

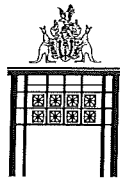


LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings
Inquiry into the Water Legislation
Miscellaneous Amendments Bill
2019

June 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

10.00 am, Friday, 22 March 2019
Teleconference

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Gary Higgins MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 of 8 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee does not authorise publication of the submission to the Water Amendment Bill 2019, received from Katherine Marchment.

Question put and passed.

3. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.
2. That the Committee write to the Treasurer requesting a written response to questions from the Committee.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and M Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Department requesting that representatives be assigned to appear before the Committee at a public briefing to be held on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. BILLS REFERRED IN MARCH SITTINGS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred to the Committee during the March sittings, to be received by 17 April 2019.
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting contact officers in relation to the Bills.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 April 2019 - public briefing on Water Amendment Bill 2019 and deliberative meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.10 am



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

10.30 am, Tuesday, 30 April 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 31 of 17 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Neither Mrs Finocchiaro nor Mr Costa forwarded an email raising objections to the resolution adopting the report on the Water Amendment Bill 2019 and this report is now adopted. Mr Guyula submitted a dissenting report on the Water Amendment Bill 2019.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of written responses on the Water Amendment Bill 2019 from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources received 12 April 2019.
2. The Committee authorises the publication of written responses on the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill from the Department of Treasury and Finance received 8 April 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

5. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

6. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

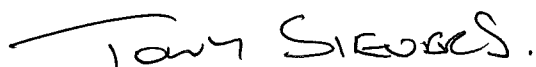
The Committee authorises publication of the submission received from the Electoral Commissioner subject to his agreement.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 May 2019 at either 12.45 or 1.00 pm (to be confirmed) and Thursday 16 May 2019 at 12.45 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.44 am

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

12.45 pm, Thursday, 9 May 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 32 of 30 April 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CARE AND PROTECTION

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Territory Families requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

Secretary to identify tentative time for public hearing with interested parties and Territory Families.

3. WATER LEGISLATION MISC AMENDMENTS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Department of Environment and Natural Resources requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee write to the Chief Minister requesting responses to written questions by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

12.45 pm, 16 May 2019

Meeting closed at 12.53

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

12.45 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2019
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 33 of 9 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from Territory Families.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee hold a public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill on Tuesday 21 May 2019 from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to invite the following witnesses to the public hearing:

- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Law Society NT
- Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Danila Dilba Health Service
- Mr Guyula and Mr Costa to provide the secretary with names of other witnesses
- Territory Families

4. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorises publication of the written responses from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put and passed.

5. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of the written responses to questions from the Department of the Chief Minister.
2. The Committee write to the Department enquiring whether the Government has the power to extend the Electoral Commissioner's term of appointment for an appropriately short period to deal with matters such as the appointment otherwise concluding four months before an election, as may occur in the 2024 election.

6. BILLS REFERRED IN MAY SITTINGS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Guyula seconded that the Committee:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the May sittings to be received by Friday 14 June 2019.
2. Write to responsible Ministers requesting contact officers for Bills referred during the May sittings.

Question put and passed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

12.00 – 2.00 pm Monday 20 May 2019

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

10.30 am, Monday, 27 May 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, 1st Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of the following Meetings be confirmed.

- Meeting No. 34 – 16 May 2019
- Meeting No. 35 – 20 May 2019
- Meeting No. 36 – 21 May 2019

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of documents tabled at Meetings No. 35 and 36 and of the paper provided after Meeting No. 36 by Jaquie Palavra, NT Legal Aid Commission.

Question put and passed.

Secretary to confirm that Ms Palavra is happy to have the paper published.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

4. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

5. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

6. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Report to be drafted in line with Committee's recommendations.

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday 7 June 2.00 pm

Meeting closed at 11.44 am

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

2.00 pm, Friday, 7 June 2019

Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 37 of 27 May 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Ms Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Water Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee chose a tentative date of Thursday 4 July 2019 to hold a public hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019. Mr Costa will be on leave during July 2019. The secretary is to confirm the proposed date with Mrs Finocchiaro and Mr Guyula.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Thursday 20 June 2019

Meeting closed at 2.08 pm

Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair