



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Social Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Associated Minutes of Proceedings**

## **Inquiry into the Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2019**

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**October 2019**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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**



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## SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 55

2.00 pm, Wednesday, 21 August 2019

Litchfield Room

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

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## 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**



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## 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

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#### 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:

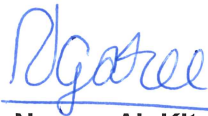
The Committee adopt the Chair's 'No Issues Report', *Inquiry into the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill 2019* for tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

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**



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## SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 60

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 Spillet  
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

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#### 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**