



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Legislation Amendment (Expansion of CDS and Other Matters) Bill 2025

October 2025





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

12.00 pm, Thursday 4 September 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 Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No 20 of 25 August 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL REFERRAL: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

The Committee considered the proposed Bill Inquiry Plan and agreed to:

- a) call for submissions to be received by Monday 15 September 2025.
- b) invite representatives from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment to brief the Committee at a public briefing from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 9 September 2025.
- c) meet to consider submissions and evidence received at 2.30 pm Friday 19 September 2025.

The Chair requested that Members provide the secretariat with the names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Thursday 4 September 2025.

3. NEXT MEETINGS

Public Briefing: 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Tuesday 9 September 2025

Deliberative Meeting: 2.30 pm, Friday 19 September 2025

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

3.00 pm, Tuesday 9 September 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

Apologies: Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Lands, Planning and Environment

Mr Paul Purdon: Executive Director, Environment and Heritage

Mr Kevin Phang: Director, Circular Economy

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 2.30 pm, Friday 19 September 2025

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm.



Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 23

12.30 pm, Friday 19 September 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 Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 21 of 4 September and meeting No. 22 of 9 September 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. BILL INQUIRY: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 37)

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis 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.

It was further agreed that the Chair's draft report should address the concerns raised in submissions and issues raised during the public briefing and recommend that the Bill be adopted with no amendments. It was also suggested that consideration be given to recommending that the Government review the scheme to examine the impacts of increasing the refund on containers.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 1.30 pm, Monday 6 October 2025

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

1.30 pm, Monday 6 October 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
- Apologies:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Member for Drysdale
Mr Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Minutes of meeting No. 23 of 19 September 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BILL INQUIRY: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC BAGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPANSION OF CDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 37)

Mr Mackay moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Legislation Amendment (Expansion of CDS and Other Matters) Bill 2025*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Wednesday 8 October 2025 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 16 October 2025

Meeting closed at 1.34 pm.

Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair