



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020

March 2020



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

12.00 pm, Thursday 13 February 2020
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 16 December 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into new Bill referrals, with the exception of the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020, to be received by Wednesday 11 March 2020.
2. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill, to be received by 2 March 2020.
3. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills.

Questions put and passed.

4. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Darwin Community Legal Service, the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal

Service, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

5. PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting a written response to the issues raised by Professor Aughterson by Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. LICENSING (DIRECTOR-GENERAL) REPEAL BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Friday 14 February 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also agreed to accept a late submission from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association to be received by Friday 14 February 2020.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Environmental Defenders Office, the Northern and Central Land Councils, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, the Protect Country Alliance, the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association and the Department of Primary Industry and Resources to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

8. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, Knowmore Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service, Australia's Right to Know, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

9. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2020 (consideration of new Bill referrals).

Meeting closed at 1.14 pm



**Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair**



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Meeting No. 8

3.00 pm, Monday 16 March 2020
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On 10 March 2020, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA was discharged from the Committee. The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mrs Finocchiaro nominated Ms Nelson to be the Chair of the Committee. However, Ms Nelson declined the nomination. Ms Nelson then nominated Mr Sievers to be the Chair and Mr Bowden seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Sievers to be the elected Chair of the Committee

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 9 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

4. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

5. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Petroleum Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

7. TREATY COMMISSIONER BILL 2020

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

8. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

9. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

10. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

11. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

12. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Department's response noted.

13. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative via teleconference: 3.00 pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill).

Meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair