



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

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## **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

# **Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill 2017**

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February 2018



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

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

9.00 am, Friday, 10 November 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 18 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

3. **INQUIRY INTO ICAC BILL**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Committee adopt the Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017 report subject to minor amendments to be confirmed by email.
2. The Committee table the report with the Speaker on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and circulate to all Members for consideration ahead of the November meeting period.

Question put and passed.

4. **BILL REFERRALS**

***Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill***

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues Report' for the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2017 for tabling in the November meeting period.

Question put and passed

***Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill***

- As no submissions were received the Committee agreed to write to key stakeholders giving them a further opportunity to provide any comments they may have in relation to the proposed amendments – in particular the removal of the mandatory requirement that the Minister must establish an advisory council – by Friday 17 November 2017.

Question put and passed

***ICAC (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill 2017***

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice for consideration and comment by Friday, 17 November 2017.

Question put and passed.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

9.00 am, Wednesday, 22 November 2017 in the Ormiston Room

Meeting closed at 10.00 am

  
**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No.7**

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 22 November 2017  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 of 10 November 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- The Chair tabled the Committee's report: *Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017* with the speaker on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and circulated to all Members for consideration ahead of the November meeting period.
- A further opportunity to comment on the Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill 2017 by 17 November 2017 was advertised via the Legislative Assembly's website, Facebook, Twitter feed and email subscription service and letters were also sent to 20 key stakeholders including environment organisations, Land Councils, Landcare groups and Indigenous. However, no submissions were received.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**4. PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL**

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues Report' for the Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill 2017.

Question put and passed.

**5. ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL**

The Committee agreed to invite the Attorney-General to appear before the Committee from 11.00 am to 12.00pm on Monday 4 December to clarify issues regarding proposed amendment to the Criminal Code at s75C.

**6. BILL INQUIRIES**

The Committee agreed that:

1. Departmental briefings be sought on all Bills referred to the Committee.

2. Calls for submissions to include questions regarding the Bill to encourage and assist members of the public to engage with the Committee.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Public Briefing, 11.00 am, Monday 4 December 2017

Meeting closed at 1.45 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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**SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No.8**

10.00 am, Wednesday, 31 January 2018  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

**Apologies:** Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

**Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer  
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms Nelson moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 22 November 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

**3. BILL INQUIRIES**

Bill inquiry tracking sheet noted

**4. ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL**

The Committee considered the draft report and requested that the Committee Secretary circulate an amended version to Committee members for final comments by 12 noon Thursday, 1 February ahead of the deliberative meeting scheduled for 9.00 am Monday, 5 February.

**5. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2017**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Chair advised that extensions had been granted to the Department of Health and Alex Richmond (Facilitator of the Domestic and Family Violence Network) to close of business, Thursday 8 February. To facilitate consideration and publication of submissions ahead of the proposed public hearings, it was agreed that the Committee Secretary request that submissions be received by close of business, Wednesday 7 February.

**6. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDEMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL 2017**

Mrs Lambley moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**7. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EQUALITY) BILL 2017**

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

**8. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS**

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

***Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2017***

- Greg Shanahan: Chief Executive Officer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Laura Berta: Policy Lawyer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice

***Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2017***

- Greg Shanahan: Chief Executive Officer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director Legal Policy, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice
- Fiona Hardy: Senior Policy Lawyer, Dept of the Attorney-General and Justice

***Adoption of Children Legislation Amendment (Equality) Bill 2017***

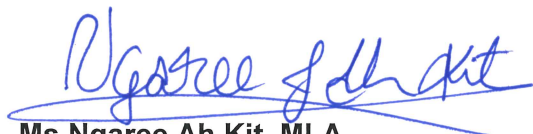
- Ken Davies: Chief Executive Officer, Territory Families
- Luke Twyford: Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance, Territory Families
- Debra Moore: Senior Adoption Practitioner, Territory Families
- Seranie Gamble: Director Law Reform, Territory Families

**9. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, 5 February 2018 at 9.00 am - deliberative meeting to consider/adopt ICAC (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill report

Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 1.00 pm in the Ormiston Room – deliberative meeting to consider submissions and finalise public hearing schedule.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**



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## SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No.9

9.00 am, Monday, 5 February 2018

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama  
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine  
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett  
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
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- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Nelson moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 31 January 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. ICAC (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL

The Committee considered the Chair's revised draft report. The Chair tabled the comments provided by the Member for Spillett and thanked her for her input.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the revised report *Inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill 2017*.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 1.00 pm in the Ormiston Room – deliberative meeting to consider submissions and finalise public hearing schedule.

Meeting closed at 9.21 am

**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA**  
**Chair**