



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 33
Wednesday 23 August 2017**

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00 the Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 students from Darwin Middle School accompanied by their teachers, Shayden Lucas and Sarah Thomas.

The Speaker also advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Electorate Officers for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

4. INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION BILL 2017 (SERIAL 30)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, to provide for the protection of whistle-blowers, to repeal the Public Interest Disclosure Act, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 379).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

5. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 29)

Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Youth Justice Act and Youth Justice Regulations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Wakefield moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Wakefield tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 380).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: INVESTING IN JOBS – MINING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRY MOTION TO NOTE

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Higgins.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 students from Darwin Middle School accompanied by their teachers, Raelene Dawson and Charlee Shone.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Mr Higgins, Mr Gunner, Ms Manison, Mr Collins, Ms Lawler.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 students from Darwin Middle School accompanied by their teachers, Erin Shannon, Sarah Thomas, Raelene Dawson and Sue Loeliger.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Ms Lawler.

Debate suspended.

7. MOTION: REORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS. AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved to reorder of General Business on the Notice Paper.

Mr Higgins, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 27).
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Criminal Code Amendment (Dangerous Navigation of Vessels) Bill 2017 (Serial 28).

9. PETITIONS

Ms Purick presented Petition No. 12 from 6,548 petitioners conforming to Standing Orders praying that the Government reviews the NT Pensioner and Carers Concession Scheme (Paper 381).

Petition read.

10. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.05 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Alexia Lescart and Florian Delporte, from Belgium.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

14.07 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.10 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary

14.11 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield

14.16 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner

14.17 Mrs Lambley to Mr McCarthy

14.21 Mr Wood to Ms Manison

14.25 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner

14.29 Mr Mills to Ms Moss

14.32 Mrs Lambley to Ms Wakefield

14.36 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.36 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield

14.38 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.40 Mr Wood to Ms Manison

14.44 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

14.48 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler

14.50 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.51 Mr Higgins to Ms Lawler

14.55 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield

14.57 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss

Pursuant to Standing Order 115, Ms Wakefield provided a correction to a question asked by Mrs Lambley.

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

General Business: Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business commenced.

11. CORONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 19)

Mr Guyula, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Coroners Act.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Guyula moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Guyula.

Paper Tabled: Mr Guyula tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 382).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

12. MOTION: SENIORS AND CARERS AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

- Recognises that seniors and carers play a very significant role in the Northern Territory and are deserving of our support so that seniors and the people in care can continue living with dignity in the Territory; and
- Calls on the Government to listen to the views of Seniors and Carers and undertake a genuine review of the Pensioner and Carers Concession Scheme with an open mind and not a predetermined outcome.

Debate ensued.

Mr Higgins, Ms Wakefield, Mr Wood, Ms Moss, Ms Purick, Ms Lawler, Mrs Worden, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Collins, Mr Paech, Mr Higgins.

Question put and agreed to.

13. MOTION: DEFINITION OF THE RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) ZONE NOT AGREED TO

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to define the RR (rural residential) zone as described in the Northern Territory planning scheme, state that the minimum lot size for the RR zone in the Litchfield municipality is 1ha. This was always the definition since that zone was established but only changed last year by the previous CLP Minister for Planning.

Mr Wood, Ms Manison, Mr Wood.

Question put and not agreed to.

14. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of the Government Business), moved that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent this House from rescinding the decision of the Assembly on 9 May 2017 adopting Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Select Committee for Opening Parliament to the People which requires the Assembly commence sittings on Wednesdays at 2 pm.

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

15. MOTION: RESCIND THE DECISION OF 9 MAY 2017 ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION 5 OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE FOR OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of the Government Business) moved that the Assembly rescind the decision of 9 May 2017 adopting Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Select Committee for Opening Parliament to the People which requires the Assembly commence sittings on Wednesdays at 2 pm.

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.50 until Thursday 24 August 2017 at 10.00.

Ms Lawler, Mr Wood, Mr Paech, Ms Uibo, Ms Purick, Mrs Worden, Ms Ah Kit.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mrs Finocchiaro on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly