



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting Number 28  
Thursday 22 June 2017**

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**1. MEETING**

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

**2. PRAYERS**

**3. VISITORS**

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Essington School accompanied by their teachers, Kate Kain, Louise Hand and Peter Bannatyne.

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

**4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS**

The Speaker made statements regarding the Red Nose Campaign, a new Sessional Order, and Presentation of Bills Electronically.

**5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 310):

**Message Number 6**

**Assent to Proposed Laws**

I, JOHN HARDY AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly of, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

**31 May 2017**

Criminal Code Amendment (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 2017 (Act No 8 of 2017)

Justice and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Crime Commission) Act 2017 (Act No 9 of 2017)

Limitation Amendment (Child Abuse) Act 2017 (Act No 10 of 2017)

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 11 of 2017)

31 May 2017

JOHN HARDY AO  
Administrator

**6. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO**

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Sievers on account of bereavement.

Motion agreed to.

**7. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20) – BILL AGREED TO**

The Assembly resolved to consider the bill in detail.

**Consideration in Detail**

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**Papers Tabled:** Ms Ah Kit (Chair of the Estimates Committee) tabled the following papers and made a statement:

1. Estimates Committee Report, 21 June 2017 (Paper 311)
2. Estimates Committee Report, Associated Minutes of Proceedings, June 2017 (Paper 312)

Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mr Paech, Mr Higgins.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mrs Cathy McConnell and her parents Mrs Anna Crouk and Mr Tom Crouk. .

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Katherine High School Students from the STARS Foundation accompanied by Jessie Hillen and Keely Ah Chin.

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

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Mr Wood, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Mills, Mrs Lambley.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Essington School accompanied by their teachers, Maureen Nguyen and Louise Hand.

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

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Ms Fyles, Ms Manison.

Expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill 2017 (Serial 20) agreed to.

Remainder of the Bill taken as a whole and agreed to.

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On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**8. REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 22) – BILL AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Higgins.

Debate suspended.

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

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**9. NOTICES**

The following notice was given:

1. Mr Wood gave notice that on the next general business day he would move:

That Power and Water reopen public access to Darwin River Dam and allow contractors to use the water filling station on site.

**10. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS**

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled responses to Petition Number 9 regarding restoring Motorcycle Education Training and Licensing and to Petition Number 10 regarding Provision and availability of Improved Health Services in the Coomalie Shire (Paper 313).

**11. QUESTIONS**

- 14.01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.04 Ms Nelson to Mr Gunner
- 14.07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr McCarthy
- 14.10 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
- 14.14 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
- 14.18 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison
- 14.21 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
- 14.22 Ms Uiibo to Ms Manison
- 14.26 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Fyles
- 14.29 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield
- 14.31 Mr Mills to Mr McCarthy
- 14.32 Mr Collins to Ms Lawler
- 14.35 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
- 14.39 Mr Costa to Mr McCarthy
- 14.42 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
- 14.45 Mr Kirby to Ms Moss
- 14.48 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.53 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
- 14.56 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

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

**12. PAPERS TABLED**

The Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. A letter to the Speaker from the Chief Minister dated 27 May 2017 concerning Written Question Number 57 (Paper 314).
2. A letter to the Speaker from the Minister for Housing and Community Development dated 08 June 2017 concerning Written Question Number 60 (Paper 315).

3. A letter to the Speaker from the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources dated 08 June 2017 concerning Written Question Number 61 (Paper 316).

**13. REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 22) – BILL AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**14. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 23) – BILL AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**15. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 24) – BILL AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Fyles.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 17**

Ms Ah Kit  
Mr Collins  
Mr Costa  
Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Mr Kirby  
Ms Lawler  
Mr McCarthy  
Mr McConnell  
Ms Manison  
Ms Moss  
Ms Nelson  
Mr Paech  
Ms Uibo  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Wakefield  
Mrs Worden

**Noes 5**

Mrs Finocchiaro  
Mr Higgins  
Mrs Lambley  
Mr Mills  
Mr Wood

Motion agreed to.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

**Consideration in Detail**

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Bill taken clause by clause.

Clause 1, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 2, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Debate ensued.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 5, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 6, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 7, by leave, agreed to.

Question, that the Bill stand as printed, put.

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 18**

Ms Ah Kit  
Mr Collins  
Mr Costa  
Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Mr Guyula  
Mr Kirby  
Ms Lawler  
Mr McCarthy  
Mr McConnell  
Ms Manison  
Ms Moss  
Ms Nelson  
Mr Paech  
Ms Uibo  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Wakefield  
Mrs Worden

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Mrs Lambley  
Mr Mills  
Mr Wood

Motion agreed to.

Question, that the Bill be read a third time, put.

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 18**

Ms Ah Kit  
Mr Collins  
Mr Costa  
Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Mr Guyula  
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Mr Vowles  
Ms Wakefield  
Mrs Worden

Motion agreed to.

## 16. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins travelled to Perth in May 2017 to attend the APPEA Exhibition and Conference, dated 01 June 2017 (Paper 332).
2. Travel Report, Member for Nelson, Mr Gerry Wood travelled to Katherine in April 2017 to attend a field day at the Katherine Research Station, dated 06 June 2017 (Paper 331).

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Uibo, Mr Guyula, Mr Paech, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Nelson, Ms Moss, Mrs Worden.

**Paper Tabled:** Ms Fyles, by leave, tabled a List of Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards 2017 (Paper 333).

The Assembly adjourned at 18.55 until Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 10.00.

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## DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following papers were deemed to have been tabled:

### **Addendum:**

Independent Auditor's Report, Annual Report 2015-2016, Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Board, (Tabled 14 February 2017) (Paper 317)

### **Annual Report 2015-2016:**

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Paper 318)

Menzies School of Health Research, Financial Report 2016 (Paper 320)

Charles Darwin University, Independent Auditors Financial Statements 2016 (Paper 321)

Pastoral Land Board 2015-2016 (Paper 322)

### **Corrigendum:**

Annual Report, Museum and Art Gallery 2015-2016 (Page 93) (Paper 323)

### **Coroner's Act:**

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendation regarding the death of Mr Noel Ramage, dated 11 May 2017 (Paper 324)

### **Financial Management Act:**

Direction Transfer of Excess Appropriations, dated 21 June 2017 (Paper 325)

### **Independent Auditor's Report:**

Auditor-General, Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Education, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Paper 319)

**Plan of Management:**

Litchfield National Park, December 2016 (Paper 327)

***Professional Standards Act:***

Notification The South Australian Bar Association Inc Professional Standards Scheme, dated 15 May 2017 (Paper 326)

**Subordinate Legislation 2017:**

No. 9 of 2017, Business Tenancies (Fair Dealings) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 328)

No. 10 of 2017, Administration and Probate Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 329)

No. 11 of 2017, Bushfires Management (General) Regulations 2017 (Paper 330)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the meeting except Mr Sievers on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly