



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings
Inquiry into the Liquor Bill 2019

August 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

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



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Meeting No. 35

12.00 pm, Monday, 20 May 2019

Litchfield 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, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Hemp Industry Bill 2019

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

- Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive
- Dr Warren Hunt, Manager, Agricultural Policy & Analysis
- Mr Peter Zeroni, Director, Policy and Legislation

Tabled Papers

- TP1-1: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Opening Statement to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee, Public Briefing, 20 May 2019.
- TP1-2: List of stakeholders consulted during development of the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.
- TP1-3: Hemp Industry Bill 2019, Fact Sheet, Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Jenni Daniel-Yee, Director, Legal Policy
- Douglas Burns, Senior Policy Lawyer

3. PUBLIC BRIEFING
Liquor Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice:

- Bronwyn Haack, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of the Chief Minister:

- Giovina D'Alessandro, Executive Director, Alcohol Review Implementation Team
- Ryan Neve, Director of Communications

Tabled Papers

TP1-1: Liquor Bill 2019 - PowerPoint presentation slides

TP1-2: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence application process – Issuing a licence or authority – Part 3 Division 3

TP1-3: Liquor Bill 2019: Liquor licence complaints process – Part 7 Division 3

TP1-4: Overview of the Changes to Search, Seizure and Forfeiture under the Liquor Bill 2019 – Parts 10 and 12

4. NEXT MEETING

8.30 am, Tuesday 21 May 2019, public hearing on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 2.21 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 39

12.00 pm, Thursday, 20 June 2019
Ormiston Room

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| 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, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Research Officer |

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 38 of 7 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to publish the second submission from police on the Liquor Bill 2019 but not the first submission they provided.

3. LIQUOR BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Liquor Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised.

Question put and passed

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 once these have been reviewed and finalised

Question put and passed

5. HEMP INDUSTRY BILL

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee prepare a No Issues report on the Hemp Industry Bill 2019.

Question put and passed

6. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to:

- Call for submissions on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019
- Invite staff from the Chief Minister's Department to attend a public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

Secretariat to send out list of stakeholders to Committee members.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed to adopt the revised bill inquiry plan and the dates set out below for meetings, public hearings and briefings.

- Deliberative Meeting to review submissions and public briefing on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 – Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm
- Public Hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019 – Wednesday 10 July 2019 – times to be determined after consideration of submissions.
- Deliberative Meeting to consider evidence on Bills referred in the May sittings - Thursday 18 July, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.
- Deliberative Meeting to adopt reports, Tuesday 30 July 2019, 1.00 pm

8. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing on Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019, Wednesday 3 July 2019, 12.30 – 2.30 pm

Meeting closed at 12.34



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Chair



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Meeting No. 40

12.30 pm, Wednesday, 3 July 2019
Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mr Tony Sievers MLA Ms Kate Worden MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA |
| Apologies: | Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA Mr Lawrence Costa MLA |
| Secretariat: | Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer |

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019 - DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Jean Doherty, Executive Director, Intergovernmental and Legal Policy
- Genevieve Mogridge, Director, Intergovernmental and Legal Policy
- Mandy Olsen, Principal Policy Officer, Intergovernmental and Legal Policy

Tabled papers

- TP 1-1, Overview of the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019
- TP 1-2, Registered Political Parties
- TP 1-3, Candidates
- TP 1-4, Third party campaigners
- TP 1-5, Associated Entities
- TP 1-6, Donors
- TP 1-7 Offences and Penalties
- TP 1-8, Non-financial Reforms

The Committee adjourned at: 1.33 pm

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 39 of 20 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice requesting that they provide the submissions they received during the 2017 consultation on the *Review of the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Act (NT): Issues Paper*.

Question put and passed

5. LIQUOR BILL 2019

The Committee identified witnesses for the public hearing to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2019.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10 July 2019 – public hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019

Meeting closed at 2.04 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 41 – Public Hearing

8.30 am, Wednesday, 10 July 2019

Litchfield Room

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| Present: | Mr Tony Sievers MLA Ms Kate Worden MLA Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA |
| Apologies: | Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA Mr Lawrence Costa MLA |
| Secretariat: | Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer |

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Hospitality NT

- Des Crowe, Chief Executive Officer
- Penny Phillips, Treasurer

Tabled Paper 1-1: Guideline - Short term closure orders for licenced premises, NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

ClubsNT Inc. and Darwin Northern Suburbs Liquor Accord

- Russell Reid, President ClubsNT and Chair, Darwin Northern Suburbs Liquor Accord
- Kent Rowe, Policy Advisor, ClubsNT

Retail Drinks Australia

- Faye Hartley, Board Director
- James Coward, Director, Policy and Communications

Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education and People's Alcohol Action Coalition

- Michael Thorn, Chief Executive Officer (FARE)
- Meredythe Crane, Research Manager (FARE)
- Trish Hepworth, Director, Policy and Research (FARE)
- Vicki Gillick, Policy Coordinator (PAAC)

NT Branch United Voice

- Erina Early, Branch Secretary

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

- John Paterson, Chief Executive Officer
- David Cooper, Manager, Research Policy and Advocacy
- Daisy Burgoyne, Policy Officer

Northern Territory Council of Social Services

- Wendy Morton, Executive Director
- Nicola Coalter, Secretary NTCOSS Board and CEO Amity Community Services

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

- Clara Mills, Managing Solicitor, Civil Law

Tabled Paper 1-2: Appendix A – Case Study of a NAAJA client in Alice Springs – confidential

Tabled Paper 1-3: NAAJA Submission to Department of Attorney-General and Justice

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Bronwyn Haack, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Candice Maclean, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer

Department of the Chief Minister

- Giovina d’Alessandro, Executive Director, Alcohol Review Implementation Team
- Ryan Neve, Director of Communications, Alcohol Review Implementation Team

2. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 July 2019 – Deliberative to consider evidence on the Liquor Bill 2019 and the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

10.00 am, Thursday, 18 July 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Jeff Collins MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair expressed thanks to Mr Guyula for his contribution to the Committee over the last 10 months and welcomed Mr Jeff Collins back as a member of the Committee.

Mr Costa left the meeting at 10.20 am

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed:

1. Meeting No. 40 of 3 July 2019
2. Meeting No. 41 of 10 July 2019

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises the publication of the written responses to questions on the Constructions Contracts (Security of Payments) Bill 2019 provided by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.
2. A Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. HEMP INDUSTRY BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft No Issues report for the Inquiry into the Hemp Industry Bill 2019 to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 19 July pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:


1. That the Committee authorises the publication of the written responses to questions on the Liquor Bill 2019 provided by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.
2. That the Committee authorises publication of papers tabled at the public hearing on the Liquor Bill 2019 held on 10 July, excepting Tabled Paper 1-2 - Case study of vehicle seizure for which NAAJA requested confidentiality.
3. That a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Liquor Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

1.00 pm, Tuesday 30 July 2019 – Deliberative to adopt the Chair's draft reports into the Liquor Bill 2019 and the Constructions Contracts (Security of Payments) Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am



Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 43

1.00 pm, Tuesday, 30 July 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Jeff Collins MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Russell Keith
Benjamin Awkal

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Mr Benjamin Awkal from the Isle of Man. Mr Awkal attended Committee proceedings as part of his parliamentary internship.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 42 of 18 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (SECURITY OF PAYMENTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. LIQUOR BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for the Inquiry into the Liquor Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro will be providing a dissenting report on the Liquor Bill 2019 by close of business Thursday 1 August 2019.

6. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee write to the Chief Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm Thursday 15 August 2019

Meeting closed at 1.25 pm

Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair