



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Agency Stewardship of Historical Regulations in the Northern Territory

August 2026





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

11.07 am, Monday 10 February 2025
Litchfield Room

Present: Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Apologies: Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 25 November 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mr Kerle moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

While acknowledging that the disallowance period for the Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024 (No. 6 of 2024) has lapsed, the committee forward the additional legal advice from Professor Aughterson to the Minister for Police for consideration and comment by Friday 28 February 2025.

Question put and passed.

Mx McNamara moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The committee acknowledge the undertaking from the Attorney-General to amend the Electrical Safety Regulations 2024 (No. 15 of 2024) in accordance with the advice from Professor Aughterson.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kerle moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The committee noted the clarification from the Attorney-General regarding the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment (Engineered Stone) Regulations 2024 (No. 17 of 2024). While a number of NT businesses have been affected by the ban on engineered stone, the committee acknowledged the need to protect workers and supported the amendments to the regulations to ensure compliance in relation to work involving engineered stone as set out in regulation 529F.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Carlson moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The committee note the response from the Attorney-General regarding the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment (Crystalline Silica Substances) Regulations 2024 (No. 21 of 2024).

Question put and passed.

4. REFERRAL FROM ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Chair write to the Speaker advising of receipt of an inquiry referral from the Attorney-General, the Hon Marie-Claire Boothby MLA, on 7 January 2025 requesting that the committee undertake a review of Northern Territory Regulations made prior to 1990 to:

- Inquire into and report on historical Regulations in force in the Northern territory, made before 1990. Including making recommendations for the repeal of redundant Regulations and remaking of outdated legislation and recommendations for improving agency stewardship of their historical Regulations
- Report back to the Attorney-General within 12 months.

As this referral was received out of session, request that the Speaker advise the Legislative Assembly of the referral when the Assembly next meets.

Question put and passed.

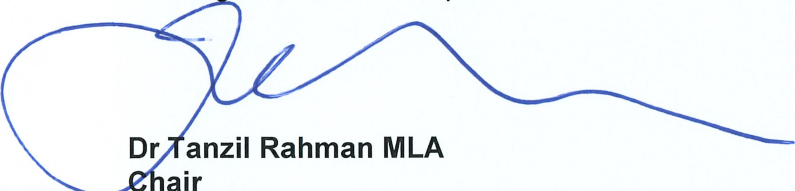
5. AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION CONFERENCE

The Chair advised that he was finalising a report on members' attendance at the Australia-New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference in December 2024 and would circulate for consideration at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 17 March 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.05 pm.



Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

10.02 am, Monday 24 March 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 10 February 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

With regards to the proposed report on Member's attendance at the Australia-New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference, the Chair advised that due to competing priorities and current resourcing of the committee office, it had not been possible to finalise the report as discussed at the last meeting.

The Chair further advised that he would instead provide an oral report on the conference during the adjournment on Thursday 27 March 2025. Mr Young advised that he would also speak on the conference during adjournment.

Committee secretary to provide the Chair with some dot points on explanatory statements and relevant examples. Committee secretary to also provide the Chair with information regarding the reporting timeframe for Bill inquiries as set out in the Sessional Orders of the 13th Assembly.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mr Young moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Committee note the response from the Minister for Police regarding the Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024 (No. 6 of 2024).

Question put and passed.

5. REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Chair write to CEO's of all NTG agencies to ascertain what regulation review processes they currently have in place regarding the regulations they are responsible for under the Administrative Arrangements Order to ensure they remain fit for purpose by 30 April 2025.

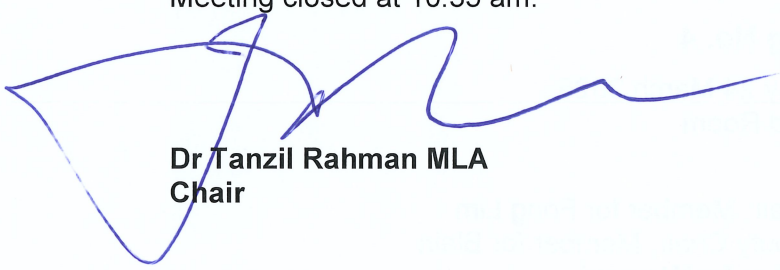
Question put and passed.

It was further agreed that the committee secretariat will provide a spreadsheet of the historical regulations identified by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel including the date each regulation was last amended and notes on the extent of amendments for consideration at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 19 May 2025.

Meeting closed at 10.35 am.



Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

10.00 am, Monday 19 May 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Dr Caroline Williams, Executive Director
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 24 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Chair write to the Attorney-General requesting that the inquiry into the review of historical regulations be suspended until the conclusion of the inquiry into voluntary assisted dying.

Question put and passed.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mr Young moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice regarding the West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Laws 2024 (No. 28 of 2024) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development for consideration and comment by 27 June 2025.

Question put and passed.

5. VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Mx McNamara expressed deep concerns regarding the process and timeframe for the inquiry, particularly in relation to the ability of the Committee to ethically and respectfully engage with remote communities.

Dr Rahman noted the concerns of Mx McNamara, and communicated that as Chair, he was committed to conducting the enquiry ethically and respectfully, within the terms of reference. He further expressed his hope that all Members would work cooperatively and constructively together, to agree on suitable scope and process for the inquiry, with a view to progressing VAD.

He asked that Members fully avail themselves for the duration of inquiry hearings, be mindful to declare conflicts of interests if relevant, and consider substitution of committee membership if necessary before the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee discussed the conduct of the inquiry, including potential hearing locations to be discussed further at its next meeting.

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Chair write to the Co-Chairs of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Independent Expert Advisory Panel, Hon Vicki O'Halloran AO CVO and Mr Duncan McConnel SC, to invite them to privately brief the Committee at its next meeting.

Question put and passed.

Mx McNamara moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Chair write to the four Aboriginal Land Councils and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory to advise them of the inquiry referral and tentative parameters, before the next Committee meeting.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Dr Rahman proposed the next meeting be held at 10.00 am, Monday 2 June 2025, ahead of the currently next scheduled meeting of 10.00 am, Monday 28 July 2025, to exclusively discuss the VAD inquiry. The Committee was not unanimously available at that time. The Committee instead unanimously agreed to meet on 10.00 am, Monday 7 July 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm.



Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

10.00 am, Monday 13 October 2025

Litchfield Room

Present:	Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Absent:	Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
Secretariat:	Ms Klarin Sivyer, Deputy Clerk Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration / Research Officer

The meeting opened at 10.03 am.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that the Minutes of Meeting No. 29 of 29 September 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Committee requested that the Secretariat publish the remaining transcripts that have already been resolved for publication as soon as possible.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that the Committee note the correspondence.

Question put and passed.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that the Committee note the legal advice provided by Professor Aughterson.

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING - PUBLICATION OF TRANSCRIPTS OF REMOTE CONSULTATIONS

The Committee considered several transcripts of remote consultations, which had previously been deferred, and reconsidered several transcripts that it had previously resolved to send to witnesses for corrections.

Community drop-in, Ngukurr – 6 August 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee publish the proof transcript, with redactions on page 25 from “with that pain [inaudible]...” through to “out now because...” inclusive.

Question put and passed.

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Roper Gulf Council, Ngukurr – 6 August 2025

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee publish the proof transcript with redactions on page 40 from “Thirty years ago, as you know, ...” through to “in these communities.” inclusive.

Question put and passed.

Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation, Borroloola – 7 August 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee publish the proof transcript with no redactions.

Question put and passed.

Pulkapulka Kari Felixible Aged Care, Tennant Creek – 27 August 2025

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee publish the proof transcript with redactions to a section on page 20 from “That box arrives...” through to “... take that off.” inclusive.

Question put and passed.

Community drop-in, Tennant Creek 27 – August 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee publish the proof transcript with redactions on page 9 from “What about somebody ...” through to “She has lots.” on page 10, inclusive.

Question put and passed.

Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – 28 August 2025

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee defer consideration of the proof transcript until the next committee meeting on 20 October 2025, noting that the Committee has requested that the secretariat write to the witnesses to provide them an opportunity to provide feedback or corrections.

Question put and passed.

Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – 28 August 2025

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee defer consideration of the proof transcript until the next committee meeting on 20 October 2025, noting that the Committee has requested that the secretariat write to the witnesses to provide them an opportunity to provide feedback or corrections.

Question put and passed.

Tennant Creek Hospital, Tennant Creek – 28 August 2025

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee defer consideration of the proof transcript until the next committee meeting on 20 October 2025, noting that the Committee has requested that the secretariat write to the witnesses to provide them an opportunity to provide feedback or corrections.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations

The Committee discussed the timeframe for its Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations.

The Chair moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that the Committee write to the Attorney-General to:

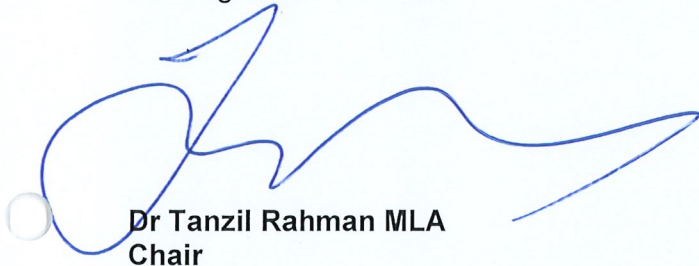
- note her previous correspondence from 28 May 2025.
- advise that the Committee expects that all residual matters relating to the VAD inquiry should be resolved by November 2025.
- propose that the Committee recommence the Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations in February 2026 and seek guidance on whether this is acceptable and if so, a revised due date.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 20 October 2025.

Meeting closed at 11.45 am.



Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

2.30 pm, Wednesday 5 November 2025

Microsoft Teams

Present:

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat:

Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Dr William Dreyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration / Research Officer

The meeting opened at 2.36 pm.

1. MEETING

Welcome and apologies

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr Kerle nominated Mrs Zio to be Chair. Mrs Carlson seconded the nomination, and Mrs Zio accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mrs Zio to be the Chair.

Mx McNamara and Mr Young noted that it is unusual practice amongst Australian jurisdictions for both the Chair and Deputy Chair of a Committee to be Members of the Government.

Mr Young departed at 2.40 pm.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Secretariat prepare a draft timeline for the Inquiry into Historical Regulations for consideration at its next meeting.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 24 November 2025.

The meeting concluded at 2.42 pm.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA

Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

10.00 am, Friday 28 November 2025

Microsoft Teams

- Present:** Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
- Apologies:** Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

Meeting opened at 10.03 am.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Carlson moved and Mx McNamara seconded that the Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed:

- Meeting No. 31 of 20 October 2025
- Meeting No. 32 of 5 November 2025

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Zio moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee agree to the proposed inquiry plan.

Question put and passed.

The Committee directed the Secretariat to follow up with agencies in relation to outstanding responses regarding their processes for reviewing historical regulations.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 2 February 2025

Meeting closed at 10.10 am.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

11.00 am, Monday 2 February 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Secretariat: Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mx McNamara moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 33 of 28 November 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Mx McNamara moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence received.

Question put and passed.

4. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS – DRAFT CORRESPONDENCE CONSIDERATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Committee send correspondence regarding pre-1990 regulations to the relevant Ministers for response by Friday, 6 March 2026.

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS – PRIVATE BRIEFING DISCUSSION

Mr Kerle arrived at 11.03 pm.

Mr Young moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Committee invite representatives of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel to a private briefing in relation to its Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations on Monday, 9 March 2026.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed its regular meetings times for 2026 and noted 10.00 am to 12.00 pm on the Monday of sitting weeks was suitable.

7. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 9 March 2026

Meeting closed at 11.05 pm.

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**Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

10.00 am, Monday 9 March 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Candice Maclean, Executive Director
Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Dr William Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am.

1. PRIVATE BRIEFING – OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

The Committee heard from Ms Jessica Black, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.

The witness withdrew.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 34 of 2 February 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence.

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Ministerial correspondence

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Racing to confirm the Treasurer's advice regarding the repeal of the Soccer Football Pools Regulations 1985.

Question put and passed.

Submissions

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions no. 1-3, redacting personal information such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Inquiry meeting dates

The Committee discussed future meeting dates for its Inquiry and agreed to meet on the following dates:

- 9.00 am-10.00 am on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 – deliberative meeting; and
- 9.00 am-4.00 pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 – public hearing.

6. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Taxis Amendment Regulations 2025 (No 14 of 2025) to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure for consideration and comment by Friday, 24 April 2026.

Question put and passed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Wednesday 1 April 2026.

Meeting closed at 10.56 am.



Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

9.00 am, Monday 1 April 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri

Apologies: Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

The meeting commenced at 9.03 am.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 35 of 9 March 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence.

Question put and passed.

4. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Submissions No. 4-11, redacting personal information such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee invite the following stakeholders to attend public hearings on 28 April 2026:

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| • Office of the Parliamentary Counsel | • Mr Stephen Argument |
| • Attorney-General's Department | • Professor Lorne Neudorf |
| • Department of Treasury and Finance | |

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

Meeting closed at 9.11 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Zio', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

12.30 pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain (via Teams)
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MEETING

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Individual witness – Professor Lorne Neudorf

The Committee heard from Professor Lorne Neudorf via Microsoft Teams.

The witness withdrew.

Individual witness – Stephen Argument

The Committee heard from Stephen Argument via Microsoft Teams.

The witness withdrew.

Department of Treasury and Finance

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Treasury and Finance:

- Mick Butler, Deputy Under Treasurer, Economics and Financial Management
- Sarah Rummery, Deputy Under Treasurer, Revenue and Corporate

The witnesses withdrew.

Attorney-General's Department

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Attorney-General's Department:

- Hannah Clee, Acting Director Legislation and Legal Policy
- Douglas Burns, Acting Deputy Director Legislation and Legal Policy

Question Taken on Notice: Under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, the agency's CEO must report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the legislation administered by the agency. How does this work in practice and does it assist with structured review of subordinate legislation?

The witnesses withdrew.

Office of the Parliamentary Counsel

The Committee heard from Jessica Black, Acting Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

The witness withdrew.

3. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday 11 May 2026

Meeting closed at 3.26 pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Laurie Zio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

10.00 am, Monday 11 May 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting commenced at 10.02 am.

The Chair welcomed Mr Paech to the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved, and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 36 of 1 April 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kerle moved, and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 37 of 28 April 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence.

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee forward Professor Aughterson's legal advice on the disallowance of amending regulations to the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel for comment.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of Answers to Questions Taken on Notice from the Attorney-General's Department.

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee direct the Secretariat to begin drafting the final report as agreed to in the meeting and provide an update at the Committee's next meeting on 20 July 2026, including any additional proposed recommendations identified while drafting.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

That the Committee direct the Secretariat to contact Ms Jessica Black, Acting Chief Parliamentary Counsel, to seek permission to use the information provided at the private briefing on 9 March 2026 for reporting purposes and ascertain whether there is any part of her evidence that should not be referred to or quoted in the Committee's report.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting – 10.00 am, Monday 20 July 2026

Meeting closed at 10.08 am.

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Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

10.00 am, Monday 20 July 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja

Apologies: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 38 of 11 May 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The final report of the Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations be drafted to reflect to proposed report plan.

Question put and passed.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

That the Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Fuel Retailers) Amendment Regulations 2026 (No 7 of 2026) to the responsible Minister for consideration and comment by Friday, 13 August 2026.

Question put and passed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 10.00 am, Monday 17 August 2026

Meeting closed at 10.03 am.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

11.00 am, Monday 17 August 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson, Member for Wanguri
Mr Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretariat
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 39 of 20 July 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mrs Zio moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft reporting, *Agency Stewardship of Historical Regulations in the Northern Territory*, for tabling in the Assembly on 25 August 2026.

Question put and passed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Tuesday 25 August 2026

Meeting closed at 11.07 am.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair