



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

Inquiry into the Howard Springs Accommodation Village – 2023 Flood Evacuation Costs

July 2025





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

10.45 am, Wednesday 30 October 2024
Litchfield room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Clerk
Ms Klarin Sivyer, Acting Deputy Clerk
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, the Committee Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Mr O’Gallagher nominated Mr Howe to be Chair. Mrs Laurie Zio seconded the nomination and Mr Howe accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Committee Secretary declared Mr Howe to be the Chair.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Howe nominated Mrs Zio to be Deputy Chair. Mr O’Gallagher seconded the nomination and Mrs Zio accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mrs Zio to be the Deputy Chair.

3. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Mr Howe moved and J. Davis seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), the committee authorises the publication of public hearing transcripts after witnesses have had three business days to make corrections.

Question put and passed

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(3)(b), subject to the directions of the Chair, the committee authorises the Committee Secretary divulging evidence, documents, proceedings or reports on a confidential basis to the Auditor-General for comment.

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(4), the committee authorises the Chair of the committee to issue media releases and give briefings on matters relating to its inquiry.

Question put and passed.

4. BRIEFING NOTE – COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

Noted.

5. PETITIONS

In relation to Petition No. 1 regarding suspension of transitioning treatments for children in the Northern Territory, Mr Howe moved that:

Before the next meeting, the Committee Secretary forward copies of the Cass Review and any other similar reviews of gender identity services for children and young people undertaken in Australasia to all committee members for consideration at the committee's next meeting.

Question put and passed.

In relation to Petition No. 2 regarding the installation of driver protection screens on all Darwin buses, Mr Howe moved that:

The committee does not recommend the petition for debate as the matter is already being actioned by the Government.

Question put and passed.

6. INQUIRY REFERRAL

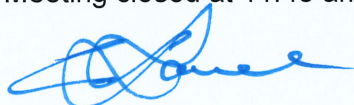
The committee considered the inquiry referral received from the Treasurer, Hon Bill Yan MLA, regarding the Howard Springs Accommodation Village and costs associated with the Flood Evacuation March/April 2023.

The Committee agreed that the Committee Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, would develop an inquiry work plan incorporating options for the conduct of the inquiry for consideration at the committee's next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Tuesday 12 November 2024

Meeting closed at 11.43 am.



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

9.00 am, Tuesday 12 November 2024
Litchfield room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio, MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Klarin Sivyver, Acting Deputy Clerk
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of 30 October 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Noted

3. INQUIRY REFERRAL

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

1. The committee invite representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to appear before the committee at a private briefing from 9.00 am – 11.00 am on Tuesday 10 December 2024 to respond to the committee’s questions as amended regarding the March/April 2023 Flood Evacuation to the Howard Springs Accommodation Centre.
2. The Chair write to the Speaker on behalf of the committee advising her of receipt of an inquiry referral from the Treasurer, the Hon Bill Yan MLA, regarding the Howard Springs Accommodation Centre – Costs Associated with Flood Evacuation March/April 2023 on 29 October 2024 and requesting that she advise the Legislative Assembly of the inquiry referral when the Assembly next meets.

Questions put and passed.

4. PETITIONS

The committee further considered Petition Nos 1 and 2 and agreed as follows:

- a) Petition No. 1: request a private briefing from representatives from the Department of Health at 11.00 am on Tuesday 10 December 2024 regarding transitioning treatments for children in the Northern Territory.
- b) Petition No. 2: write to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure and request clarification regarding the timeframe for completion of the installation of driver protection screens on all Darwin buses.


5. MEMBERS ACCESS FOLDERS

Noted. Members to advise secretariat if they experience any issues accessing the PAC folder on their M Drive.

6. NEXT MEETING

12.30 pm, Wednesday 27 November 2024

Meeting closed at 9.50 am.



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

9.10 am, Tuesday 10 December 2024
Litchfield room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Klarin Sivyer, Acting Deputy Clerk
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PRIVATE BRIEFING – HOWARD SPRINGS ACCOMMODATION CENTRE – COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FLOOD EVACUATION MARCH/APRIL 2024

The committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Ms Louise McCormick: Chief Executive Officer – Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
- Mr Michael Murphy APM: Commissioner of Police and co-Chair Territory Emergency Management Council – NT Police
- Ms Kim Charles: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Enabling Services – Department of Health (and former Chief Finance Officer of former Dept of Territory Families, Housing and Communities)
- Ms Gabrielle Brown: General Manager, Strategy and Programs, Department of Children and Families.

The witnesses withdrew.

2. PRIVATE BRIEFING - TRANSITIONING TREATMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN THE NT

The committee heard from the following witnesses:

- Mr Chris Hosking: Chief Executive – Department of Health
- Dr Jeremy Chin: Chief Medical Officer – Department of Health
- Dr Christine Connors: Chief Health Officer – Department of Health
- Dr Angela Titmuss: Paediatric Endocrinologist – Department of Health

The witnesses withdrew.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No.3 of 27 November 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Committee Secretary advised that Mr Rex Wild AO KC is available to provide a one day workshop on investigative/forensic questioning techniques to PAC members – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 7 February 2025. As agreed by the committee, the training will be offered to all back bench and cross bench members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Hon Robyn Lambley MLA: Referral to the PAC – NT Government Road Works in the Alice Springs CBD, 28/11/2024.

The committee agreed to accept the referral from the Member for Araluen. With a view to holding a public hearing in Alice Springs between the February and March 2025 sittings, it was further agreed to invite the Member for Araluen to discuss the matter with the committee via Teams at 3.30 pm, Thursday 12 December 2024.

b) Hon Bill Yan MLA: Petition No. 2, 29/11/2024 – response noted.

6. PETITIONS

The committee considered petition 1 and petitions 3 – 7 and agreed as follows:

No. 1: for further consideration.

No. 3: recommended for debate.

No. 4: not recommended for debate.

No. 5: write to the Minister for Health and request a response to the matters raised in the petition.

No. 6: write to the Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment and request a response to the matters raised in the petition.

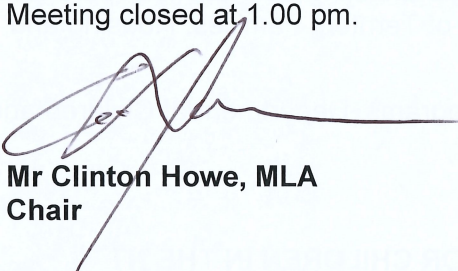
No. 7: recommended for debate.

7. NEXT MEETINGS

3.30 pm Thursday 12 December 2024 via TEAMS to discuss referral to PAC with Member for Araluen

12.00 pm, Wednesday 12 February 2025

Meeting closed at 1.00 pm.



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

12.16 pm, Wednesday 12 February 2025
Litchfield room

- Present:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Zio moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 12 December 2024 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. INQUIRY REFERRAL – HOWARD SPRINGS ACCOMMODATION CENTRE – COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FLOOD EVACUATION MARCH/APRIL 2024

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Members read the transcript from the private briefing and note any further questions they have, taking into consideration the inquiry terms of reference, for discussion at the next meeting.

Question put and passed.

Committee Secretary to circulate copy of the questions the committee had of witnesses, the response to the question taken on notice, and the associated private briefing transcript.

4. INQUIRY REFERRAL – NT GOVERNMENT ROAD WORKS IN THE ALICE SPRINGS CBD

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

The Chair write to the Chief Executive Officer: Department of Logistics and Infrastructure to advise that the Committee had resolved to pause its inquiry until such time as the contract/s to which the inquiry relates are completed and to ascertain a timeframe for finalisation of the project.

Question put and passed.

5. DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AUDITOR-GENERAL

Mr Howe moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Committee enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Auditor-General as set out in the draft MOU, and invite the Auditor-General to attend the committee’s next meeting to sign the MOU.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

The committee considered petitions 1, 5 and 6 and resolved as follows:

No.1 – not recommended for debate.

The Chair noted that while he did not agree with the committee's decision, he acknowledged that the committee had conducted a thorough and fair process regarding a very sensitive issue and thanked departmental representatives for providing a comprehensive briefing to the committee.

No. 5 – not recommended for debate.

No. 6 – not recommended for debate.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee Secretary seek advice from the Clerk regarding options for notifying petitioners of the committee's decisions regarding the debate of petitions.

Question put and passed.

7. PROPOSED INQUIRY: INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONAL SUM

Justine Davis moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The committee conduct an inquiry into the misuse of funds relating to the Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum.

Question put and negatived.

8. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Wednesday 19 March 2025

Meeting closed at 1.20 pm



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

12.10 pm, Wednesday 19 March 2025

Litchfield room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Zio moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 of 12 February 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR- GENERAL AND SIGNING OF MOU

- The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on the 2024 Strategic Review of the NT Auditor-General’s Office.
- The Auditor-General and the Chair of the Committee signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Auditor-General withdrew from the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- In relation to a reporting mechanism regarding Action on Petitions, Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

Where the Committee resolves not to recommend a petition for debate, the Committee will develop a statement that the Chair can provide to the media and other interested parties regarding the status of the petition should any inquiries be received.

