



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee**

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**Associated Minutes of Proceedings**  
**Inquiry into the Water Legislation**  
**Amendment Bill 2018**

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**November 2018**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 18

1.00 pm, Thursday, 23 August 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair),  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Apologies:** Mr Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 17 of 15 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS REFERRED

The Committee reviewed stakeholder lists for the call for submissions and agreed to provide the secretariat with names of any additional stakeholders by close of business Friday 24 August 2018. Stakeholder lists were approved for the following Bills:

- Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018;
- Training and Skills Development Amendment Bill 2018;
- Water Act and Water Regulations Amendment Bill 2018;
- Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act Bill 2018; and

The Committee agreed that:

The Chair write to responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer with regard to the above Bills.

#### 3. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 September 2018

Meeting closed at 12.13 pm

**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
Chair

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Meeting No. 19

1.00 pm, Thursday, 20 September 2018

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair), - Yes  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair) Yes  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 18 of 23 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That, for inquiries where multiple copies of proforma submissions are received, the Committee adopt the practice of only publishing one example of each type of proforma submission with the number of submissions received noted in brackets.

Question put and passed.

Mr Lawrence moved and Mr Collins seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of submissions received other than those that requested confidentiality.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. NEXT STEPS FOR BILLS REFERRED IN AUGUST

##### Revised Bill Inquiry Plan

The Committee agreed to adopt the revised Bill Inquiry plan subject to comment from Members who were not present at the meeting. Comments to be emailed to secretariat by COB 21 September 2018.

##### Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

The Committee agreed to hold a public briefing with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on 3 October 2018, subject to availability of members.

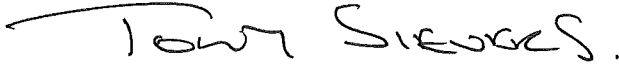
4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Collins noted that he would be an apology for the meeting proposed for 25 October 2018.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

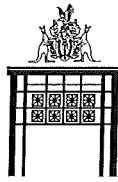
Wednesday 3 October 2018 (public briefing)

Meeting closed at 11.25 am

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**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**

**Chair**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 20

3.00 pm Wednesday, 3 October 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:**
- Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)
  - Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)
  - Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
  - Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
  - Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:**
- Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
  - Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
  - Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
  - Sasha Lynch

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#### 1. PUBLIC BRIEFING – WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

The Committee heard from the following witnesses from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources:

- Ms Joanne Townsend, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Christine Long, Executive Director, Water Resources
- Mr Ian Smith, Director, Legislation Reform

Briefing suspended at 3.49 pm

The Committee met in private.

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 19 of 20 September 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 4. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Costa moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The secretariat provide draft questions through the Minister requesting a written response from the Department of Health.

Question put and passed.

**5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula moved and Mr Collins seconded:

That papers tabled by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the public briefing be authorised for publication subject to agreement of the department.

Question put and passed.

The Committee agreed that the Secretariat identify options for next steps after reviewing the submission provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the transcript of the public briefing.

**6. TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for tabling in the October Assembly Meeting period.

Question put and passed.

**7. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Collins moved and Guyula seconded that:


That the Committee write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice seeking her Department's advice on questions 1 to 3 as set out in the briefing note.

Question put and passed.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

TBA

Meeting closed at 4.04 pm



**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 21

1.00 pm, Thursday, 1 November 2018  
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant  
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer  
Sasha Lynch, Acting Administration/Research Officer

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20 of 3 October 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to ask them to clarify their reasons for requesting confidentiality for the submission they provided to the Committee at the public briefing held on 3 October 2018.

#### 3. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Secretariat to circulate draft report prior to next meeting.

#### 4. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Resolution

That the Committee adopt the Chair's draft report Inquiry into the Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 9 November 2018 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

#### 5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Secretariat to circulate draft report prior to next meeting.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS**

Mr Higgins suggested that Ministers be asked to provide the Committee with their response (or draft response) to the petition before the Committee decides whether to recommend the petition be debated.

Petition No. 25

Resolution

That the Committee write to the Clerk recommending that the Assembly not debate Petition No. 25.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Petition Nos. 26 and 29 until the February sittings.

**7. BILL REFERRALS**

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 65)

Secretariat to circulate list of stakeholders for Committee to review prior to sending submission invitations.

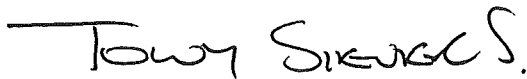
Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 66)

The Committee agreed there was no need to circulate a list of stakeholders with respect to the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 20 November

Meeting closed at 1.28 pm



**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
**Chair**





# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 22

12.00 pm, Tuesday 20 November 2018

Ormiston Room

**Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy

**Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura

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

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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 21 of 1 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

#### 3. AGENTS AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee approve publication of the Attorney-General's response to the Committee's questions on the Agents and Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee approve publication of the Minister for Health's response to the Committee's questions on the Tobacco Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded:

That the Committee adopt the report Inquiry into the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

**5. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded:

That the Committee publish the Submission from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources subject to the following:

- Attachment 2 'Submitter Comments – DENR Response' is not published
- Attachment 4 'Implementation Policy – DENR/DPIR' is published as a draft

Question put and passed.

**6. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

It was agreed that the Chair and Deputy speak to the Treasurer regarding whether the Bill should be re-introduced and report back to the Committee.

**7. LICENSED SURVEYORS AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

Mr Collins moved and Mr Guyula seconded that:

That the Committee draft a 'No Issues Report' for the Licensed Surveyors Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that lunch would be provided at meetings held at 12.00 pm but not 1.00 pm

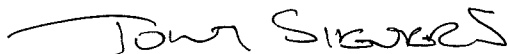
**9. NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 23 November 2018 (confirm availability for 12.00 pm)

and

1.00 pm Thursday, 29 November 2018

Meeting closed at 12.32



**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
Chair



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Meeting No. 23

12.00 pm, Friday, 23 November 2018,

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Tony Sievers, Member for Brennan (Chair)  
Mr Jeff Collins, Member for Fong Lim (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Gary Higgins, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mr Yingiya Guyula, Member for Nhulunbuy  
Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary  
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#### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Collins moved and Mr Sievers seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 22 of 20 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

#### 3. WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Collins moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report for tabling in the November Assembly Meeting period subject to confirmation from Mr Higgins by 9.00 am Monday, 26 November 2018.

Question put and passed.

#### 4. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Committee prepare a 'No Issues' report for the inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

#### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

**6. NEXT MEETING**

1.00 pm, Thursday, 29 November 2018

Meeting closed at 12.05 pm

**Mr Tony Sievers, MLA**  
**Chair**