



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislation Scrutiny Committee

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

3.00 pm, Monday, 1 July 2019

Committee Secretary's Office

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Paech moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 49 of 6 June 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019*, to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 2 July 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received with the exception of submission 9 which the author requested not be made public on the Committee's website.

5. REVISED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Noted.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 9.00 am – 11.00 am, Monday 15 July 2019.

Meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

12.30 pm, Wednesday, 3 July 2019
Litchfield Room

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41 – Public Hearing

8.30 am, Wednesday, 10 July 2019

Litchfield Room

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

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

9.00 am, Monday, 15 July 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Apologies	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 50 of 1 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. YOUTH JUSTICE AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

It was noted that the Member for Araluen and the Member for Spillett submitted dissenting reports for inclusion in the Chair's report of inquiry into this Bill.

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 16 July 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 6 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee forward the proposed questions of the Department to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources requesting a written response by Wednesday 24 July 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee invite the Environmental Defenders Office NT, Indigenous Industry Carbon Network, Environment Centre NT, Ward Keller, Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association NT, Minerals Council of Australia NT Division, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies, Arid Lands Environment Centre, Northern and Central Land Councils, and representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to appear before the Committee at a public hearing on Monday 29 July 2019.

4. REVISED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Noted.

5. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing Environment Protection Bill 2019: 8.30 am – 5.00 pm, Monday 29 July 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.30 am.

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Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

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

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

8.30 am, Monday, 29 July 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Participating Member:	Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Environment Protection Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Environmental Defenders Office NT Inc.

Gillian Duggin: Principal Lawyer/Executive Officer

Indigenous Carbon Industry Network

Eric Lede: Acting Coordinator

Jennifer Ansell: Chief Executive Officer, Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (NT) Ltd.

Environment Centre NT

Shar Molloy: Director

Claire Boardman: Policy Officer

Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc.

Neil van Drunen: Manager South Australia; Northern Territory and Policy

Matt Briggs: Chief Executive Officer, Prodigy Gold

Question Taken on Notice: Impact of stop the clock mechanisms on decisions prior to the Minister's final decision to approve or refuse environmental approval.

NT Cattlemen's Association Inc.

Ashley Manicaros: Chief Executive Officer

Minerals Council of Australia NT Division

Dr Janice Warren: Manager Policy and Research

Brian Fowler: General Manager Northern Territory and Sustainability, Arafura Resources Ltd.

Nicole Conroy: Technical Director Environment and Team Leader Impact Assessment and Permitting, GHD

Ward Keller

Kevin Stephens: Partner

Bradly Torgan: Special Counsel

Arid Lands Environment Centre

Alex Read: Policy Officer

Northern and Central Land Councils

Greg McDonald: Manager Minerals and Energy

Diane Brodie: Research and Policy Officer

Question Taken on Notice: Incidences where prior, informed consent has been refused.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Joanne Townsend: Chief Executive Officer

Paul Purdon: Executive Director Environment Protection

Alaric Fisher: Executive Director Flora and Fauna

Karen Avery: Executive Director Environment Policy and Support

Kathleen Davis: Director Environment Policy

2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm Thursday 8 August 2019.

Meeting closed at 5.20 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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:

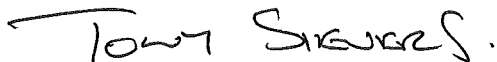
That the Committee write to the Chief Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm Thursday 15 August 2019

Meeting closed at 1.25 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53

12.00 pm, Thursday, 8 August 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 51 of 15 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 52 of 29 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2018 -2019* for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 13 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL 2019

Consideration of evidence

5. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019

Committee Secretary to circulate list of key stakeholders for Member's consideration.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 15 August 2019.

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

12.45 pm, Thursday, 15 August 2019
Ormiston Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA Mrs Kate Worden MLA Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA Mr Jeff Collins MLA
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 43 of 30 July 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed not to hold a public hearing at this stage.

Mrs Worden requested that a question regarding the effect on the operation of the Bill of prohibiting third party campaigners from acting in concert with others, in relation to expenditure, be included in the questions for the Department.

3. BILL REFERRALS

Ms Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 to be received by 4 September 2019.
2. The Committee write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources requesting contact officers for the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 and the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019, and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on 21 August 2019.

Question put and passed.

NB: Submissions to the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 were sent out on 9 August based on Committee's standard default procedure for inviting submissions (Meeting No. 2 Agenda).

4. PETITION REFERRALS

Mr Collins moved and Ms Worden seconded that:

1. The Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly debate Petition No. 36.
2. The Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly debate Petition No. 39.

Question put and passed.

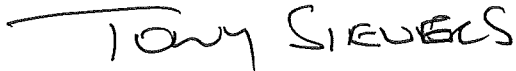
5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked everyone for their work on the Liquor Bill 2019.

6. NEXT MEETING

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Wednesday 21 August 2019

Meeting closed at 1.06 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

12.00 pm, Thursday, 15 August 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 53 of 8 August 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. NEW BILL REFERRALS

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the August sittings to be received by Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee write to responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Wednesday, 21 August 2019.

Questions put and passed.

3. PETITION REFERRALS

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 38.

Questions put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefing – New Bill Referrals: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Wednesday, 21 August 2019.

Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 August 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Kate Worden MLA
Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA

Apologies: Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Mr Jeff Collins MLA

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley
Kim Cowcher

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses

- Andrew Kirkman: Chief Executive
- Guy Riley: Legal Policy Officer
- Nick Papandonakis: Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Legislation
- Paula Timson: Director Legislation and Reform

Water Further Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses

- Jo Townsend: Chief Executive
- Christine Long: Executive Director

Tabled Paper 1-1: Submission to the EPSC from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

2. NEXT MEETING

11.00 am – 12.00 pm, Friday 30 August 2019

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm

Mr Tony Sievers MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

2.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 August 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Participating Member:	Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS

Burial and Cremation Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

- Maree De Lacey: Executive Director Local Government and Community Development
- Lee Williams: Senior Director Legislation and Policy
- Ethan Redshaw: Legislation and Policy Officer

Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Robert Bradshaw: Director Policy Coordination

Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture

- Sarah Kerin: Acting Executive Director Parks, Wildlife and Heritage
- Jonathan Vea: Acting Senior Director Park Development and Strategic Projects
- Claire Morante: Senior Projects Officer

2. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative – 10.00 am to 11.00 am, Monday 2 September 2019.

Meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

11.30 am, Friday, 30 August 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

1. The Minutes of Meeting No. 44 of 15 August 2019 be confirmed.
2. The Minutes of Meeting No. 45 of 21 August 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

1. The Committee authorises publication of the submission from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.
2. The Committee authorises publication of the two sets of written Responses from the Department of the Chief Minister on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to draft a letter to Jodie Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Chief Minister responding to her concerns regarding the form of recommendations from scrutiny committees. The letter is to be distributed to Members prior to sending.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Annual Report 2018-2019, to be presented to the Speaker on Wednesday 4 September 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed that the Committee Secretary and First Clerk Assistant should arrange a meeting with the Department of the Chief Minister to further clarify drafting issues in the Bill and to incorporate subsequent amendments as recommendations into the draft report to be provided to the Committee at the next meeting on Wednesday 11 September 2019.

5. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 2.00 pm, Wednesday 11 September 2019 (Consider/adopt Chair's draft report on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019)

Meeting closed at 12.13 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

10.00 am, Monday, 2 September 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 54 of 15 August 2019 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 55 of 21 August 2019 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Committee noted the response from Mr Michael Holmes (Director Lands Planning, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) regarding zoning of Cemeteries. The Committee requested that the Committee Secretary obtain further advice regarding:

- The rationale for not permitting cemeteries in urban residential zones (Zones SD, MS, MR and HR) where undefined uses are prohibited; and
- Whether the zoning requirements for cemeteries has been, or is intended to be, reviewed in light of the proposed legislation.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the letter from the Clerk regarding the drafting of scrutiny committee recommendation and agreed that the Chair should respond noting that:

- The Committee acknowledges the preference for recommendations to be drafted in the narrative where practicable;
- In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Committee will continue to make well considered recommendations; and
- Suggest that the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel may wish to consult with other jurisdictions that have a similar Bill scrutiny process such as Queensland regarding the implementation of Committee recommendations.

4. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Environment Protection Bill 2019* as amended to be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

The Committee further agreed that dissenting reports are to be provided to the Committee Secretary by Friday 13 September.

Question put and passed.

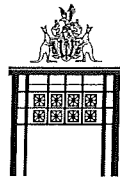
5. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm, Monday 16 September 2019 (Consideration of submissions received on Bills referred in August sittings).

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

2.00 pm, Wednesday, 11 September 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 46 of 30 August 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved Mr Collins seconded that:

The second submission sent in error by NT Farmers Association Inc. on 10 September 2019 not be accepted as a submission to the inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro will provide a dissenting report on the Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019 by Friday 13 September 2019.

4. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 on Tuesday 24 September 2019. Proposed participants include Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, NT Farmers Association Inc, and staff from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister requesting responses to written questions on the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Finocchiaro requested that it be noted that she had recommended that a public hearing be held on the Electoral Further Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm, Thursday 19 September 2019 (deliberative to consider new Bill referrals)

Meeting closed at 2.30 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

1.00 pm, Monday, 16 September 2019

Ormiston Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 56 of 2 September 2019 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Committee noted the response from Mr Michael Holmes (Director Lands Planning, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) regarding zoning of Cemeteries.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

4. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development requesting a written response by Friday 20 September 2019.
2. The Committee invite representatives from Litchfield Council, City of Palmerston, the Northern Land Council, the Central Land Council and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday 23 September 2019.

Questions put and passed.

5. STATUTE LAW REVISION AND REPEALS BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Friday 20 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

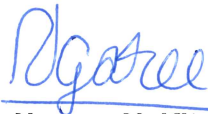
The Committee adopt the Chair's 'No Issues Report', *Inquiry into the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill 2019* for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 19 September 2019 (Consideration of Bills referred in September sittings).

Meeting closed at 1.18 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

12.00 pm, Thursday, 19 September 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russel Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 57 of 16 September 2019 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

2. NEW BILL REFERRALS

Proposed Bill Inquiry Plan noted

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee Call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the September sittings to be received by Tuesday 8 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing and Public Briefings – Monday 23 September 2019:

- 8.30 am Public Hearing – Burial and Cremation Bill 2019
- 10.30 am Public Briefing – Local Government Bill 2019
- 11.00 am Public Briefing – Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Bill 2019
- 11.30 am Public Briefing – Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

12.15 pm, Thursday, 19 September 2019
Ormiston Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 47 of 11 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

3. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of the responses to written questions received from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put and passed.

4. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Waiting on responses from the Department.

5. BILLS REFERRED IN SEPTEMBER SITTINGS

Review of Bill inquiry plan

Public briefings on new Bills scheduled for Tuesday 24 September 2019.

The Committee agreed to re-schedule the deliberative meeting on the 30 September 2019 to 9.00 am Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the September sittings to be received by Tuesday 8 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

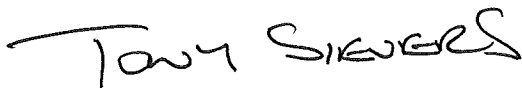
The standard operating procedures of the Committee include the secretary, through the Chair, writing to Ministers to request a contact officer and invite departmental staff to public briefings on new Bills.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am to 12.30 pm, Tuesday 24 September 2019 (Public hearing on Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 and public briefings on Bills referred in the September sittings)

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

8.30 am, Monday, 23 September 2019

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
- Apologies:** Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

City of Palmerston

Luccio Cercarelli: Chief Executive Officer

Shane Nankivell: Executive Manager Finance

Member for Nhulunbuy

Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA

Northern Land Council

Robert Gosford: Manager Policy and Communication

Diane Brodie: Research and Policy Officer

Tom Weston: Paralegal

Central Land Council

Josie Douglas: Policy Manager

Dean Murphy: Lawyer

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Maree De Lacey: Executive Director Local Government and Community Development

Lee Williams: Senior Director Legislation and Policy

Ethan Redshaw: Senior Legislation and Policy Officer

Question Taken on Notice: Can you please clarify for the Committee, what face-to-face consultation was undertaken on the Bill with key stakeholders, in particular residents in remote communities, in the lead up to and following publication of the exposure draft of the Bill?

2. PUBLIC BRIEFING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Maree De Lacey: Executive Director Local Government and Community Development

Lee Williams: Senior Director Legislation and Policy

Hugh King: Manager, Legislation and Policy

3. PUBLIC BRIEFING – MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy

Josine Wynberg: Principal Policy Lawyer

4. PUBLIC BRIEFING – EVIDENCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director Legal Policy

Leonique Swart: Principal Policy Lawyer

Question Taken on Notice: The Bill provides for a recorded statement of a complainant to be adduced as evidence-in-chief in a proceeding for a domestic violence order. In the absence of any specific provisions, can you clarify whether the complainant can elect to give evidence in person in court instead of, or in addition to, reliance on the recorded statement?

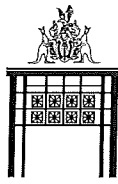
5. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 9.30 am, Monday 30 September 2019 (Consideration of Evidence – Burial and Cremation Bill 2019 and Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2019)

Meeting closed at 11.58 am



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

9.00 am, Tuesday, 24 September 2019
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Participating Member	Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Central Land Council

- Peter Donohoe, Manager Land Management Section
- Su Sze Ting, Senior Lawyer

Northern Land Council

- Greg McDonald, Manager Minerals and Energy
- Tess Cole-Adams, Lawyer

Tabled Paper 1.1: Map - Native Title Determination – NLC Region

Northern Territory Farmers Association Inc.

- Paul Burke, Chief Executive Officer

Question taken on Notice

You heard the Northern Land Council's recommendation that non-exclusive native title holders be eligible people under the Bill. Do you have any view on that proposal?

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- Christine Long, Executive Director, Water Resources

The Committee went into closed session at 10.15 am

The Committee resumed the public briefing at 10.29 am

Committee adjourned at 10.45 am

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee agreed to give consideration as to whether legal advice should be sought on issues raised in relation to native title - pending further clarification from the 1st Clerk Assistant regarding how these issues relate to the Bill.

Committee adjourned 10.56 am

3. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ON BILLS REFERRED DURING SEPTEMBER SITTINGS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019

- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Robert Gray, Policy Lawyer

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, joined the Committee for public briefings on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 and the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Sex Industry Bill 2019

- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer
- Douglas Burns, Policy Law Officer

Question taken on notice

Please provide a breakdown of the final figures regarding submissions to the Government's consultation on reforming the regulation of the Sex Industry in the Northern Territory, submitted through the "Have your Say" website.

Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

- Commander Tony Fuller APM, Territory Support
- Commander Martin Dole – Crime Command
- Superintendent Shaun Gill, APM Territory Support Services
- Isabel Roper, Law Reform Legal Officer
- Senior Sergeant Drew Slape, Firearms Policy Unit

4. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am to 10.00 am, Tuesday 1 October 2019 (Consideration of evidence for Water Further Amendment Bill and the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019).

Meeting closed at 12.22 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

9.30 am, Monday, 30 September 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 58 of 19 September 2019, and
The Minutes of Meeting No. 59 of 23 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Noted.

3. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019

Following consideration of the evidence received, the Committee decided to seek further clarification from the Department on offence provisions relating to burials outside of cemeteries without approval, and provisions relating to the declaration of independent cemeteries.

4. STATUTE LAW REVISION AND REPEALS BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2019*, as amended to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 1 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 15 October 2019

Question put and passed.

5. PETITION REFERRAL

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 41.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 10.00 am, Monday 7 October (Consider/adopt Chair's draft report on Burial and Cremation Bill 2019).

Meeting closed at 10.45 am.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

9.00 am, Tuesday, 1 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 48 of 19 September 2019 and Meeting No. 49 of 24 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to have a public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 and to invite people suggested by Matthew Davis in his email dated 25 September 2019.

3. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed that a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

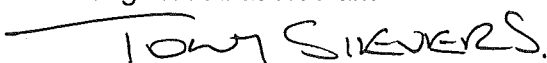
4. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed that a Chair's draft report be prepared for the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 October 2019 (Consider/adopt Chair's draft reports)

Meeting closed at 9.55 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA

Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

11.00 am, Monday, 7 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 50 of 1 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. WATER FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. TRANSPORT 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 Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

The Committee agreed that the e-mail from Mr Rodney Jones would not be treated as a submission to the inquiry.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, with this including submissions 4 to 15.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 on Tuesday 29 October 2019 and that this may be held in conjunction with public briefings on Bills referred in the October sittings.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

(1) The Committee authorise the publication of the Map of Native Title Determination areas tabled by Northern Land Council at the public hearing on the Water Further Amendment Bill on 24 September 2019.

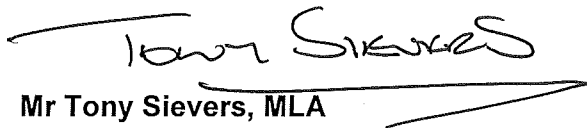
(2) That the Committee authorise the publication of the written responses from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. NEXT MEETING

12.45 pm, Thursday 17 October 2019

Meeting closed at 11.15



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

10.00 am, Monday, 7 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 60 of 30 September 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the additional information provided by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development in relation to the Burial and Cremation Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Burial and Cremation Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 8 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 15 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Thursday 17 October (Consider of submissions on Bills referred in September sittings and any new Bill referrals from the October sittings.

Meeting closed at 10.06 am.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

12.00 pm, Thursday, 17 October 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 61 of 7 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. EVIDENCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Wednesday 23 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 18 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions and supplementary information received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development requesting a written response by Wednesday 23 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee requested that the committee secretary contact Mr Kon Vatskalis and seek further information regarding issues of concern to Darwin City Council regarding the Local Government Bill 2019 to be received by close of business 23 September 2019.

5. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), unless the Department requests confidentiality, the Committee authorises publication of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on Bills following receipt.

Question put and passed.

6. NEW BILL REFERRALS

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the October sittings to be received by Wednesday 13 November 2019
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to Bills referred in the October sittings and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Wednesday 30 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. PETITION REFERRAL

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 42.

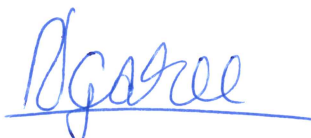
Question put and passed.

8. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefings and Deliberative – Wednesday 30 October 2019:

- 9.30 am Public Briefing – Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
- 10.00 am Public Briefing – National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019
- 10.30 am – Deliberative (Consideration of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on the Local Government Bill 2019 and the Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019)

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

12.45 pm, Thursday, 17 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 51 of 7 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received with respect to submission numbers 16 to 47.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee invite representatives from the Department of Attorney-General and Justice, and those who provided a submission that the Committee would like to hear from, to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Tuesday 29 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee forward questions to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 24 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received noting that the Committee agreed to accept and publish the updated submission provided by AMWU.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee forward questions to the Attorney-General requesting a written response by Tuesday 29 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

6. BILLS REFERRED DURING OCTOBER SITTINGS

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that the Committee:

1. Call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the October sittings to be received by Wednesday 13 November 2019.
2. Write to responsible Ministers requesting contact officers in relation to Bills referred in September sittings and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Tuesday 29 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to hold public briefings on Bills referred during the October sittings on 29 October 2019 after the public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019.

7. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), unless the Department requests confidentiality, the Committee authorises publication of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on Bills following receipt.

Question put and passed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Collins tabled letters from students from Stuart Park Primary School regarding single use plastics and suggested that the Committee might consider reviewing these to determine whether they would like to look into this further under Sessional Order 13(4)(a)(iii).

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

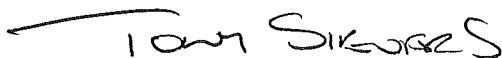
The letters from students be circulated to Committee members.

Question put and passed.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 29 October 2019 – public hearing and public briefings

Meeting closed at 1.13 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53 (public hearing and public briefings)

8.30 am, Tuesday, 29 October 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Assistant

1. WELCOME

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded:

That no Members other than Committee members participate in any closed sessions held during the public hearing on the Sex Industry Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Scarlet Alliance

- Jules Kim, Chief Executive Officer

Northern Territory Women's Legal Services

- Caitlin Weatherby-Fell, Senior Solicitor, Top End Women's Legal Service, Representative, Northern Territory Women's Legal Services

Private Individual

- Dr Caroline Norma – member of Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Australia

Australian Christian Lobby

- Wendy Francis, NT Director
- Ally-Marie Diamond, former sex worker

Tabled Paper 1- Joint statement from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in France and from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden

Private Individual

- Sienna Charles, sex worker
- Partner

Priceless

- Matthew Davis, Spokesperson for Priceless
- Sabrinna Valisce, former prostitute

Exhibit 1-1: Prostitution Narratives, Stories of the Sex Trade (book)

