



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019

October 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

12.45 pm, Thursday, 15 August 2019
Ormiston Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA Mrs Kate Worden MLA Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA Mr Jeff Collins MLA
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 43 of 30 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed not to hold a public hearing at this stage.

Mrs Worden requested that a question regarding the effect on the operation of the Bill of prohibiting third party campaigners from acting in concert with others, in relation to expenditure, be included in the questions for the Department.

3. BILL REFERRALS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 to be received by 4 September 2019.
2. The Committee write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources requesting contact officers for the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 and the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019, and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on 21 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

NB: Submissions to the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 were sent out on 9 August based on Committee's standard default procedure for inviting submissions (Meeting No. 2 Agenda).

4. PETITION REFERRALS

Mr Collins moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

1. The Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly debate Petition No. 36.
2. The Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly debate Petition No. 39.

Question put and passed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked everyone for their work on the Liquor Bill 2019.

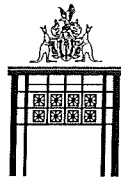
6. NEXT MEETING

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Wednesday 21 August 2019

Meeting closed at 1.06 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 August 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Mr Jeff Collins MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Kim Cowcher

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses

- Andrew Kirkman: Chief Executive
- Guy Riley: Legal Policy Officer
- Nick Papandonakis: Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Legislation
- Paula Timson: Director Legislation and Reform

Water Further Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses

- Jo Townsend: Chief Executive
- Christine Long: Executive Director

Tabled Paper 1-1: Submission to the EPSC from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

2. NEXT MEETING

11.00 am – 12.00 pm, Friday 30 August 2019

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm

Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

11.30 am, Friday, 30 August 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

1. The Minutes of Meeting No. 44 of 15 August 2019 be confirmed.
2. The Minutes of Meeting No. 45 of 21 August 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of the submission from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.
2. The Committee authorises publication of the two sets of written Responses from the Department of the Chief Minister on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to draft a letter to Jodie Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Chief Minister responding to her concerns regarding the form of recommendations from scrutiny committees. The letter is to be distributed to Members prior to sending.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Annual Report 2018-2019, to be presented to the Speaker on Wednesday 4 September 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed that the Committee Secretary and First Clerk Assistant should arrange a meeting with the Department of the Chief Minister to further clarify drafting issues in the Bill and to incorporate subsequent amendments as recommendations into the draft report to be provided to the Committee at the next meeting on Wednesday 11 September 2019.

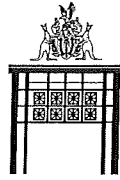
5. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 2.00 pm, Wednesday 11 September 2019 (Consider/adopt Chair's draft report on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019)

Meeting closed at 12.13 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

2.00 pm, Wednesday, 11 September 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 46 of 30 August 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved Mr Collins seconded that:

The second submission sent in error by NT Farmers Association Inc. on 10 September 2019 not be accepted as a submission to the inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro will provide a dissenting report on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 by Friday 13 September 2019.

4. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 on Tuesday 24 September 2019. Proposed participants include Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, NT Farmers Association Inc, and staff from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Finocchiaro requested that it be noted that she had recommended that a public hearing be held on the Electoral Further Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm, Thursday 19 September 2019 (deliberative to consider new Bill referrals)

Meeting closed at 2.30 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

12.15 pm, Thursday, 19 September 2019
Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 47 of 11 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

3. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of the responses to written questions received from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put and passed.

4. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Waiting on responses from the Department.

5. BILLS REFERRED IN SEPTEMBER SITTINGS

Review of Bill inquiry plan

Public briefings on new Bills scheduled for Tuesday 24 September 2019.

The Committee agreed to re-schedule the deliberative meeting on the 30 September 2019 to 9.00 am Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the September sittings to be received by Tuesday 8 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The standard operating procedures of the Committee include the secretary, through the Chair, writing to Ministers to request a contact officer and invite departmental staff to public briefings on new Bills.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am to 12.30 pm, Tuesday 24 September 2019 (Public hearing on Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 and public briefings on Bills referred in the September sittings)

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

9.00 am, Tuesday, 24 September 2019
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Participating Member	Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Central Land Council

- Peter Donohoe, Manager Land Management Section
- Su Sze Ting, Senior Lawyer

Northern Land Council

- Greg McDonald, Manager Minerals and Energy
- Tess Cole-Adams, Lawyer

Tabled Paper 1.1: Map - Native Title Determination – NLC Region

Northern Territory Farmers Association Inc.

- Paul Burke, Chief Executive Officer

Question taken on Notice

You heard the Northern Land Council's recommendation that non-exclusive native title holders be eligible people under the Bill. Do you have any view on that proposal?

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- Christine Long, Executive Director, Water Resources

The Committee went into closed session at 10.15 am

The Committee resumed the public briefing at 10.29 am

Committee adjourned at 10.45 am

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to give consideration as to whether legal advice should be sought on issues raised in relation to native title - pending further clarification from the 1st Clerk Assistant regarding how these issues relate to the Bill.

Committee adjourned 10.56 am

3. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ON BILLS REFERRED DURING SEPTEMBER SITTINGS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019

- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Robert Gray, Policy Lawyer

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, joined the Committee for public briefings on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 and the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Sex Industry Bill 2019

- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Douglas Burns, Policy Law Officer

Question taken on notice

Please provide a breakdown of the final figures regarding submissions to the Government's consultation on reforming the regulation of the Sex Industry in the Northern Territory, submitted through the "Have your Say" website.

Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

- Commander Tony Fuller APM, Territory Support
- Commander Martin Dole – Crime Command
- Superintendent Shaun Gill, APM Territory Support Services
- Isabel Roper, Law Reform Legal Officer
- Senior Sergeant Drew Slape, Firearms Policy Unit

4. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am to 10.00 am, Tuesday 1 October 2019 (Consideration of evidence for Water Further Amendment Bill and the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019).

Meeting closed at 12.22 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

9.00 am, Tuesday, 1 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 48 of 19 September 2019 and Meeting No. 49 of 24 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to have a public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 and to invite people suggested by Matthew Davis in his email dated 25 September 2019.

3. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed that a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

4. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed that a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

5. NEXT MEETING

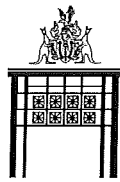
Monday 7 October 2019 (Consider/adopt Chair's draft reports)

Meeting closed at 9.55 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA

Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

11.00 am, Monday, 7 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 50 of 1 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

The Committee agreed that the e-mail from Mr Rodney Jones would not be treated as a submission to the inquiry.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, with this including submissions 4 to 15.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 on Tuesday 29 October 2019 and that this may be held in conjunction with public briefings on Bills referred in the October sittings.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

(1) The Committee authorise the publication of the Map of Native Title Determination areas tabled by Northern Land Council at the public hearing on the Water Further Amendment Bill on 24 September 2019.

(2) That the Committee authorise the publication of the written responses from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm, Thursday 17 October 2019

Meeting closed at 11.15

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair