



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

**Inquiry into Biological Control**

**Amendment Bill 2017**

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**November 2017**



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting No. 2**

12.05 pm, Wednesday, 18 October 2017  
Elsley Room

**Present:** Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim  
Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan  
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

**Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of 11 September 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence.

**3. STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Mr Collins moved and Ms Uibo seconded that:

The Committee adopts the following standard procedure for inquiries into Bills referred by the Assembly:

- (1) The Committee will call for submissions on the Bill to be due by the Wednesday in the second week before the next sittings of the Assembly;
- (2) Following the end of a sittings period, the Chair of the Committee will issue a notice listing the Bills on which the Committee is calling for submissions and the date by which submissions are due;
- (3) Notices calling for submissions will be distributed on the Assembly's website, by email to subscribers of the committee email alert service, by Facebook and Twitter posts, by media release, and by email or letter to persons and organisations determined by the Chair following consultation with Committee Members;
- (4) After the due date for submissions, the Chair will determine whether and when to hold public hearings and who shall be invited to appear at the hearings, following consultation with Committee Members;
- (5) Unless circumstances require otherwise, the public hearings will be held on Wednesday mornings of sitting weeks;
- (6) If any Member wishes to amend this standard procedure for a particular Bill, they shall advise the Chair who will then convene a meeting to consider that Bill's inquiry process at the earliest convenient opportunity.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BILLS REFERRED BY THE ASSEMBLY**

The Committee agreed to call for submissions to be due by 8 November 2018 for the:  
Biological Control Amendment Bill  
Pastoral Land Amendment Bill

The Committee agreed to write to the following stakeholders inviting submissions to the Inquiry into the Pastoral Land Amendment Bill:

NT Cattleman's Association  
NT Farmers Association  
Minerals Council of Australia (NT)  
Chamber of Commerce NT  
Northern Territory Business Council  
Tourism Top End  
Environment Centre NT  
Environmental Defenders Office  
Arid Lands Environment Centre  
Central Land Council  
Anindilyakwa Land Council  
Tiwi Land Council  
Northern Land Council  
National Native Title Council  
Local government councils  
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory  
Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory  
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority  
Productivity Commission  
NT Valuer-General  
Pastoral Land Board  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
Land Development Corporation  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**5. NEXT MEETING**

TBA

Meeting closed at 12.17 pm

**Tony Sievers, MLA**  
Chair





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**ECONOMIC POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
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**Meeting No. 3**

1.04 pm, Wednesday, 22 November 2017  
Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim  
Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan  
Ms Selena Uibo, Member for Arnhem  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson

**Secretariat:** 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. 2 of 18 October 2017 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the correspondence.

**3. PASTORAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that the Committee:

- a) authorises the publication of submissions 1 – 12A.
- b) agrees to keep submission 12B confidential.

The Chair advised that the Minister did not need to proceed with the Bill before March 2018 and would be happy for the reporting date for the Committee to be extended if required.

The Committee agreed to hold public hearings in late January, inviting those who made submissions and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

**4. BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2017**

Ms Uibo moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee adopts the 'No Issues Report' for the Biological Control Amendment Bill 2017 for tabling in the November meeting period.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

TBA

Meeting closed at 13.15 pm

**Tony Sievers, MLA  
Chair**