

## **Social Policy Scrutiny Committee**

## **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

# Report on Parks and Wildlife Commission Amendment Bill 2017

November 2017



#### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th 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

#### 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.
- 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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#### 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

#### 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