



**Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly**

Notice Paper
Meeting Number 31
Wednesday 3 September 2025
The Assembly meets at 10.00 am

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Meeting Dates

Meeting Days

2025

September	3, 4
October	14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23
November	25, 26, 27

Assembly Committee Meetings

Legislative Scrutiny Committee	12 noon Thursday 4 September	Litchfield Room
House Committee	12 noon Thursday 4 September	Ormiston Room
Public Accounts Committee	10.00 am Friday 5 September	Ormiston Room
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee	10.00 am Friday 5 September	Litchfield Room

Standing and Sessional Orders

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly and Sessional Orders are available at:
[Standing and Sessional Orders – Northern Territory Government – Legislative Assembly](#)

Routine of Business

The order of business as approved by the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2024.

Tuesday and Thursday:

10.00 am

1. Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
 2. Business of the Assembly (if any)
 3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
- 2.00 pm
4. Notices
 5. Petitions
 6. Questions
 7. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
 8. Papers
 9. Responses to Petitions
 10. Consideration of Committee Reports, Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports
 11. Debate on petitions
 12. Matter of Public Importance

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- 7.00 pm
8. Government Business
 9. Papers

Pursuant to Standing Orders, items that can occur at any time when there is no question before the Assembly (ie between items of business) include messages from the Administrator, personal explanations, ministerial statements, motions for leave of absence or the suspension of Standing Orders, and the tabling of committee reports.

Ministerial Reports

A ministerial report on Silkwood was notified by the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment on 29 July 2025.

Government Business

Notices

1. Electricity Legislation Amendment (Market Reform) Bill 2025 (Serial 36)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Electricity Reform Act 2000* and the *National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2015*

Notice given by: Mr Maley

Date: 2 September 2025

Status: To be introduced.

2. Electricity System and Market Operator Bill 2025 (Serial 35)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to establish the Northern Territory Electricity System and Market Operator and for related purposes

Notice given by: Mr Maley

Date: 2 September 2025

Status: To be introduced.

3. First Home Owner Grant Amendment (Extension of Scheme) Bill 2025 (Serial 38)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000*

Notice given by: Mr Yan

Date: 2 September 2025

Status: To be introduced.

4. Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Legislation Amendment (Expansion of CDS and Other Matters) Bill 2025 (Serial 37)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011* and the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Regulations 2011

Notice given by: Mr Burgoyne

Date: 2 September 2025

Status: To be introduced.

Government Business

Orders of the Day

1. Lands, Planning and Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 34)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Building Act 1993*, the *Heritage Act 2011*, the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1983*, the *Place Names Act 1967*, the *Planning Act 1999*, the *Special Purposes Leases Act 1953*, the *Swimming Pool Safety Act 2004*, the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*, the *Valuation of Land Act 1963*, the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*, the *Water Act 1992* and various subordinate legislation

Notice given by: Mr Burgoyne

Date introduced: 30 July 2025

Status: Second reading made an order of the day after 28 days have lapsed.

Spoken: Mr Burgoyne

2. Ministerial Report on Asian Relations

Moved by: Ms Cahill

Date moved: 19 March 2025

Status: Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the report (55 minutes remaining on debate).

Spoken: Ms Cahill, Ms Uibo, Mr O’Gallagher, Mr Howe, Mrs Carlson.

3. Ministerial Report on an Update on NT Corrections

Moved by: Mr Maley

Date moved: 13 February 2025

Status: Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the report (1 hour and 40 minutes remaining on debate).

Spoken: Mr Maley

4. Ministerial Report on 2025 Federal Budget

Moved by: Mr Yan

Date moved: 26 March 2025

Status: Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the report (10 minutes remaining on debate).

Spoken: Mr Yan, Ms Uibo, Mr Maley, Mr Edgington, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech, Mr Mackay, Ms Boothby, Mrs Zio, Mr Kerle (6 minutes remaining).

5. Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 28)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992*

Notice given by: Ms Boothby

Date introduced: 30 July 2025

Status: Second reading made an order of the day after 28 days have lapsed.

Spoken: Ms Boothby

General Business

Notices

1. Improving Rental Security in the Northern Territory

Notice given by: K McNamara

Date: 13 February 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly

- Recognises the rising costs of living pressures upon Territorians, particularly renters who often face housing insecurity
- Acknowledges that renters in the NT face frequent and unreasonable rent increases
- Urges the CLP Government to improve protections for renters under the Residential Tenancies Act by:
 - Introduce a two year rent freeze
 - Limit rental increases to 2% every 2 years after end of rent freeze
 - Establishing an independent bond board, minimum standards for rental premises, including energy efficiency and heating/cooling requirements
 - Abolish no grounds evictions
 - Protect tenants against discrimination
 - Modernise the Act to reflect the realities of renting, including specific protections for renters living in sharehouses
 - Strengthen accountability for landlords obligations.

2. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation for the Northern Territory

Notice given by: K McNamara

Date: 21 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence on anthropogenic global heating which is changing the climate and global weather patterns.
2. Recognises that in this climate crisis, the Northern Territory will increasingly be impacted by more extreme weather patterns, including increased severity and length of heatwaves, prolonged droughts, sea level rise, more intense cyclones and flooding, as well as a broader distribution of tropical diseases and species habitat reduction.
3. Recognise that the Northern Territory Government has an obligation to its citizens to work to mitigate the impacts of the changing the climate, actively create resilient communities and develop an overarching climate change adaptation strategy for the NT that focuses on:
 - a) Consulting widely across sectors, our urban and rural communities, government, peak organisation and business.
 - b) Identifying key climate risks to our communities, our economy, our infrastructure and our environment.
 - c) Analysing risks and impacts, costing adaptation and mitigation measures.

- d) Identifying the best ways to use funding, prioritise actions, and advocate for federal money.
- e) Ensuring those most vulnerable to heatwaves are supported to adapt to a hotter climate, including housing upgrades to improve energy efficiency and ensuring access to reliable and free air-conditioned public spaces.
- f) Ensure consideration of climate risks is embedded in planning for all large projects that include significant public investment.
- g) Create a Climate Risk Adaptation framework for all future government budgets.

3. Commonwealth Oversight into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Deaths in Police and Prison Custody

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to urgently establish a national, independent body with the resources and power to investigate, report, monitor and enforce change in relation to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in police and prison custody in Australia.

4. Investing in Territory Roads

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 25 March 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly recognise the importance of investing in the regional and remote road network across the Territory, to drive economic development and improve connectivity, flood immunity, safety and access for all Territorians.

5. Economic Value of the Regions

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 25 March 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise the importance of the Northern Territory's regions and their role in developing the Territory economy; and
- Recognise and support their plans for economic growth.

6. Shared Decision Making with Aboriginal Communities

Notice given by: Mr Guyula

Date: 27 March 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Legislative Assembly recognise the urgent need for Government to begin the work of creating genuine partnerships and shared decision making with all Aboriginal communities on all issues that affect Aboriginal people. This work must begin by providing support for the development of community groups that represent all clan and family groups within a community and have authority to make decisions for the people of the community, in accordance with Aboriginal law.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 27 March 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Acknowledge that young people today are the first generation in modern history to be worse off than their parents. We are leaving our children a far harder world to flourish in than the one we inherited. We need to have long term solutions that we know will protect our children's future.
2. Takes action to create long-lasting protections for the next generations of Northern Territorians by establishing a select committee to investigate and report on the creation of a Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill, that:
 - 2.1. Requires that intergenerational equity and wellbeing be considered and promoted in all government and public decision-making.
 - 2.2. Imposes a responsibility on government and public bodies to consider the long-term impact of their decisions.
 - 2.3. Requires a Statement of Compatibility with the provisions and objects of the Bill to be completed for Bills which are put before the Parliament.
 - 2.4. Establishes an independent officer, or appoints an existing public officer, to oversee compliance and conduct investigations regarding the Bill to ensure that its object are achieved.
 - 2.5. Conducts a comprehensive community consultation across the Territory to gather input for the creation of the Bill.
3. That the committee be composed of two members from the government, two from the opposition, and two from the crossbench to be nominated in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or crossbench member, with the chair being a non-government member.
4. That the committee be able to report to the Assembly periodically, but must deliver its final report with recommendations within 12 months of this resolution.

8. Alcohol Action Plan for the Northern Territory

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 12 February 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

calls on the Government to work with community representatives and sector experts to develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence-based alcohol action plan for the Northern Territory, which:

1. Addresses the widespread harms caused by alcohol and the root causes of these.
2. Includes strategies for prevention, harm reduction, early intervention, and support for those struggling with alcohol dependence.
3. Balances common sense measures that benefit the health and wellbeing of Territorians, based on what evidence suggests will be most likely to improve rates of harm.

4. Supports people to effectively break cycles of alcohol problems, complex social issues and involvement in the justice system, in ways that can have intergenerational benefits.
5. Recognises that there is not a one size fits all approach and ensures that local communities, particularly Aboriginal communities, are informed and engaged in the development of tailored solutions that reflect their specific needs and concerns.
6. Strengthens support for health services, law enforcement, and emergency responders who respond to alcohol-related harms.
7. Takes a holistic approach that empowers communities, supports families, and builds long-term, sustainable solutions to reduce alcohol-related harm in the Northern Territory.
8. Acknowledges the role of alcohol in exacerbating domestic, family and sexual violence and prioritises the safety of women and children.
9. Removes the undue influence of the alcohol lobby in the development and implementation of alcohol policy, ensuring decisions are made in the public interest and based on evidence rather than commercial interests.
10. Ensures a long-term vision and commitment to effective alcohol policy, with clear commitments and funding across electoral cycles and progress monitored through measurable outcome.

9. Cost of Airfares

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 14 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly call on the Finocchiaro CLP Government to address the high cost of airfares as a priority to support the Territory's economic development and Territorian's liveability standards.

10. Youth Services

Notice given by: Mr Brown

Date: 14 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly recognise the importance of investing in viable and accessible Youth Services across the Northern Territory.

11. Biodiversity Laws

Notice given by: Mr Paech

Date: 14 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

1. Recognise the unique and globally significant biodiversity of the Northern Territory, including its ecosystems, wildlife, and cultural landscapes.
2. Acknowledges the critical role biodiversity plays in sustaining the Territory's unique lifestyle, cultural heritage, economic prosperity, and environmental resilience.

3. Notes with concern the increasing pressures on the Territory's biodiversity, including habitat destruction, invasive species, climate change, and unsustainable land use practices.
4. Highlights the absence of comprehensive biodiversity legislation in the Northern Territory, which leaves significant gaps in the protection and sustainable management of the Territory's natural assets.
5. Commends the efforts of local communities, Traditional Owners, and environmental organisations in advocating for stronger biodiversity protections and sustainable land stewardship.
6. And call on the CLP Government to:
 - Commit to developing and introducing robust biodiversity legislation to safeguard the Northern Territory's unique lifestyle and natural environment.
 - Ensure the legislation prioritises:
 - The protection of native species and ecosystems, with special consideration for threatened species and habitats.
 - The prevention and management of invasive species and other ecological threats.
 - Sustainable land and water use practices that balance economic development with ecological integrity.
 - The preservation and promotion of Aboriginal cultural landscapes and knowledge systems in biodiversity management.
 - Engage in transparent and inclusive consultation with all stakeholders, including Traditional Owners, Aboriginal land councils, scientists, conservation groups, pastoralist, and industry representatives.
 - Provide adequate funding and resources to support the implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of biodiversity protections.
 - Commit to measurable biodiversity targets aligned with national and international environmental goals.
7. Urges the CLP Government to demonstrate leadership in protecting the Territory's natural heritage, ensuring that future generations of Territorians can continue to enjoy the unique lifestyle and landscape that define the Northern Territory.

12. Youth Hub

Notice given by: Mr Brown
 Date: 15 May 2025
 Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise the importance of providing a safe place for young people to connect with each other, engage in fun activities and access the support they need; and
- Condemn the Finocchiaro CLP Government for relocating the Youth Hub set to be built at the old Casuarina Fire Station without proper consultation and for political purposes.

