



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

May 2020



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

12.00 pm, Thursday 20 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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 13 February 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association.

Question put and passed.

3. UPDATED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into the Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 and the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 to be received by Wednesday 11 March 2020.
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills.

Questions put and passed.


4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Lambley advised the Committee that pursuant to Sessional Order 13(3) she nominated Member for Fong Lim, Mr Jeff Collins MLA, as an alternate member to participate at the Committee's upcoming public hearings and deliberative meeting scheduled for 8.30 am to 3.00 pm on Monday 2 March 2020.

5. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearings and Deliberative: 8.30 am – 3.00 pm, Monday 2 March 2020.

Meeting closed at 12.08 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

3.00 pm, Monday 16 March 2020

Litchfield Room

Present:	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
Secretariat:	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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



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LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

3.00 pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020

Via Teleconference

Present: 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

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 16 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Friday 20 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 26 March 2020 (Consideration of submissions received on Bills referred in February, consideration of any new Bill referrals).

Meeting closed at 3.05 pm.

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

2.00 pm, Wednesday 1 April 2020

Via Teleconference

Present:	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
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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



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LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2020
Litchfield Room

Present:	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
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

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



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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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Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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