Question put and passed.

- In relation to the Committee’s inquiry into Costs Associated with the 2023 Flood Evacuation to the Howard Springs Accommodation Centre, it was agreed that there was little benefit in holding a public hearing given that the former Commissioner of Police and former Chief Executive of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet were no longer available. To facilitate report drafting Mr O’Gallagher moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

The Committee Secretary contact witnesses that appeared before the Committee at its 10 December 2024 private briefing to seek permission to use the information provided for reporting purposes and ascertain whether there is any part of their evidence that should not be referred to or quoted in the Committee’s report.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

5. INQUIRY REFERRAL – NT GOVERNMENT ROAD WORKS IN THE ALICE SPRINGS CBD

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

In light of the advice from the Chief Executive Officer: Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, and not wishing to jeopardise or diminish the contractual rights and obligations of contracting parties, the Committee suspend its inquiry into NT Government Road Works in the Alice Springs CBD until such time as these contracts have been finalised and that the Committee notify the Speaker accordingly.

Question put and passed.

6. DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AUDITOR-GENERAL

Mr Howe moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Committee enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Auditor-General as set out in the draft MOU, and invite the Auditor-General to attend the committee's next meeting to sign the MOU.

Question put and passed.

7. NEW INQUIRY REFERRAL – ACACIA DIGITAL PATIENT RECORD SYSTEM

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee agree to the proposed inquiry plan as set out in the briefing note.

Question put and passed.

The Committee further agreed that Member for Blain, Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, be invited to participate in public hearings on this matter given his technical expertise.

8. PETITIONS

The committee considered petition No. 8 regarding Port Keats road upgrade and requested the committee secretariat to check Hansard to ascertain whether the Minister's response to the petition when it was introduced included an indicative timeframe for the road works.

9. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Wednesday 26 March 2025

Meeting closed at 1.33 pm



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

12.06 pm, Wednesday 26 March 2025
Litchfield room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs Zio moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 19 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Committee Secretary noted that all witnesses, with the exception of Gabrielle Brown who is currently out of the office, had advised that they have no issues with the Committee referring to and quoting from the transcript of the private briefing on Costs Associated with the 2023 Flood Evacuation to the Howard Springs Accommodation Village for the purposes of report drafting.

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

The Chair’s draft report *Inquiry into Costs Associated with the 2023 Flood Evacuation to the Howard Springs Accommodation Village*, should highlight lessons learnt and future planning considerations.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. PETITIONS

Mr Howe moved and Justine Davis seconded that:

Taking into consideration Minister Yan’s response regarding upgrade of the Port Keats Road (Daily Hansard 12 February 2025), the Committee did not consider that Petition No. 8 should be recommended for debate.

Question put and passed.

5. ACTION ON STRATEGIC REVIEW OF NT AUDITOR-GENERAL’S OFFICE

Justine Davis moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee Secretary prepare a briefing note on options for actioning recommendations in the 2024 Strategic Review of the NT Auditor-General's Office for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Wednesday 14 May 2025

Meeting closed at 12.22 pm



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

12.00 pm, Wednesday 14 May 2025
Litchfield room

- Present:** Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Dr Caroline Williams, Executive Director Parliamentary Support
Ms Katie Helme, Committee Secretary
Ms Georgia Eagleton, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Justine Davis moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 of 26 March 2025 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Committee Secretary noted Gabrielle Brown has advised that she has no issues with the Committee referring to and quoting from the transcript of the private briefing on Costs Associated with the 2023 Flood Evacuation to the Howard Springs Accommodation Village for the purposes of report drafting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. INQUIRY REFERRAL – ACACIA DIGITAL PATIENT RECORD SYSTEM

Mr Howe moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

1. The Committee authorise publication of submissions received, with the exception of submission nos. 2 and 5, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.
2. Pursuant to Standing Order 194(3)(b) the Committee authorise copies of submissions to be forwarded to the Member for Blain, Mr Matthew Kerle MLA, and that he be invited to participate in public hearings on this matter given his technical expertise.

Questions put and passed.

It was further agreed that Members determine preferred date in early July for public hearings on the Acacia Digital Patient Record System for consideration at the next meeting.

5. ACTION ON STRATEGIC REVIEW OF NT AUDITOR-GENERAL’S OFFICE

Justine Davis moved and Mr Howe seconded that:

The Committee request the committee secretariat to:

- a) undertake a comparison of audit mandates across Australasian jurisdictions; and
- b) seek a briefing from the Australasian Council of Auditors General regarding the Independence of Auditors General.

Question put and passed.

6. INQUIRY REFERRAL – DARWIN SHIP LIFT PROJECT

Mr Howe moved and Mr Brown seconded that:

1. The Committee write to the Speaker advising her of receipt of the inquiry referral from the Treasurer, Mr Bill Yan MLA, regarding the Darwin Ship Lift Project and requesting that she advise the Legislative Assembly of the inquiry referral when the Assembly next meets.
2. Committee members provide the secretariat with the names of any other organisations or individuals they consider should be invited to make a submission for consideration at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Questions put and passed.

It was further agreed that Members determine preferred date in early July for a site visit to the Darwin Port for consideration at the next meeting.

7. PETITIONS

Petition No. 9

Mr Howe moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

The Committee not recommend Petition No. 9 for debate in the Assembly.

3 for, 2 against.

Question put and passed.

Petition No. 10

It was agreed that the Chair would write to the responsible Minister and request information on the Berrimah Road duplication project for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

12.00 pm, Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.32 pm.



Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

15th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Meeting No. 13

9.00 am, Tuesday 8 July 2025
11 Export Drive and Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Clinton Howe MLA, Chair, Member for Drysdale
Mrs Laurie Zio MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Justine Davis MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Brian O’Gallagher, Member for Karama

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Dr Caroline Williams, Executive Director Parliamentary Support

1. 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM: SITE VISIT – DARWIN SHIP LIFT PROJECT

Mr Shane Dahlhelm: Executive Director, Infrastructure NT, Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Projects, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure provided members with a guided tour of the Darwin Ship Lift Project and associated Marine Maintenance Infrastructure site.

Committee re-convened at 12.00 pm in the Litchfield Room

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Brown moved and Mr O’Gallagher seconded that:

The minutes of meetings No. 12 of 3 June 2025 as amended be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

4. INQUIRY INTO THE DARWIN SHIP LIFT PROJECT

Justine Davis moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

- a) The Committee authorise publication of submission Nos. 1-3 and 5-6, redacting personal information in all submissions such as signatures, email addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.
- b) The Committee invite representatives from the Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations, Paspaley Pearls Group, Department of Defence, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and the Department of Treasury and Finance to appear before the Committee at a public hearing on Wednesday 23 July 2025.
- c) The Committee invite representatives from Clough BMD Joint Venture to appear before the Committee at a private hearing on Wednesday 23 July 2025.

Questions put and passed

5. INQUIRY INTO THE INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONAL SUM

Justine Davis moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission No. 1, redacting personal information such as signatures, email addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

The Committee deferred consideration of the written questions for the Department of Logistics to its next meeting. The Chair requested that any additional questions be forwarded to the secretariat.

6. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on the 2018 and 2024 audits of the Ship Lift Project and his proposed Annual Plan of Audit Work 2025-2026.

The Auditor-General withdrew from the meeting.

7. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT – INQUIRY INTO THE DARWIN WATERFRONT CORPORATION

Mrs Zio moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

Recommendation 1 be removed from the report.

The Committee divided:

For	Against
Mrs Zio	Justine Davis
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Brown
Mr Howe	

Question put and passed.

Mr Howe moved and Mrs Zio seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Darwin Waterfront Corporation* as amended, for tabling in the Assembly on Thursday 31 July 2025.

Question put and passed.

The Chair requested that copies of dissenting reports be forwarded to the Committee Secretary.

8. CHAIR'S DRAFT REPORT – INQUIRY INTO THE HOWARD SPRINGS ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE – FLOOD EVACUATION COSTS

Mr Howe moved and Mr O'Gallagher seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report: *Inquiry into the Howard Springs Accommodation Village – Flood Evacuation Costs*, to be tabled out of session with the Speaker on Tuesday 15 July 2025 pursuant to S)200(4), for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 29 July 2025.

Question put and passed.

9. PETITIONS

The Committee considered Petition Nos. 12, 13 and 14 and resolved as follows:

- Petition No. 12 – recommend to the Clerk that the petition be debate.
- Petition No. 13 – write to the Minister for Education and Training to ascertain enrolment numbers, current capacity of the school and any planned upgrades – for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.
- Petition No. 14 – write to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure for further information on the matters raised in the petition – for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearings: Darwin Ship Lift Project and Deliberative Meeting: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm, Wednesday 23 July 2025.

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

Mr Clinton Howe, MLA
Chair