Family Violence and Victims Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

3 for 2 against.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS: NORTHERN TERRITORY ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, excluding proforma submissions, redacting personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Committee hold public hearings on the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 on Wednesday 16 April 2025.

2 for 3 against

Question negatived.

The Committee further agreed that the Committee Secretary would prepare a consideration of evidence table for the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 for discussion at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for 9.00 am, Thursday 10 April 2025.

5. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE: ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Chair's draft report covers the issues raised in the consideration of evidence and that the report recommend that the Assembly pass the Attorney-General Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with no amendments.

Question put and passed.

6. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

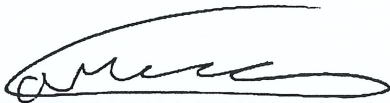
The Chair's draft report covers the issues raised in the consideration of evidence and that the report recommend that the Assembly pass the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with the amendments as discussed.

Question put and passed

7. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Thursday 10 April 2025

Meeting closed at 11.02 am



Mr Andrew Mackay MLA
Deputy Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

9.00 am, Thursday 10 April 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale |
| Substituting Members: | Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly for Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja Mr Khoda Patel MLA, Member for Casuarina for Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No 13 of 7 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT – ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Attorney-General Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Monday 14 April 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

Question put and passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE: NORTHERN TERRITORY ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee resolve not to hold public hearings on the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

3 for 2 against.

Question put and passed.

Justine Davis and Mr Young registered their strong opposition to the Committee's decision not to hold public hearings on the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

4. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Tuesday 15 April 2025.

Meeting closed at 9.34 am.

Mr Andrew Mackay MLA
Deputy Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

10.00 am, Tuesday 15 April 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale |
| Substituting Members: | Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly for Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 14 of 10 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Justine Davis moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the Answers to Questions Taken on Notice from the Attorney-General's Department regarding the Domestic and Family Violence and Victims Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

Question put and passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE: DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND VICTIMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Chair's draft report covers the issues raised in the consideration of evidence as discussed.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE: NORTHERN TERRITORY ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Justine seconded that:

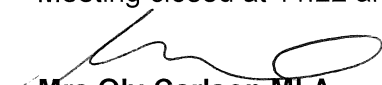
The Chair's draft report covers the issues raised in the consideration of evidence as discussed.

Question put and passed

5. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Monday 28 April 2025.

Meeting closed at 11.22 am


Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

9.01 am, Monday 28 April 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 15 of 15 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the addendum to the Central Land Council's submission on the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

The Committee further noted that publication of the addendum does not establish a precedent regarding acceptance of late submissions in the future.

Question put and passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Tuesday 29 April 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT: DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND VICTIMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Domestic and Family Violence and Victims Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* as amended, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Tuesday 29 April 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

Question put and passed.

5. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT: NORTHERN TERRITORY ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* as amended, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Tuesday 29 April 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

3 for 2 against.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Monday 28 April 2025.

Meeting closed at 9.28 am.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

12.00 pm, Thursday 31 July 2025

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja |
| Apologies: | Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale |
| Substitution: | Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama for Mr Clinton Howe MLA |
| Secretariat: | Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 16 of 28 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Mackay moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Chair forward the response as drafted to Mr Tom Dews: Senior Lawyer, Central Land Council.

Question put and passed.

3. BILL REFERRAL: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that the Committee:

- a) call for submissions to be received by Monday 11 August 2025.
- b) invite representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to brief the Committee at a public briefing from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Friday 8 August 2025.
- c) meet to consider submissions and evidence received at 3.00 pm Friday 15 August 2025.

Question put and passed

The Chair requested that Members provide the secretariat with the names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Thursday 31 July 2025.

4. NEXT MEETINGS

Public Briefing: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Friday 8 August 2025

Deliberative Meeting: 3.00 pm, Friday 15 August 2025

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

2.00 pm, Friday 8 August 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

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

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Mr Jed Matz: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lorraine Corowa: Senior Executive Director, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare

Mr Charles Drury: Director, Animal Welfare

Mr Anthony Burridge: Principal Biosecurity Legislation Officer

Attorney-General's Department

Ms Roslyn Chenoweth: Senior Policy Officer

Question Taken on Notice

1. I have a question relating to Schedule 2, Excluded electrical devices...Item 3 is 'Electric training collar (excluding collars operated by remote control device)' and item 7 is specifically 'Electronic fencing systems using collars and transmitters'. I cannot get my head around what an electric collar without a remote control device that is not a fencing system actually is or how it would function. Is there any reason that item is still in there?

The witnesses withdrew

2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 3.00 pm, Friday 15 August 2025

Meeting closed at 2.57 pm

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

3.04 pm, Friday 15 August 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The minutes of meeting no. 17 of 31 July 2025 and meeting no. 18 of 8 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. BILL INQUIRY: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Justine Davis moved and Oly Carlson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Given the inquiry timeframe and the support for the Bill the Committee determined it would not hold a public hearing. It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should cover the issues raised in the consideration of evidence as discussed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 2.00 pm, Monday 25 August 2025.

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

2.00 pm, Monday 25 August 2025

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
- Apologies:** Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 19 of 15 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. BILL INQUIRY: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Animal Protection and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* as amended, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 27 August 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 2.09 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

12.00 pm, Thursday 4 September 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 20 of 25 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRAL: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

The Committee considered the proposed Bill Inquiry Plan and agreed to:

- a) call for submissions to be received by Monday 15 September 2025.
- b) invite representatives from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment to brief the Committee at a public briefing from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 9 September 2025.
- c) meet to consider submissions and evidence received at 2.30 pm Friday 19 September 2025.

The Chair requested that Members provide the secretariat with the names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Thursday 4 September 2025.

3. NEXT MEETINGS

Public Briefing: 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Tuesday 9 September 2025

Deliberative Meeting: 2.30 pm, Friday 19 September 2025

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

3.00 pm, Tuesday 9 September 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale

Apologies: Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Lands, Planning and Environment

Mr Paul Purdon: Executive Director, Environment and Heritage

Mr Kevin Phang: Director, Circular Economy

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 2.30 pm, Friday 19 September 2025

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

12.30 pm, Friday 19 September 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 21 of 4 September and meeting No. 22 of 9 September 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. BILL INQUIRY: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 37)

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should address the concerns raised in submissions and issues raised during the public briefing and recommend that the Bill be adopted with no amendments. It was also suggested that consideration be given to recommending that the Government review the scheme to examine the impacts of increasing the refund on containers.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 1.30 pm, Monday 6 October 2025

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

1.30 pm, Monday 6 October 2025
Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Apologies: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 23 of 19 September 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL INQUIRY: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 37)

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Legislation Amendment (Expansion of CDS and Other Matters) Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 8 October 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 16 October 2025

Meeting closed at 1.34 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

12.00 pm, Thursday 16 October 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale

Apologies: Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 24 of 6 October 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *annual Report 2024-25* as amended, for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

Question put and passed.

3. BILL REFERRALS

The Committee considered the proposed Bill inquiry plan for the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 and the Tourism NT Amendment (Integration of NTMEC) Bill 2025 and agreed to:

- a) Call for submissions to be received by Friday 24 October 2025
- b) Advise the committee secretariat of any additional key stakeholders by close of business Thursday, 16 October 2025.
- c) Defer discussion of whether to hold public briefings to its next meeting scheduled for 22 October 2025.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 23 October 2025

Meeting closed at 12.19 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair