



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings
Inquiry into the Building Legislation
Amendment (Fidelity Fund) Bill
2025

November 2025





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

12.00 pm, Thursday 23 October 2025

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 25 of 16 October 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRALS

The Committee considered the proposed Bill inquiry plan for the Building Legislation Amendment (Fidelity Fund) Bill 2025 and agreed to:

- a) Call for submission to be received by Friday 31 October 2025
- b) Invite departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing from 2.00 pm to 2.30 pm on Thursday 30 October 2025

3. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing and Deliberative Meeting: 2.30 pm, Thursday 30 October 2025

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 27

2.00 pm, Thursday 30 October 2025

Litchfield Room

Present:	Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Secretariat:	Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING: BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIDELITY FUND) BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Lands, Planning and Environment

Mr Mark Meldrum: Executive Director, Building Advisory Services

Ms Dawna Turner: Director, Land Services Reform

The witnesses withdrew.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Justine Davis moved and Mrs Oly Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 26 of 23 October 2025 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

4. BILL REFERRALS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received to its inquiries into the Tourism NT Amendment (Integration of NTMEC) Bill 2025 and the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues Report' *Inquiry into the Tourism NT Amendment (Integration of NTMEC) Bill 2025* to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Friday 31 October 2025 pursuant to Standing Order 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed to hold a public hearing on the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 on Monday 10 November 2025 from 9.00 am to

12.00 pm inviting all those that made submissions, representatives from the Department of Education and representatives from Aboriginal Independent Community Schools.

5. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing and Deliberative: 9.00 am – 12.30 pm, Monday 10 November 2025.

Meeting closed at 2.55 pm



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

8.50 am, Monday 10 November 2025
Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston

Secretariat: Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MEETING

The meeting opened at 8.51 am.

The Chair welcome Mrs Zio to the Committee.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mrs Zio nominated Mr Howe to be Deputy Chair. Mr Paech seconded the nomination, and Mr Howe accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Howe to be the Deputy Chair.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – INQUIRY INTO THE TEACHER REGISTRATION (NORTHERN TERRITORY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Association of Independent Schools NT

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Association of Independent Schools NT:

- Cheryl Salter – Executive Director
- Ian Smith – Director of Independent Indigenous Schools

The witnesses withdrew.

Independent Education Union Queensland and Northern Territory Branch

The Committee heard from Adele Schmidt, Research Officer, from the Independent Education Union Queensland and Northern Territory Branch.

The witness withdrew.

NT Christian Schools

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from NT Christian Schools:

- Alice Mustin – Chief Executive Officer
- Phillip Leslie – Former Chief Executive Officer

The witnesses withdrew.

Northern Territory Principals' Association

The Committee heard from Leah Crockford, Darwin Chapter Chair and Principal of Leanyer Primary School, of the Northern Territory Principals' Association.

The witness withdrew.

Teacher Registration Board of the Northern Territory

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Teacher Registration Board of the Northern Territory:

- Lisa Hirschausen – A/Director
- Rachel Boyce – Board Member.

Question taken on notice: Clause 8 of the Bill seeks to insert a new section providing the Minister the power to give written directions to the Teacher Registration Board. Is that view supported by the Teacher Registration Board and how will it affect the operation and independence of the Board?

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of Education and Training

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Education and Training:

- Susan Bowden – Chief Executive
- Tony Considine – Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic and Business Services
- Victoria Eastwood – Senior Director Strategic Policy
- Michelle Wright – A/Director Strategic Policy and Reform.

The witnesses withdrew.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Paech moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 27 of 30 October 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Committee discussed submissions containing adverse comments about individuals. The Committee requested the Secretariat update its call for submissions notices to state the Committee may not publish submissions containing adverse comments or allegations against individuals.

7. BILLS REFERRALS

Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Justine Davis moved, and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of Submission No. 5 from the Association of Independent Schools of the Northern Territory, redacting personal information, such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should address the concerns raised in submissions and issues raised at the public hearing and recommend that the Bill be adopted with

no amendments. It was suggested that consideration be given to recommending a number of updates be made to the Explanatory Statement.

Building Legislation Amendment (Fidelity Fund) Bill 2025

Mr Howe moved, and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received, with the exception of Submission Nos. 1 and 4, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publications.

Question put and passed.

The Secretariat advised the Committee that the Housing Industry Association had not yet provided written consent for Submission 2a to be published as an attachment to their submission and undertook to update the Committee at its next meeting.

It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should address the concerns raised in submissions and issues raised at the public hearing and recommend that the Bill be adopted with no amendments. It was suggested that consideration be given to recommending the Government review the scheme in light of upcoming amendments to the Regulations and systemic issues raised in submissions.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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9. NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, Tuesday 18 November 2025

Meeting closed at 12.55 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

2.00 pm, Tuesday 18 November 2025
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Drysdale Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Apologies	Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Secretariat:	Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 of 10 November 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Submission 2a, redacting prior to publication:

- personal information, such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers; and
- the paragraph beginning 'One example' and ending 'Fidelity Fund' on page 3.

Question put and passed.

3. BILL REFERRALS

a. *Building Legislation Amendment (Fidelity Fund) Bill 2025*

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Building Legislation Amendment (Fidelity Fund) Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Thursday 20 November 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

Question put and passed.

b. *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*

Mrs Zio moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Thursday 20 November 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 27 November 2025

Meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair