



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Inquiry into the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

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**March 2019**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 24

1.00 pm, Thursday, 29 November 2018,  
Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 23 of 23 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on 4 December 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. LICENSED SURVEYORS AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on 4 December 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. BILLS REFERRED DURING NOVEMBER SITTINGS

*Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be received by 14 December 2018.
- a) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

*Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018*

Mr Costa requested that AMSANT be included on the stakeholder submission list for the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

*Liquor Amendment Bill 2018*

The Committee agreed to wait until submissions had been received before deciding on whether a public briefing was required.

*Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*

The Committee agreed to wait until submissions had been received before deciding on whether a public briefing was required.

The Committee asked the Secretary to email draft stakeholder lists for all Bills referred in the November sittings to Members for review and return by end of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee:

- a) Call for submissions to its inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 and the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be received by 30 January 2019.
- b) Write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a contact officer in relation to the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, the Minister for Health requesting a contact officer in relation to the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, and the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a contact officer for the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Petitions*

The Committee asked the Secretary to check whether the Committee is required to review additional information to that supplied when a petition is referred.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm.



**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 25

10.00 am, Tuesday 5 February 2019  
Ormiston Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair) Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Ms Kate Worden to the Committee and thanked Mr Collins for his work on the Committee.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Costa nominated himself for Deputy Chair of the Committee. Ms Worden seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Costa to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 24 of 29 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the Attorney-General's response to the Committee's written questions on the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* be adopted for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

**6. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting a response to a question on proposed Section 5 of the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

**7. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

The Committee agreed to the Secretary making a tentative booking for a public hearing on the Liquor Amendment Bill, pending a review and analysis of submissions to be provided at the next meeting on 14 February 2018.

**8. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

The Committee agreed to the Secretary making a tentative booking for a public hearing or briefing on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill, to be held on same day as the tentative public hearing for the Liquor Amendment Bill, pending a review and analysis of submissions to be provided at the next meeting on 14 February 2018.

**9. PETITIONS**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 26.

Question put and passed.

Mr Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 29.

Question put and passed.

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 30.

Question put and passed.

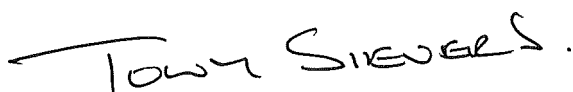
Mr Guyula moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 31.

Question put and passed.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

12.00 pm Thursday, 14 February 2018.  
Meeting closed at 10.29



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 26

12.00 pm, Thursday 14 February 2019  
Ormiston Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura  
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

**Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
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Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. WELCOME

#### 2. SALLY GEARIN – PRESENTATION OF LEGAL ADVICE ON LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 25 of 5 February 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.
2. The Committee authorises publication of the response from Minister Fyles to written question on the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018, with no recommendations required.

Question put and passed.

**6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Costa moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

1. That the Committee write to the Attorney-General requesting a written response to questions on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, by 21 February 2019.
2. That if further clarification is required after receiving the Attorney-General's response, the Committee hold a public briefing with the Department on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018, on the 25 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

**7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

1. That the Committee write to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a written response to questions on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, by 21 February 2019.
2. That if further clarification is required after receiving the Minister's response, the Committee hold a public briefing with the Department on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, on the 25 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

**8. BILLS REFERRED IN THE FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

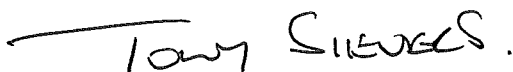
1. That the Committee call for submissions on its inquiries into Bills referred during the February sittings to be received by Monday 11 March 2019.
2. That the Committee write to Minister Manison and Minister Lawler requesting a contact officer for the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019 and the Water Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

Meeting closed at 12.30



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 27

10.30 pm, Monday 4 March 2019  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura  
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson

**Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

**Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

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#### 1. WELCOME

#### 2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources:

- Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Rod Applegate, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Mr James Pratt, Executive Director, Onshore Gas Development

The public briefing concluded at 11.15 am.

#### DELIBERATIVE MEETING

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 26 of 14 February 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. That the Committee authorises the publication of the written responses from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources to questions on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018.



2. That the Committee authorises the publication of submissions received  
Question put and passed.

**5. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Costa moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Ms Worden requested that a note be inserted on the 'Committee Members' page of the inquiry report that she did not participate in the deliberative process for the medical Services Amendment Bill inquiry.

**6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

The Committee agreed to review this Bill out of session.

**7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Friday 8 March 2019 at 10.30 am

Meeting closed at 11.35 am

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 28

10.30 pm, Friday 8 March 2019

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura  
Ms Kate Worden, Member for Sanderson  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 27 of 4 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.
2. The Committee authorises the publication of the written responses from the Attorney-General to questions on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Worden seconded:

That the Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 be amended to include Option 1, as presented in Paragraph 3.32 of the draft and that Option 2 be removed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded:

That the Committee adopt the amended Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2018 for tabling in the Assembly on 12 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

**4. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Ms Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report on the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 for tabling in the Assembly on 12 March 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Higgins noted his concern that when the Committee's reports on Bills propose significant recommendations there may not be sufficient time for stakeholders to express their views on the recommendations before they are considered by the Assembly and the Bill is passed.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 March 2019 at 12.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.40 am

**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
**Chair**