13. Affordable Housing

Notice given by: Mr Paech

Date: 15 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

1. Note that secure, affordable housing is essential for the wellbeing of all Territorians;
2. Recognise the Northern Territory faces a housing crisis, with shortages in urban areas and severe overcrowding in remote communities;
3. Express concern about the Government's cuts of over \$100 million from housing, including urban, remote, government employee housing, and housing in homelands and town camps;
4. Calls on the Government to urgently restore and increase investment in housing infrastructure, ensuring funding for new builds, upgrades, and maintenance;
5. Calls on the Government to deliver on Commonwealth housing programs in full, including the Housing Australia Future Fund and National Housing Accord;
6. Urges the Government to fulfil its commitments to provide safe, sustainable, and culturally appropriate housing across the Territory.

14. Enterprise Agreement Negotiations

Notice given by: Mr Paech

Date: 20 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

- Negotiate in good faith with employee representatives and finalise outstanding public sector enterprise agreements.
- Honour its commitment not to sack public servants.
- Amend its wages policy so that workers are not forced to trade entitlements for wage increases.

15. Healthcare Providers

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 20 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

1. Recognise the importance of individual choice in accessing public and private healthcare services across the Northern Territory, and the critical role choice plays in ensuring timely, quality, and accessible care for Territorians.
2. Recognise that preserving and expanding choice between public and private providers allows Territories to make decisions that best suit their medical needs, financial circumstances, and personal preferences.
3. Urge the Finocchiaro CLP Government to:
 - Work with healthcare stakeholders and the Federal Government to maintain and encourage access to private healthcare options across the Northern Territory; and
 - Support the growth and sustainability of private healthcare providers in the Territory.

16. Renewable Energy

Notice given by: Ms Uibo
Date: 20 May 2025
Status: To be moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

1. Urgently invest in renewable energy infrastructure and technology to support the Territory sustainable energy future.
2. Recommit to the 50 per cent renewable target by 2030, in recognition of the importance of progressing our renewable energy capabilities.
3. Continue to commit to the Remote Power System Strategy so that 70 per cent of the combined electricity consumed in 72 remote Territory Communities serviced by Indigenous Essential Services (IES) comes from renewable energy by 2030.

17. Crime Prevention Framework

Notice given by: K McNamara
Date: 21 May 2025
Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

Calls upon the Government to develop an evidence-based crime prevention framework that:

1. Adopts a public health approach.
2. Is developed in consultation with relevant peak bodies, experts and organisations on the ground.
3. Recognises the systemic racism prevalent in the Northern Territory and its impacts upon the criminal justice system.

18. Gamba Grass

Notice given by: K McNamara
Date: 27 November 2024
Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise that the invasive species Gamba Grass, through increased fire severity, threatens wildlife, infrastructure and lives in Litchfield National Park.
- Recognise the urgency of the problem and that without an adequately funded and planned response, Gamba will continue to spread in Litchfield National Park threatening the viability of the park as a tourist destination.
- Urges the government to implement the fully costed recommendations from the CDU research paper “The cost of not acting: Delaying invasive grass management increases costs and threatens assets in a national park, northern Australia” (Rossiter-Rachor et al., 2023), which include:
 - Expanding the eradication zone in the park to encompass the protection of 86% of visitor sites
 - Implement a five-year eradication program according to the investment recommendations in the report, followed by yearly ongoing maintenance
 - Install a full-time Gamba Coordinator to plan and carry out the eradication program.

19. NT Aboriginal Interpreter Service

Notice given by: Mr Guyula

Date: 22 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

The NT Legislative Assembly:

- Acknowledge the important and extensive work of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service in its 25 year legacy.
- Recognise the Northern Territory is one of the most linguistically diverse areas in the world, and the expansive and challenging requirements of the role of interpreters in NT contexts.
- Recognise the right for Territorians to access public services in a language they understand, and the value of embedding interpreter services across all relevant sectors of the public service.
- Urge the Government to increase their commitment to funding the Aboriginal Interpreter Service, acknowledging the importance of strategic, long-term and intersectoral investment to ensure the service is able to sustainably recruit and develop the Aboriginal interpreter workforce to deliver its core business operations across urban, regional and remote locations of the NT.

20. Crime Soaring in Alice Springs

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly condemns the Finocchiaro CLP Government for failing to address the crime crisis in Alice Springs.

21. Central Australia Economy

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly calls on the Finocchiaro CLP Government to work with the community and businesses of Alice Springs to develop a strong economic vision for the town to inspire and generate business confidence and certainty.