Sex Worker Outreach Program NT and Sex Worker Reference Group

- Leanne Melling, Peer Educator
- Polly Raise, Peer Educator
- Skye Ozanne, Peer Educator
- Addison Wood, Peer Educator
- Desirae August, Peer Educator and Chair of the Scarlet Alliance Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sex Workers Working Group

Tabled Paper 1-2 Press Release: 17 Dec 17 from Sex Worker Outreach Program NT (SWOP NT) and Sex Workers Reference Group (SWRG)

Tabled Paper 1-3 Summary of information on offences under the Prostitution Regulation Act 1992

Tabled Paper 1-4 SWOP NT and SWRG, Collective submission in response to the Northern Territory Government Discussion Paper, released September 2017, Modernisation of the Anti-Discrimination Act

Tabled Paper 1-5 SWOP NT and SWRG, Reforming regulation of the sex industry in the Northern Territory, Collective submission in response to the Northern Territory Government Discussion Paper – release 29 March 2019

Exhibits:

- NTAHC, 'Suck it';
- Scarlet Alliance, STI Handbook: A reference guide for sex workers to sexually transmissible infections;
- Work Health and Safety Handbook, A safety guide for the NT professional seafood industry;
- A legal resources for sex workers (booklet);
- Brochures – Touching base – sex workers and people with disability coming together;
- Scarlet Alliance – Brochure in Chinese.

NT AIDS and Hepatitis Council

- Genevieve Dally, Executive Director, NT AIDS and Hepatitis Council
- Heath Paynter, Deputy CEO, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations
- Leanne Melling, Coordinator, Sex Worker Outreach Program NT

Tabled Paper 1-6 Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC)/SWOP NT/National Federation of AIDS Organisations, NTAHC 2019 Annual Report

Tabled Paper 1-7 Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC)/SWOP NT/National Federation of AIDS Organisations, NTAHC/SWOP NT, Report against performance measures

Tabled Paper 1-8 Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC)/SWOP
NT/National Federation of AIDS Organisations, NT Department of Health
Strategic and Operational Plan: NT Sexually Transmissible Infections and
Blood Borne Viruses

Tabled Paper 1-9 NTAHC, Statutes Amendment (Decriminalisation of Sex Work) Bill 2018
(SA)

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Doug Burns, Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

3. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ON BILLS REFERRED IN OCTOBER SITTINGS

Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Doug Burns, Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy
- Hannah Clee, Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

- Tanya Hancock, Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance
- Christine Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance

The Member for Sanderson asked the secretary to request a flow chart on how pets are dealt with in rentals.

Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Bill 2019

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Caroline Heske, Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy
- Henrik Hartmann, Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Question on Notice:

The definition of “contributing jurisdiction” under proposed section 130A does not appear to include the Northern Territory. However, it would appear that it is meant to include the NT, as proposed sections 130G(4)(d), 130P and 130Q all refer to “other contributing jurisdictions”. In addition, proposed section 130J(1) refers to sharing the proceeds between “contributing jurisdictions”.

Please clarify why the NT is not included in the definition of “contributing jurisdiction” and whether this is covered by another provision in the Bill.

Tabled Paper 1- Flow chart for sharing joint proceeds of crime operations
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Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

- Jenni Daniel-Yee, Director, Legal Policy, Solicitor for the Northern Territory
- Henrik Hartmann, Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Question on notice – What, if any, provision will Project Odyssey make to cater for individuals who are unable to, or do not wish to, use electronic methods for the filing and service of documents. This could include people who are not confident using such technology or people in remote areas where reception is erratic.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

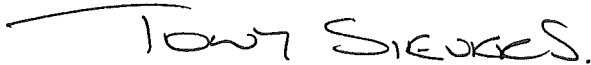
The Committee agree to the request by the Public Health Association of Australia to withdraw their submission to the *Inquiry into the Sex Industry Bill 2019*.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13 November 2019 – Consideration of evidence on Bills referred in September sittings.

Meeting closed at 2.15 pm

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

9.30 am, Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Karen Avery: Executive Director, Environment Policy and Support, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Kathleen Davis: Director, Environment Policy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019

Samantha Livesley: Senior Director, Office of Disability, Department of Health

Michelle Wright: Acting Deputy Director, Office of Disability, Department of Health

Rosa Nardone: Senior Policy Officer, Office of Disability, Department of Health

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 62 of 17 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from City of Darwin.

Question put and passed.

4. EVIDENCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Thursday 31 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Local Government Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Thursday 31 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 9.00 am – 10.00 am, Monday 18 November 2019 (consideration of submissions received on Bills referred in October sittings).

Meeting closed at 10.24 am.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

10.00 am, Wednesday, 13 November 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 52 of 17 October 2019 and Meeting No. 53 of 29 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of the submission from the Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory to the inquiry into the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.
2. The Committee authorise publication of the transcripts of the closed sessions from the public hearing held on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 on 29 October 2019.
3. The Committee authorise publication of the Answers to Questions on notice received at the public hearing and briefings held 29 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

A Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Sex Industry Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee requested that the report on the Sex Industry Bill 2019 be considered/adopted early in the week beginning Monday 18 November 2019 and tabled out of session as soon as adopted.

4. WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Collins moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

A Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Work, Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019 on Monday 18 November from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Sessions to be 20 minutes each. Proposed witnesses include Unions NT, Chamber of Commerce, NT Cattlemen's Association, the Master Builders Association NT, United Voice Australia NT, the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union, Hall Payne Lawyers, and the Maritime Union of Australia.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

A Chair's draft report be prepared for the Inquiry into the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. BILLS REFERRED IN OCTOBER SITTINGS

The Committee agreed to accept a late submission from the Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency on the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

7. NEXT MEETING

1.00 pm, Monday 18 November 2019 – public hearing on the Work, Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation Amendment Bill 2019). Consider/adopt Chair's draft report on Sex Industry Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 11.25 am



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

1.00 pm, Monday, 18 November 2019
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Assistant
Name of person from Isle of Man
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union

- Kane Lowth, Northern Territory Organiser

Northern Territory Cattleman's Association

- Ashley Manicaros, Chief Executive Officer

Maritime Union of Australia

- Andy Burford, Branch Secretary NT
- Lee Norris: National Legal Officer - Qld/NT, CFMMEU-MUA Division

Master Builders NT Limited, Chamber of Commerce NT (13), Minerals Council of Australia NT Division

- David Malone, Chief Executive (Master Builders)
- Greg Bicknell, Chief Executive Officer (Chamber of Commerce)
- Andrea Smith, Workplace Relations Manager (Chamber of Commerce)
- Drew Wagner, Executive Director (Minerals Council of Australia NT)

Unions NT

- Joel Bowden, General Secretary
- Adam Giuliani, WHS Project Officer

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

- Melissa Meyers, Senior Associate

Deliberative Meeting

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 54 of 13 November 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. SEX INDUSTRY BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Report for the Inquiry into the Sex Industry Bill 2019 and that the report be presented to the Speaker no later than Thursday 21 November, pursuant to SO 200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins to provide secretary with a dissenting report by Tuesday 19 November 2019.

3. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Possible additions/changes to the report

- Consider including in the report a recommendation about requiring a code of practice.
- Prepare report based on recommendations discussed during consideration of evidence at Meeting 54.
- Mrs Worden to discuss concerns re one of the recommendations with Elise Dyer by 12.00 pm Tuesday 19 November 2019.

4. NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, Thursday 21 November 2019 (Deliberative meeting to consider/adopt Chair's draft reports on the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 and the Work, Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019.

Meeting closed at 3.48 pm



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

12.00 pm, Thursday 28 November 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr Sievers nominated Ms Ah Kit to be Chair of the Committee. Mrs Finocchiaro seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Ms Ah Kit to be the elected Chair of the Committee.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mrs Finocchiaro nominated Ms Nelson to be the Deputy Chair of the Committee. Mr Sievers seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Ms Nelson to be the elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

3. COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted

4. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. That pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), the Committee authorises the publication of final public hearing transcripts after witnesses have had 3 business days to make any corrections.
2. That pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the Committee authorises the Chair of the Committee to issue media releases and give briefings on matters relating to its inquiry.
3. That pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), unless the Department requests confidentiality, the Committee authorises publication of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on Bills following receipt

Question put and passed.

5. STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BILL INQUIRIES

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee will call for submissions on the Bill to be due by the Wednesday in the second week before the next sittings of the Assembly;
2. Following the end of a sittings period, the Chair of the Committee will issue a notice listing the Bills on which the Committee is calling for Submissions and the date by which submissions are due;
3. Notices calling for submissions will be distributed on the Assembly's website, by email to subscribers of the committee email alert service, by Facebook and Twitter posts and by email or letter to persons and organisations determined by the Chair following consultation by email with Committee members.
4. The Chair will write to the Minister who introduced the Bill to request a contact officer for the Bill and a briefing on the Bill from the responsible Department for Committee members;
5. After the due date for submissions, the Committee will determine whether and when to hold public hearings and who shall be invited to appear at the hearings;
6. If any Member wishes to amend this standard procedure for a particular Bill, they shall advise the Chair who will then convene a meeting to consider that Bill's inquiry process at the earliest convenient opportunity.

Question put and passed.

6. STATUS OF BILL INQUIRIES

Noted

7. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. That the Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the November sittings to be received by Wednesday 29 January 2020.
2. That the Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to Bills referred in the November sittings and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Monday 9 December 2019

Question put and passed.

8. COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Monday 2 December 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

9. CRIMINAL PROPERTY FORFEITURE AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Monday 2 December 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

10. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. That the Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 5 December 2019.

2. That the Committee invite representatives from the departments of the Attorney-General and Justice and Local Government, Housing and Community Development, the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Darwin Community Legal Service and the Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday 9 December.

Question put and passed.

The Chair requested that Members advise the Committee Secretary, Julia Knight, of any additional witnesses they wish to hear from by 12 noon on Monday 2 December 2019.

11. PETITION REFERRALS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition Nos. 43 and 44.

Question put and passed.

12. NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 December: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm - Public Briefings on Bills referred in November sittings and Public Hearing on the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill.

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

10.00 am, Monday 9 December 2019

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS: NEW BILL REFERRALS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Penny Drysdale: Senior Policy Officer and Lawyer, Policy Coordination/Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Hannah Clee: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Leonique Swart: Principal Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Nick Papandonakis: Executive Director Strategy Policy and Legislation, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Guy Riley: Senior Legal Policy Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

James Mathews: Senior Policy Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019

Rod Applegate: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

James Pratt: Executive Director, Onshore Gas Development

Emma Jane Farnell: Director, Onshore Gas Development

The Committee adjourned at 12.00 pm until 12.45 pm

2. PUBLIC HEARING: RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Darwin Community Legal Service

Linda Weatherhead: Executive Director

Tamara Spence: Managing Solicitor Tenancy Advice Service and Specialist Services

Caroline Deane: Tenancy Advice Service Solicitor

Tabled Paper: *Minimum notice periods for evictions without grounds.*

Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory

Quentin Kilan: Chief Executive Officer

Diane Davis: President

Allison O'Neil: Director

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Doug Burns: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Hannah Clee: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Christine Fitzgerald: Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance

Tanya Hancock: Director Policy, Strategy, Policy and Performance

The Committee adjourned at 2.30 pm.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting no. 1 of 28 November 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Mr Sievers moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency regarding the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. MARINE POLLUTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 10 December 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Monday 16 December (Consideration of evidence/Chair's draft report on Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019).

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

1.00 pm, Monday 16 December 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 9 December 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the paper tabled by the Darwin Community Legal Service, *Minimum notice periods for evictions without grounds*, during the hearing on the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*, as amended to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 17 December 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

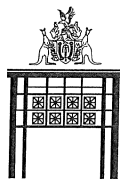
Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 13 February 2020 (consideration of submissions on Bills referred in November sittings).

Meeting closed at 1.25 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

12.00 pm, Thursday 13 February 2020
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of 16 December 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into new Bill referrals, with the exception of the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020, to be received by Wednesday 11 March 2020.
2. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill, to be received by 2 March 2020.
3. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills.

Questions put and passed.

4. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Darwin Community Legal Service, the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal

Service, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

5. PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the legal advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting a written response to the issues raised by Professor Aughterson by Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. LICENSING (DIRECTOR-GENERAL) REPEAL BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Friday 14 February 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

7. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also agreed to accept a late submission from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association to be received by Friday 14 February 2020.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Environmental Defenders Office, the Northern and Central Land Councils, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, the Protect Country Alliance, the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association and the Department of Primary Industry and Resources to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

8. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

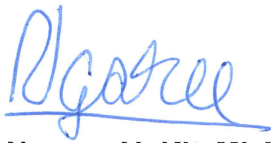
1. The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Tuesday 25 February 2020.
2. The Committee invite representatives from the Northern Territory Women's Legal Service, Knowmore Legal Service, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service, Australia's Right to Know, and the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to appear before the Committee at its public hearing on Monday, 2 March 2020.

Questions put and passed.

9. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2020 (consideration of new Bill referrals).

Meeting closed at 1.14 pm



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

12.00 pm, Thursday 20 February 2020

Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 13 February 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association.

Question put and passed.

3. UPDATED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into the Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 and the Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 to be received by Wednesday 11 March 2020.
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to the Bills.

Questions put and passed.

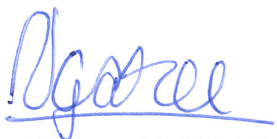
4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Lambley advised the Committee that pursuant to Sessional Order 13(3) she nominated Member for Fong Lim, Mr Jeff Collins MLA, as an alternate member to participate at the Committee's upcoming public hearings and deliberative meeting scheduled for 8.30 am to 3.00 pm on Monday 2 March 2020.

5. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearings and Deliberative: 8.30 am – 3.00 pm, Monday 2 March 2020.

Meeting closed at 12.08 pm



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

8.30 am, Monday 2 March 2020

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
Alternate Member:	Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim in place of Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer Kim Cowcher: Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Darwin Community Legal Service

Linda Weatherhead: Executive Director

Tamara Spence: Managing Solicitor, Tenant's Advice Service

Caroline Deane: Solicitor, Tenant's Advice Service

Northern Territory Women's Legal Services

Caitlin Weatherby-Fell: Senior Solicitor, Top End Women's Legal Service

North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service

Melisa Coveney: Acting Principal Lawyer

Sophie Hantz: Solicitor

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Robert Bradshaw: Director, Policy Coordination

Penny Drysdale: Senior Policy Officer and Lawyer

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association

Ashley Manicaros: Chief Executive Officer

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Northern Territory Women's Legal Services

Caitlin Weatherby-Fell: Senior Solicitor, Top End Women's Legal Service

North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service

Melisa Coveney: Acting Principal Lawyer

Sophie Hantz: Solicitor

Knowmore Legal Service

Warren Strange: Executive Officer

Lauren Hancock: Law Reform and Advocacy Officer

Australia's Right to Know

Georgia-Kate Schubert: Head of Policy and Government Affairs, News Corp Australia

Gina McWilliams: Legal Counsel, News Corp Australia

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Leonique Swart: Principal Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Jane Bochmann: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Environmental Defenders Office

Gillian Duggin: Managing Lawyer

Northern and Central Land Councils

Greg McDonald: Manager, Mineral and Energy

Tom Weston: Lawyer

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association

Keld Knudsen: Director, Northern Territory

Stephanie Stonier: Corporate Affairs Manager (Northern Australia) Origin Energy. Chair of APPEA NT onshore working group

Protect Country Alliance

Lauren Mellor: Spokesperson

Rod Dunbar: Lexcray and Nutwood Downs Cattle Station

Department of Primary Industry and Resources

Alister Trier: Chief Executive

James Pratt: Executive Director, Onshore Gas Development

Emma Farnell: Director, Onshore Gas Development

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Paul Purdon: Executive Director, Environment Protection

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 20 February 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

7. PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 4 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

8. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Submissions received:

- (a) Submission 1: NTCOSS
- (b) Submission 2: Alcohol and Drug Foundation
- (c) Submission 3: People's Alcohol Action Coalition
- (d) Submission 4: Danila Dilba Health Service

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received on the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also authorised publication of any additional submissions that may be received to this inquiry, other than those where submitters request confidentiality or the committee secretariat identifies material not suitable for publication.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Ah Kit advised that, pursuant to SO 181, she would be seeking to be discharged from the Committee as of Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Mrs Finocchiaro, and fellow Committee Members, thanked Ms Ah Kit for her excellent work in chairing the Committee and for ensuring a thorough and bipartisan approach to the legislation scrutiny process.

10. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 10.00 am, Monday 9 March 2020 (Consideration of evidence/draft reports on Bills referred in November sittings and consideration of submissions received on the Liquor Amendment Bill.

Meeting closed at 2.25 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

10.00 am, Monday 9 March 2020

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
- Alternate Members:** Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim in place of Mrs Robyn Lambley
MLA, Member for Araluen regarding the Justice Legislation Amendment
(Domestic and Family Violence) Bill inquiry, the Sexual Offences
(Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill inquiry and the Petroleum
Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill inquiry.
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly in place of Mrs Lia Finocchiaro
MLA, Member for Spillett
- Secretariat:** Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 of 2 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL

Consideration of submissions

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Attorney-General and
Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 12 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

3. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Consideration of evidence noted and agreed to.

4. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Consideration of evidence noted and agreed to.

5. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Consideration of evidence noted and agreed to.

6. UPDATED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Noted

7. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 3 pm, Monday 16 March 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft reports on Bills referred in November sittings and consideration of departmental responses on the Liquor Amendment Bill.

Meeting closed at 11.53 am.

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

3.00 pm, Monday 16 March 2020

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On 10 March 2020, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA was discharged from the Committee. The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mrs Finocchiaro nominated Ms Nelson to be the Chair of the Committee. However, Ms Nelson declined the nomination. Ms Nelson then nominated Mr Sievers to be the Chair and Mr Bowden seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Sievers to be the elected Chair of the Committee

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 9 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

4. SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

5. PETROLEUM LEGISLATION MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Petroleum Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

7. TREATY COMMISSIONER BILL 2020

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

8. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 18 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

9. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

10. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

11. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received.

Question put and passed.

12. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Department's response noted.

13. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative via teleconference: 3.00 pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft report on the Liquor Amendment Bill).

Meeting closed at 4.55 pm.



Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

3.00 pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020

Via Teleconference

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 16 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Friday 20 March 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Question put and passed.

3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received.

Question put and passed.

4. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 12.00 pm, Thursday 26 March 2020 (Consideration of submissions received on Bills referred in February, consideration of any new Bill referrals).

Meeting closed at 3.05 pm.

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

2.00 pm, Wednesday 1 April 2020

Via Teleconference

Present:	Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillet
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 of 18 March 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from Scarlet Alliance and SWOP NT.

Question put and passed.

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

4. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

5. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from NT Police.
2. The Committee write to the Member for Goyder requesting that she respond in writing to the issues raised in the submissions from the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture and NT Police by Thursday 9 April 2020.

Questions put and passed.

7. PROPOSED BILL INQUIRY PLAN

Noted

8. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2020 (Consideration of evidence received on Bills referred in February).

Meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

1.00 pm, Thursday 23 April 2020
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Apologies: Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 1 April 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

4. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Consideration of evidence.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm, Thursday 30 April 2020 (Consideration of Chair's draft reports on Bills referred in February).

Meeting closed at 1.54 pm.

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

1.00 pm, Thursday 30 April 2020

Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Apologies: Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine

Secretariat: Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 of 23 April 2020 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

3. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Bowden moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Mr Bowden noted that the Bill represents the first tranche of proposed amendments to the legislation. As highlighted in the submission received from the United Workers Union, the Committee's report has recommended that any future reforms to the Act review the limits on compensation that currently apply.

Question put and passed.

4. JUDICIAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

5. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020

Mr Sievers moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Planning Amendment Bill 2020*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 5 May 2020 pursuant to SO 200(4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

6. DISSENTING REPORTS

It was agreed that dissenting reports are to be forwarded to the Committee Secretary by 12 noon, Friday 1 May 2020.

7. ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting will be convened in early July to consider/adopt Chair's draft Annual Report 2019-2020

8. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: TBC – Consideration of Chair's draft Annual Report.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm.

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Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

9.30 am, Monday 6 July 2020

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Chair, Member for Brennan
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Apologies: Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Bowden moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 12 of 30 April 2020, as amended, be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. PETITIONS

Ms Nelson moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition Nos. 46, 47 and 48.

That the Committee's Annual Report note that while the Committee was of the view that Petition Nos. 46, 47 and 48 should be debated in the Assembly it acknowledged that this was unlikely to occur given that the Assembly was due to prorogue on 30 July 2020 and no further sittings had been scheduled in the intervening period.

Questions put and passed.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2019-20, as amended*, to be sent to the Speaker on Wednesday 8 July 2020 pursuant to SO 200 (4) for tabling in the Assembly.

Questions put and passed.

Meeting closed at 9.45 am.

Mr Tony Sievers, MLA
Chair