



**Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly**

Notice Paper
Meeting Number 10
Tuesday 11 February 2025
The Assembly meets at 10.00 am

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Meeting Dates

Meeting Days

2025

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| February | 11, 12, 13 |
| March | 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 |
| May | 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 |
| June | 19 |
| July | 29, 30, 31 |
| September | 2, 3, 4 |
| October | 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 |
| November | 25, 26, 27 |

Assembly Committee Meetings

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| Standing Orders Committee | 1.00 pm Tuesday 11 February | Ormiston Room |
| Public Accounts Committee | 12.00 pm Wednesday 12 February | Litchfield Room |
| Legislative Scrutiny Committee | 12.00 pm Thursday 13 February | Litchfield Room |
| House Committee | 12.00 pm Thursday 13 February | Ormiston Room |

Standing and Sessional Orders

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly and Sessional Orders are available at:
[Standing and Sessional Orders – Northern Territory Government – Legislative Assembly](#)

Routine of Business

The order of business as approved by the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2024.

Tuesday and Thursday:

10.00 am

1. Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
 2. Business of the Assembly (if any)
 3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
- 2.00 pm
4. Notices
 5. Petitions
 6. Questions
 7. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
 8. Papers
 9. Responses to Petitions
 10. Consideration of Committee Reports, Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports
 11. Debate on petitions
 12. Matter of Public Importance

Wednesday

10.00 am

1. Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Business of the Assembly (if any)
3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day

2.00 pm

4. Notices
5. Petitions
6. Questions
7. General Business – Notices and Orders of the Day

7.00 pm

8. Government Business
9. Papers

Pursuant to Standing Orders, items that can occur at any time when there is no question before the Assembly (ie between items of business) include messages from the Administrator, personal explanations, ministerial statements, motions for leave of absence or the suspension of Standing Orders, and the tabling of committee reports.

Ministerial Report

Topic

A ministerial report topic on the 2025 Year of Action has been notified by the Chief Minister for 11 February 2025.

Government Business

Orders of the Day

1. Payroll Tax Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 7)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Payroll Tax Act 2009*
Notice given by: Mr Yan
Date introduced: 24 October 2024
Adjourned by: Mr Edgington
Date adjourned: 24 October 2024
Status: Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.
Spoken: Mr Yan.

2. Liquor Legislation Amendment (Repeal of Minimum Pricing) Bill 2024 (Serial 10)

Long title: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019* and the Liquor Regulations 2019
Notice given by: Ms Boothby
Date introduced: 28 November 2024
Status: Second reading made an order of the day.
Spoken: Ms Boothby.

General Business

Notices

1. Aboriginal Remote Housing Program

Notice given by: Mr Paech
Date: 16 October 2024
Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly calls on the CLP Government to:

- Commit to the full implementation of the \$4 billion Aboriginal Remote Housing program.
- Guarantee that the target of a minimum of 2,700 houses built over ten years is met.
- Commit that no amendments will be made to this agreement without the full support of the Joint Steering Committee of Remote Housing Northern Territory.

2. Improving integrity in Parliament

Notice given by: Mx McNamara
Date: 17 October 2024
Status: To be moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognises the importance of integrity in our parliamentary system both to ensure that decisions are made in the best interests of Territorians and to ensure that there is public trust in our democratic processes.
- Acknowledges that public trust in politics is at an all-time low and this is due to the influence of lobbyists and vested corporate interests on our politics.
- Urges the CLP Government to honour their election commitment and catch up to the rest of the country by establishing a lobbyist register.

3. Objectives of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Notice given by: Mr Guyula
Date: 22 October 2024
Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly recommit and affirm the objectives of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, that by 2027 the NT Government will:

1. Reduce offending and imprisonment of Aboriginal Territorians.
2. Engage and support Aboriginal leadership.
3. Improve justice responses and services for Aboriginal Territorians.

4. Voluntary Assisted Dying

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 22 October 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

- Acknowledge the important and extensive work of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Independent Expert Advisory Panel in producing the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory.
- Recognise the right for Territorians to end their lives with dignity and the immense suffering that is caused for them and their families when this right is taken away from them.
- Recognise that the Northern Territory, the first jurisdiction in the world to legalise voluntary assisted dying, is now the last in Australia to pass this law.
- Urge the Government to implement the 22 recommendations of the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory, acknowledging that many Territorians, from all political persuasions want the right to die with dignity in the Territory.

5. Economic Development and Infrastructure Program

Notice given by: Ms Uibo

Date: 16 October 2024

Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly:

- Acknowledges the outstanding work done by the private sector in developing a portfolio of projects valued at over \$57 billion spanning critical sectors such as minerals and resources digital innovation, renewable energy and agribusiness.
- Commends the 2024-25 Northern Territory's infrastructure program for its significant contributions to building a better Territory, fostering economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Territorians.

6. Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 26 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Recognises that all members of this Assembly have firmly committed to addressing family and domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) as a priority.
2. Acknowledges that domestic, family and sexual violence is our true crime and safety crisis, and that this crisis disproportionately impacts Aboriginal women in the Northern Territory.
3. Recognises the findings of the "Coronial Inquests into the deaths of Kumarn Rabuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Miss Yunupingu and Ngeygo Ragurk', which highlight urgent reforms needed to protect Aboriginal women and children from domestic, family and sexual violence, and ensure victims are seen and heard;

4. Commits to fully resourcing and implementing all recommendations of the Coroner arising from these Inquests as a matter of urgency;
5. Further commits to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and frontline services to ensure effective implementation of these reforms.

This Assembly stands united in addressing the domestic, family and sexual violence crime and safety crisis, and ensuring all women and children are safe, protected, and supported.

7. **Gamba Grass**

Notice given by: Mx McNamara
 Date: 27 November 2024
 Status: To be moved:

That NT Legislative Assembly:

- Recognise that the invasive species Gamba Grass, through increased fire severity, threatens wildlife, infrastructure and lives in Litchfield National Park.
- Recognise the urgency of the problem and that without an adequately funded and planned response, Gamba will continue to spread in Litchfield National Park threatening the viability of the park as a tourist destination.
- Urges the government to implement the fully costed recommendations from the CDU research paper “The cost of not acting: Delaying invasive grass management increases costs and threatens assets in a national park, northern Australia” (Rossiter-Rachor et al., 2023), which include:
 - Expanding the eradication zone in the park to encompass the protection of 86% of visitor sites
 - Implement a five-year eradication program according to the investment recommendations in the report, followed by yearly ongoing maintenance
 - Install a full-time Gamba Coordinator to plan and carry out the eradication program.

8. **Water Security in the Northern Territory**

Notice given by: Mr Paech
 Date: 27 November 2024
 Status: To be moved:

That the Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party Government:

- Work in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to undertake an independent and comprehensive review of the Northern Territory Water Act 1992 and, where required implement legislative reforms based on scientific evidence;
- Commit to the continued implementation of priority actions identified in the Territory Water Plan, recognising that it is the northern Territory’s first whole-of-government strategic plan for water security and the result of comprehensive community and industry consultation;
- Honour the previous government’s commitment and introduce the new Safe Drinking Water Act which was being developed by NT Health to be introduced to the Legislative Assembly by the end of 2024; and

- Introduce a moratorium on all new water licences and allocations in the Northern Territory until an independent review is carried out.

9. **Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People**

Notice given by: J Davis

Date: 27 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Notes
 - a. On 16 October 2024 the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Corrections moved the Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2024 be read for a second time, stating one purpose of the Bill was ensuring 10 and 11-year-old children who commit offences have "appropriate rehabilitation that will provide them an opportunity to turn their young lives around";
 - b. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all children and young people in the Territory, including a responsibility under section 4(b) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to ensure that young people who commit offences are "dealt with in a way that acknowledges [their] needs and will provide [them] with the opportunity to develop in socially responsible ways".
 - c. the vital responsibility that this Government owes to all Territorian children and young people, Police, Corrections Officers, Judges, and Justices; including a responsibility under sections 4(c) and 81(6) of the Youth Justice Act 2005 to provide them with appropriate alternatives to detention and imprisonment.
2. Establishes a Select Committee on Pathways for Children and Young People to inquire into and report on:
 - a. The alternatives to detention and imprisonment available to police, corrections officers, judges, and justices when dealing with 10- and 11-year-old offenders.
 - b. Additional pathways needed to help police, corrections officers, judges, and justices prevent reoffending and provide children with opportunities to make safer, more responsible choices with the support of meaningful and engaging programs.
3. The committee will comprise 3 Government, 1 Opposition and 2 crossbench members to be nominated by the relevant whip or crossbench member to the Speaker in writing.
4. The committee is to report by the first sitting day, 6 months after the passing of this motion.

10. **Eradicating Racism**

Notice given by: Mr Guyula

Date: 28 November 2024

Status: To be moved:

That the Legislative Assembly:

1. Recognise the harm caused by all forms of racism across the Northern Territory, and

2. In line with the NT Aboriginal Justice Agreement and the recently announced National Anti-Racism Framework, urge this Government to adopt and resource all actions and recommendations of these documents that will work to eradicate racism in the Northern Territory.

General Business

Orders of the Day

1. Improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament

Moved by: J Davis

Date moved: 23 October 2024

Debate interrupted: 23 October 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly recognise the critical importance of improving decision making, integrity, transparency and accountability in our Parliament, and to that end, commits to the following measures:

- Re-establishing scrutiny committees that allow for public submissions and thorough review of Bills before the Parliament;
- Limiting government to government questions (Dorothy Dixers) in the chamber to a maximum of two out of every three parliamentary sitting days;
- Exploring pathways to enhance public engagement and participation in the legislative process, including through Citizens' Juries.

Spoken: J Davis, Mx McNamara, Mr Howe, Mr Young, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington (7 minutes remaining).

2. Environmental Protections

Moved by: Mr Paech

Date moved: 27 November 2024

Debate interrupted: 27 November 2024

Status: Debate interrupted on the motion that the Assembly:

- Recognises the importance of safeguarding the Territory environment for future generations and in support of our Territory lifestyle.
- Reaffirms support for the critical environmental protections the former Labor Government put in place including a contemporary *Environment Protection Act* best practice regulation for the environmental impacts of mining, the Climate Change Response: Towards 2050 policy; and The Territory Water Plan.
- Commits to not undermining watering down or changing our strong legislative and regulatory regime of environmental protections.

Spoken: Mr Burgoyne, Mr Young, Mx McNamara, J Davis, Ms Uiibo, Mr Guyula, Mr Kerle, Dr Rahman, Mr Maley, Mr Brown (19 minutes remaining).

Debates on Petitions

Orders of the Day

1. Petition Number 3

Description: Regarding protecting Litchfield National Park from the spread of gamba grass

Status: To be moved that the Assembly note the petition.

To be moved by: Mx McNamara

2. Petition Number 7

Description: Regarding upgrading of road infrastructure outside Humpty Doo Primary School

Status: To be moved that the Assembly note the petition.

To be moved by: Mr Mackay

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Speaker and other appointments

Speaker

Mrs Robyn Lambley

Deputy Speaker

Mr Brian O’Gallagher

Whips

Mr Andrew Mackay – Government

Mr Manuel Brown – Opposition

Assembly Committees

Committee of Privileges

Mr Steve Edgington (Deputy Chair), Mr Yingiya Guyula, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Gerard Maley (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

House Committee

Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Khoda Patel, Dr Tanzil Rahman, Mr Dheran Young, Mrs Laurie Zio (Chair).

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Mr Oly Carlson, Mr Matthew Kerle (Deputy Chair), Mx Kat McNamara, Dr Tanzil Rahman (Chair), Mr Dheran Young.

Legislative Scrutiny Committee

Mrs Oly Carlson (Chair), Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe, Mr Andrew Mackay (Deputy Chair), Mr Chansey Paech.

Public Accounts Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Justine Davis, Mr Clinton Howe (Chair), Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Mrs Laurie Zio (Deputy Chair).

Standing Committee on the ICAC

Mrs Oly Carlson (Deputy Chair), Mr Clinton Howe, Mx Kat McNamara, Mr Khoda Patel (Chair), Ms Selena Uibo.

Standing Orders Committee

Mr Manuel Brown, Mr Steve Edgington, Mr Matthew Kerle (Chair), Mrs Robyn Lambley (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Mackay.