22. Population Growth in the Northern Territory

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly:

- Acknowledges the importance of population growth to the Northern Territory's future economic future; and
- Urges the CLP Government to outline its clear plans to grow the Territory population, beyond platitudes and hollow commitments.

23. Secondary Supply of Alcohol

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly:

- Recognise the severe negative impacts of secondary supply of alcohol and illicit substances on communities, residents, homes and businesses; and
- Call on the CLP Government to address the links between health, crime, violence and child protection issues associated with substance abuse.

24. Nighttime Economy Strategy

Notice given by: Mr Young

Date: 29 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly call on the CLP Government to develop and implement a Territory night-time economy strategy which supports and enhances visitor experiences, events and activities and after-hours businesses.

25. Public Sector Integrity

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 14 May 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Affirms the critical importance of integrity, transparency, and accountability in the Northern Territory public sector and all levels of government;
2. Acknowledges growing public concern about misconduct, conflicts of interest, and corruption in parts of the NT public sector, whether actual or perceived, and the need to restore trust in government institutions;
3. Notes the current limitations in investigative and enforcement powers available to integrity bodies in the Northern Territory, including but not limited to the Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC), particularly in relation to whistleblower protection, transparency of outcomes, and responsiveness and action on complaints;
4. Calls on the Northern Territory Government to:
 - a) Strengthen ICAC's independence, powers, and resources to ensure thorough and timely investigations;
 - b) Create a cross-party Parliamentary Integrity and Oversight Committee to monitor and report on ethical conduct and integrity issues across government;
 - c) Implement a public register of interests for senior public servants, statutory officeholders, and ministerial staff, which will be updated regularly and subject to independent audit;
 - d) Introduce a mandatory Code of Conduct for public sector agencies, with clear standards, reporting obligations, and consequences for breaches;
 - e) Strengthen whistleblower protections, including anonymous reporting, legal safeguards, and accessible complaint pathways;

- f) Commission an independent review of integrity frameworks across the Territory, including complaints handling, conflict-of-interest management, and procurement practices;
 - g) Revise the lobbyist regime to require a public, real-time Register of Lobbyists, including details on lobbyists, Ministers or Members involved, and the matters under consideration, as well as the publication of Ministerial diaries.
5. Commits this Assembly to leading by example by adopting stronger internal accountability measures, improving committee transparency, and ensuring the community has confidence in the integrity of its elected representatives and democratic institutions.

26. Establishing a Chief Scientist for the Northern Territory

Notice given by: K McNamara

Date: 31 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly:

1. Recognises that the Northern Territory is one of only two Australian jurisdictions without a Chief Scientist or equivalent advisory role.

2. Notes that Chief Scientists in other jurisdictions have delivered significant benefits including:

- Attracting research investment and infrastructure to build scientific capacity
- Facilitating partnerships between academia, government and industry
- Providing independent advice on complex challenges including natural
- disasters, energy transitions, and emerging technologies
- Supporting technology commercialisation and innovation programs that drive
- economic growth
- Enhancing the jurisdiction's reputation as a science and technology leader

3. Calls on the CLP Government to establish a Northern Territory Chief Scientist position that would:

- Provide independent, evidence-based advice to government on science, technology, engineering and innovation matters
- Attract Commonwealth and industry investment in Northern Territory science and research
- Facilitate collaboration between Territory research institutions, industry and government
- Advocate for the importance of STEM education and science engagement across the community
- Represent the Territory on national science forums and advisory bodies
- Provide expert advice on environmental, energy, and technological challenges facing the Territory

27. Clean Air Act

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 31 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

- Recognises the serious health and economic impacts of air pollution in the Northern Territory,
- Notes that Darwin now has the worst air quality in Australia, costing over \$100 million annually.
- Calls on the NT Government to develop and implement a Clean Air Act within two years, with enforceable standards, real-time monitoring, and community involvement.

28. Future of Jabiru and the Gove Peninsula

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 31 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Acknowledge the impact of the cessation of mining in both Jabiru and the Gove Peninsula, their local communities, businesses, government services and broader regions.
2. Recognise the need for ongoing Government investment to ensure a strong and sustainable future for both Jabiru and the Gove Peninsula, helping the transition from mining towns to vibrant and sustainable regional services hubs that support thriving communities and diverse economies.

29. Remote Health Access

Notice given by: Mr Brown

Date: 31 July 2025

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

- Acknowledge the importance of improving access to timely, quality and culturally safe patient focused health care across remote areas in the Northern Territory; and
- Condemn the Finocchiaro CLP Government for scrapping the \$20 million dollar health centre and morgue designated for the Gunbalanya community.

General Business

Orders of the Day

1. Improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament

Moved by: J Davis

Date moved: 23 October 2024

Debate interrupted: 23 October 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly recognise the critical importance of improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament, and to that end, commits to the following measures:

- Re-establishing scrutiny committees that allow for public submissions and thorough review of Bills before the Parliament;
- Limiting government to government questions (Dorothy Dixers) in the chamber to a maximum of two out of every three parliamentary sitting days;
- Exploring pathways to enhance public engagement and participation in the legislative process, including through Citizens' Juries.

Spoken: J Davis, K McNamara, Mr Howe, Mr Young, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington (7 minutes remaining).

2. Environmental Protections

Moved by: Mr Paech

Date moved: 27 November 2024

Debate interrupted: 27 November 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly:

- Recognises the importance of safeguarding the Territory environment for future generations and in support of our Territory lifestyle.
- Reaffirms support for the critical environmental protections the former Labor Government put in place including a contemporary *Environment Protection Act* best practice regulation for the environmental impacts of mining, the Climate Change Response: Towards 2050 policy; and The Territory Water Plan.
- Commits to not undermining watering down or changing our strong legislative and regulatory regime of environmental protections.

Spoken: Mr Paech, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Young, K McNamara, J Davis, Ms Uibo, Mr Guyula, Mr Kerle, Dr Rahman, Mr Maley, Mr Brown (19 minutes remaining).

3. Water Security in the Northern Territory

Notice given by: Mr Paech
Date moved: 19 March 2025
Debate interrupted: 19 March 2025
Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party Government:

- Work in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to undertake an independent and comprehensive review of the Northern Territory Water Act 1992 and, where required implement legislative reforms based on scientific evidence;
- Commit to the continued implementation of priority actions identified in the Territory Water Plan, recognising that it is the Northern Territory's first whole-of-government strategic plan for water security and the result of comprehensive community and industry consultation;
- Honour the previous government's commitment and introduce the new Safe Drinking Water Act which was being developed by NT Health to be introduced to the Legislative Assembly by the end of 2024; and
- Introduce a moratorium on all new water licences and allocations in the Northern Territory until an independent review is carried out.

Spoken: Mr Paech

4. Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People

Notice given by: J Davis
Date moved: 14 May 2025
Debate interrupted: 14 May 2025
Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly:

1. Notes
 - a. On 16 October 2024 the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Corrections moved the Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2024 be read for a second time, stating one purpose of the Bill was ensuring 10 and 11-year-old children who commit offences have "appropriate rehabilitation that will provide them an opportunity to turn their young lives around";
 - b. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all children and young people in the Territory, including a responsibility under section 4(b) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to ensure that young people who commit offences are "dealt with in a way that acknowledges [their] needs and will provide [them] with the opportunity to develop in socially responsible ways".
 - c. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all Territorian children and young people, Police, Corrections Officers, Judges, and Justices; including a responsibility under sections 4(c) and 81(6) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to provide them with appropriate alternatives to detention and imprisonment.
2. Establishes a Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People to inquire into and report on:
 - a. The alternatives to detention and imprisonment available to police, corrections officers, judges, and justices when dealing with 10- and 11-year-old offenders.

- b. Additional pathways needed to help police, corrections officers, judges, and justices prevent reoffending and provide children with opportunities to make safer, more responsible choices with the support of meaningful and engaging programs.
- 3. The committee will comprise 3 Government, 1 Opposition and 2 crossbench members to be nominated by the relevant whip or crossbench member to the Speaker in writing.
- 4. The committee is to report by the first sitting day, 6 months after the passing of this motion.

Spoken: J Davis, Mr Howe (10 minutes remaining)

5. Eradicating Racism

Notice given by: Mr Guyula

Date: 28 November 2024 (amended 20 May 2025)

Date interrupted: 21 May 2025

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Legislative Assembly:

- 1. Affirms the NT's obligation to prevent racism and racial discrimination under the positive duty law, and calls for system-wide action aligned with the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.
- 2. Urges the co-design of an NT Anti-Racism Strategy grounded in the National Anti-Racism Framework in full alignment with the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

Amendment: Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

That this Assembly:

- 1. Acknowledges the harm caused by all forms of racism whether based on race, ethnicity, culture or religion across the Northern Territory.
- 2. Recognises the Government's role in preventing discrimination and supporting the Territory's harmonious multicultural community.
- 3. Calls on all Territorians to stand up and call out racism when it occurs.

Spoken: J Davis, Mr Charls, Mr Young, Dr Rahman, Mr O'Gallagher

Amendment: Ms Cahill moved the following amendment to the amendment:

To insert after "that", the following words:

the motion be amended to Omit all words after "That" and insert instead that

Spoken: K McNamara, Mr Patel, Mr Brown, Mr Carlson, Mr Kerle

Amendment: Ms Uibo moved that:

the Member for Port Darwin's amendment be amended to omit the words "omit all words and that and insert instead" and insert instead "insert after".

Spoken: Ms Hersey

6. Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 26 November 2024 (amended 29 July 2025)

Date interrupted: 30 July 2025

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly:

1. Recognises that all members of this Assembly have firmly committed to addressing Domestic, and sexual violence (DFSV) as a priority.
2. Acknowledges that domestic, family and sexual violence is our true crime and safety crisis, and that this crisis disproportionately impacts Aboriginal women in the Northern Territory.
3. Recognises the findings of the “Coronial Inquests into the deaths of Kumarnjayi Rabuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Miss Yunupingu and Ngeygo Ragurk’, which highlight urgent reforms needed to protect Aboriginal women and children from domestic, family and sexual violence, and ensure victims are seen and heard;
4. Commits to fully resourcing and implementing all recommendations of the Coroner arising from these Inquests as a matter of urgency;
5. Directs the Attorney General to provide a report to this Assembly on an update to the implementation progress on the recommendations after 6, 12 and 18 months.
6. Further commits to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and frontline services to ensure effective implementation of these reforms.

This Assembly stands united in addressing the domestic, family and sexual violence crime and safety crisis, and ensuring all women and children are safe, protected, and supported.

Spoken:

J Davis

**Consideration of Committee Reports, Auditor-General's Reports
and Government Responses**

Orders of the Day

**1. Committee Report: Inquiry into Howard Springs Accommodation Village 2023
Flood Evacuation Costs**

Moved by: Mr Howe
Date moved: 29 July 2025
Adjourned by: Mr Edgington
Date adjourned: 29 July 2025
Status: Debate adjourned on the motion that the report be noted.

2. Committee Report: Inquiry into the Darwin Waterfront Corporation

Moved by: Mrs Zio
Date moved: 31 July 2025
Adjourned by: Mr Edgington
Date adjourned: 31 July 2025
Status: Debate adjourned on the motion that the report be noted.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Speaker and other appointments

Speaker

Mrs Robyn Lambley

Deputy Speaker

Mr Brian O’Gallagher

Acting Deputy Speakers

Mrs Oly Carlson

Mr Matthew Kerle

Mrs Laurie Zio

Whips

Mr Andrew Mackay – Government

Mr Manuel Brown – Opposition

Assembly Committees

Committee of Privileges

Mr Steve Edgington (Deputy Chair), Mr Yingiya Guyula, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Gerard Maley (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

House Committee

Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Khoda Patel, Dr Tanzil Rahman, Mr Dheran Young, Mrs Laurie Zio (Chair).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Mrs Oly Carlson, Mr Matthew Kerle (Deputy Chair), K McNamara, Dr Tanzil Rahman (Chair), Mr Dheran Young.

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Mrs Oly Carlson (Chair), Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe, Mr Andrew Mackay (Deputy Chair), Mr Chansey Paech.

Public Accounts Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe (Chair), Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Mrs Laurie Zio (Deputy Chair).

Standing Committee on the ICAC

Mrs Oly Carlson (Deputy Chair), Mr Clinton Howe, K McNamara, Mr Khoda Patel (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

Standing Orders Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Mr Steve Edgington, Mr Matthew Kerle (Chair), Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Mackay.