



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

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Inquiry into the Darwin Waterfront Corporation**

**Terms of Reference**

On 27 May 2025, the Public Accounts Committee resolved:

Under Standing Order 177(1)(e) the Public Accounts Committee is to inquire into and determine the appropriateness of the use of taxpayer funds and conflict of interest management at the Darwin Waterfront Corporation with a focus on the claims asserted by the Leader of the Opposition in Hansard Wednesday 21 May 2025, specifically:

- a) Alleged creation of a made-up part-time job, reportedly unadvertised and resulting in a \$60,000 salary increase via a temporary higher duties allowance;
- b) The higher duties allowance allegedly continued for up to six years, long after the temporary role ended;
- c) Claims of funds being moved between the Darwin Waterfront Corporation and the AustralAsia Railway Corporation and their appropriateness;
- d) Signing of a new four year executive contract that was not advertised, not subject to the required job evaluation system review and signed six months before the previous one expired; and
- e) Any other information relevant to the above.