



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 7
Tuesday 22 November 2016**

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ms Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the elimination of violence against women and supporting White Ribbon day.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the presentation of the Address in Reply to His Honour the Administrator.

5. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 3 students from Rosebery Primary School accompanied by their teachers Lindsay Clarke and Sarah Pearce.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

6. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PLANNING DECISIONS

Ms Purick (Member for Goyder), pursuant to notice, moved:

1. That a Select Committee to Review Planning Decisions by Planning Ministers comprising two members nominated by the Chief Minister, two members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and two independent members be appointed.
2. The Committee is to inquire into and report on the decisions of Planning Ministers between August 2012 and August 2016:
 - (a) regarding all major rezoning, exceptional development permit and special purpose use applications; and
 - (b) where extraordinary powers were exercised by the Minister.
3. In examining these decisions, the Committee is to have regard to:
 - (a) What external stakeholders were consulted in the decision making;
 - (b) What property owners and proponents associated with applications met with the planning Minister prior to a decision being made;
 - (c) What consultants were paid by the government in relation to any of the decisions;

- (d) The aggregated concerns of the community on key planning decisions including, but not limited to, Lowther Road, Gardens Hill, Dundee Beach shop, Fred's Pass Road, Bayview expansion and the sub regional Litchfield Plan being declared into the NT Planning Scheme prematurely.
4. The Committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
 5. The Committee is to report within four months of the Committee's first meeting.
 6. The foregoing provisions of this resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

Ms Purick, Ms Manison.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 8 students from Marrara Christian College accompanied by their teachers Darrell Leng and Chantelle Hunt

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Mr Higgins.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 10.50 and 14.00.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY PRESENTATION TO ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised that accompanied by Honourable Members today she attended upon His Honour the Administrator and there presented to him the Address in Reply to the speech His Honour delivered on the occasion of the opening of the Thirteenth Assembly, and that His Honour had been pleased to make the following reply:

"Madam Speaker, thank you for your Address in Reply which you have presented to me.

It will afford me pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen through the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the message of loyalty of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia to which the address gives expression".

8. PETITION

Ms Ah Kit presented Petition Number 3 from 615 petitioners conforming to Standing Orders praying that the Northern Territory Government launch an immediate and urgent review of the Seniors Concession Scheme (Paper 130).

Petition read.

9. QUESTIONS

14:00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

14:04 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Member for Nhulunbuy, Ms Lynne Walker.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitor.

14:07 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14:11 Mr Kirby to Ms Manison
14:14 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14:18 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14:20 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner
14:24 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner
14:25 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Fyles
14:29 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:33 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14:37 Ms Uiho to Ms Lawler
14:40 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14:44 Mr Costa to Mr McCarthy
14:48 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14:51 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14:55 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

10. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PLANNING DECISIONS NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the motion be agreed to.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Fyles, Mr Wood was granted an extension of time.

Mr Wood, Mr Mills, Ms Fyles, Mrs Lambley, Ms Purick.

Question put and not agreed to.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: JOBS STATEMENT NOTED

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Gunner.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Manison, Mr Gunner was granted an extension of time.

Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: INFRASTRUCTURE MOTION TO NOTE

Ms Manison (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) made a statement regarding Infrastructure.

Ms Manison moved that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Higgins, Mr Vowles, Mr Wood.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mrs Lambley, Mr Wood was granted an extension of time.

Mr Wood, Ms Lawler, Ms Nelson, Mrs Lambley.

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Gunner, Ms Purick, Ms Nelson, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Wakefield, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech, Ms Uibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.19 until 23 November 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following papers were deemed to have been tabled:

Annual Reports 2015-2016:

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Paper 131)

Department of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 132)

Northern Territory Electoral Commission (Paper 133)

Tarcoola-Darwin Rail Access Regulation (Paper 134)

Work Health Authority (Paper 135)

Financial Statement:

Independent Auditor's Report, Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office, Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 (Paper 136)

Subordinate Legislation 2016:

No 41 of 2016, Gaming Machine Amendment (Aggregate Number of Gaming Machines) Regulations 2016 (Paper 137)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly