



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Report of Ministerial Correspondence on Subordinate Legislation and Publications August 2025 – August 2026

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

9.00 am, Monday 1 September 2025

Litchfield Room

Present: Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA, Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mx Kat McNamara MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly (from 10.29 am)

Apologies:

Secretariat: Dr Caroline Williams, Executive Director
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

The meeting commenced at 9.07 am.

The Committee noted that Mr Young would be arriving late to the meeting.

The Chair thanked the Committee Members and Secretariat for their hard work on the Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying to date. The Chair particularly thanked Senior Research Officer, Georgia Eagleton, for her assistance in facilitating the remote hearing travel for the Inquiry.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No.12 of 6 August 2025 be confirmed, subject to the addition of the names of three community members, Margaret George, Roberta Abajee and Devita.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed:

- Meeting No. 13 – Remote Hearing (Borroloola) – 7 August 2025
- Meeting No. 14 – Remote Hearing (Barunga) – 12 August 2025
- Meeting No. 15 – Deliberative Meeting – 18 August 2025
- Meeting No. 16 – Remote Hearing (Gunbalanya) – 19 August 2025
- Meeting No. 17 – Remote Hearing (Papunya) – 20 August 2025
- Meeting No. 18 – Remote Hearing (Alice Springs) – 21 August 2025
- Meeting No. 19 – Deliberative Meeting – 25 August 2025
- Meeting No. 20 – Remote Hearing (Numbulwar) – 26 August 2025
- Meeting No. 21 – Remote Hearing (Tennant Creek) – 27 August 2025
- Meeting No. 22 – Remote Hearing (Tennant Creek) – 28 August 2025

Question put and passed.

Mx McNamara moved and Mr Kerle seconded the Minutes of Meeting No. 11 – Public Hearing – 5 August 2025 be confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Chair moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

The Committee invite the following witnesses to attend a public hearing in Darwin on Friday, 5 September 2025:

- NT Health
 - Mr Chris Hosking, Chief Executive Officer
 - Dr Paul Burgess, Acting Chief Health Officer
 - Dr Jeremy Chin, Chief Medical Officer
 - Dr Kane Vellar, clinical subject matter expert and former member of the VAD Independent Expert Panel.
- Australian Medical Associate NT
 - Dr John Zorbas, President

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

That the Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Agriculture Legislation Amendment Regulations 2025 (No 4 of 2025) to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries for consideration and comment by 13 October 2025.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kerle moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

That the Committee defer consideration of this correspondence to its first deliberative meeting in October 2025.

Question put and passed.

The Chair circulated a draft letter to the Attorney-General responding to the Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying Terms of Reference.

The Chair moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee send the draft letter provided by the Chair to the Attorney-General to provide an update on the progress of the Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying, noting that the Committee will be in a position to submit its Final Report in November 2025, and seeking guidance on a suitable submission date for the Final Report.

Question put and passed.

4. INQUIRY INTO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING – SECOND INTERIM REPORT

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory – Second Interim Report*, for tabling in the Legislative Assembly during the September sitting week, subject to finalisation of outstanding data, list information and the addition of the names of three witnesses at paragraph 1.15 (Margaret George, Roberta Abajee and Devita).

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING – SUBMISSIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee discussed Submissions 37, 70, 90 and 174 that make references to specific drugs used for voluntary assisted dying and its expert advisor, Dr Lamba's, advice regarding redacting those references and replacing them with 'the VAD substance'.

Mx McNamara noted their preference was for the Committee to follow Dr Lamba's advice, noting the safety and ethical considerations associated.

The Chair noted that, in his view, there is no liability or risk associated with publishing the name of the VAD substance. The Chair noted his concern that redacting the name of the VAD substance would compromise the transparency of the Inquiry process.

The Chair moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

Submissions 37, 70, 90 and 174 be published as received by the Committee.

Question put and passed.

The Committee discussed Submissions 210, 260 and 275 that make references to Nazism.

Mr Kerle moved and Mx McNamara seconded that:

Submissions 210, 260 and 275 be published as received by the Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. INQUIRY INTO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING – DISCUSSION OF QUT MATERIAL

The Committee decided to discuss the QUT draft material at its next meeting due to time constraints.

7. VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING INQUIRY EXPERT ADVISOR BRIEFING – DR GEETANJALI LAMBA

The Committee was briefed by Dr Lamba. The Committee requested Dr Lamba provide a written summary of the issues discussed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Friday 5 September 2025.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am.

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Dr Tanzil Rahman MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

10.00 am, Monday 9 March 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Candice Maclean, Executive Director
Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Dr William Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am.

1. PRIVATE BRIEFING – OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

The Committee heard from Ms Jessica Black, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.

The witness withdrew.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Kerle moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 34 of 2 February 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Kerle moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence.

Question put and passed.

5. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Ministerial correspondence

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee write to the Minister for Racing to confirm the Treasurer's advice regarding the repeal of the Soccer Football Pools Regulations 1985.

Question put and passed.

Submissions

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submissions no. 1-3, redacting personal information such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Inquiry meeting dates

The Committee discussed future meeting dates for its Inquiry and agreed to meet on the following dates:

- 9.00 am-10.00 am on Wednesday, 1 April 2026 – deliberative meeting; and
- 9.00 am-4.00 pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 – public hearing.

6. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Taxis Amendment Regulations 2025 (No 14 of 2025) to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure for consideration and comment by Friday, 24 April 2026.

Question put and passed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Wednesday 1 April 2026.

Meeting closed at 10.56 am.



Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

10.00 am, Monday 20 July 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson MLA, Member for Wanguri
Mr Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja

Apologies: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 38 of 11 May 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The final report of the Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations be drafted to reflect to proposed report plan.

Question put and passed.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mrs Carlson moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

That the Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Fuel Retailers) Amendment Regulations 2026 (No 7 of 2026) to the responsible Minister for consideration and comment by Friday, 13 August 2026.

Question put and passed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 10.00 am, Monday 17 August 2026

Meeting closed at 10.03 am.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

12.03 pm, Tuesday 13 October 2026

Litchfield Room

Present: Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Matthew Kerle, Deputy Chair, Member for Blain
Mrs Oly Carlson, Member for Wanguri
Mr Chansey Paech, Member for Gwoja
Mrs Robyn Lambley, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Katie Helme, Committee Secretariat
Dr Will Dreyer, Senior Research Officer

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Mrs Lambley to the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 41 of 25 August 2026 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Paech moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee note the correspondence received.

Question put and passed.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Mr Kerle moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Electrical Safety Amendment Regulations 2026 (No 13 of 2026) to the responsible Minister for consideration and comment by 30 October 2026.

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Carlson seconded that:

The Committee refer the legal advice regarding the Petroleum Legislation Amendment Regulations 2026 (No 22 of 2026) to the responsible Minister for consideration and comment by 30 October 2026.

Question put and passed.

5. REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND PUBLICATIONS – AUGUST 2025 TO AUGUST 2026

Mr Paech moved and Mr Kerle seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Report of Ministerial Correspondence on Subordinate Legislation and Publications – August 2025 to August 2026*, for tabling in the Legislative Assembly during the October sittings.

Question put and passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative Meeting: 12.00 pm, Tuesday 24 November 2026.

Meeting closed at 12.08 pm.

Mrs Laurie Zio MLA
Chair