



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Inquiry into the Animal Protection and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2025**

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**August 2025**





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

## Legislative Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 17

12.00 pm, Thursday 31 July 2025

Litchfield Room

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
<b>Substitution:</b>	Mr Brian O’Gallagher MLA, Member for Karama for Mr Clinton Howe MLA
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 16 of 28 April 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Mackay moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Chair forward the response as drafted to Mr Tom Dews: Senior Lawyer, Central Land Council.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. BILL REFERRAL: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Mackay seconded that the Committee:

- call for submissions to be received by Monday 11 August 2025.
- invite representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to brief the Committee at a public briefing from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Friday 8 August 2025.
- meet to consider submissions and evidence received at 3.00 pm Friday 15 August 2025.

Question put and passed

The Chair requested that Members provide the secretariat with the names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Thursday 31 July 2025.

#### 4. NEXT MEETINGS

Public Briefing: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Friday 8 August 2025

Deliberative Meeting: 3.00 pm, Friday 15 August 2025

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
Chair



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## Legislative Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 18

2.00 pm, Friday 8 August 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  
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

##### **Department of Agriculture and Fisheries**

Mr Jed Matz: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lorraine Corowa: Senior Executive Director, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare

Mr Charles Drury: Director, Animal Welfare

Mr Anthony Burridge: Principal Biosecurity Legislation Officer

##### **Attorney-General's Department**

Ms Roslyn Chenoweth: Senior Policy Officer

##### **Question Taken on Notice**

1. I have a question relating to Schedule 2, Excluded electrical devices...Item 3 is 'Electric training collar (excluding collars operated by remote control device)' and item 7 is specifically 'Electronic fencing systems using collars and transmitters'. I cannot get my head around what an electric collar without a remote control device that is not a fencing system actually is or how it would function. Is there any reason that item is still in there?

The witnesses withdrew

#### 2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 3.00 pm, Friday 15 August 2025

Meeting closed at 2.57 pm

**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
Chair



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## Legislative Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 19

3.04 pm, Friday 15 August 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

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The minutes of meeting no. 17 of 31 July 2025 and meeting no. 18 of 8 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 3. BILL INQUIRY: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Justine Davis moved and Oly Carlson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Given the inquiry timeframe and the support for the Bill the Committee determined it would not hold a public hearing. It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should cover the issues raised in the consideration of evidence as discussed.

#### 4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 2.00 pm, Monday 25 August 2025.

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## Legislative Scrutiny Committee

### DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 20

2.00 pm, Monday 25 August 2025

Litchfield Room

**Present:** Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Chair, Member for Wanguri  
Mr Andrew Mackay MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Goyder  
Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale

**Apologies:** Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston  
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

**Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary  
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer  
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The minutes of meeting no. 19 of 15 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 3. BILL INQUIRY: ANIMAL PROTECTION AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Animal Protection and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* as amended, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 27 August 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 2.09 pm.

**Mrs Oly Carlson MLA**  
**Chair**