



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Public Accounts Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

**Inquiry into the Local Decision
Making Framework**

May 2023



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

10.30 am, Friday 7 May 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 3, 26 March 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee discussed options for an inquiry into local decision making and how the Member for Mulka could participate in public hearings and deliberative meetings for an inquiry, noting that Standing Orders allow a non-committee member to participate in public hearings but not in deliberative meetings.

The committee agreed that the Chair will organise for a motion to be proposed to the Assembly to enable the Member for Mulka to participate in deliberative meetings for the purposes of an inquiry into local decision making.

4. SPECIAL MEASURES RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION POLICY

The committee agreed to invite the Commissioner for Public Employment to a private briefing on Friday 14 May 2021 to outline the action that has been taken in response to the Review and the outcomes of the program to date.

5. PETITIONS

The committee noted the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing's letter to the Chair regarding the petition for the immediate eviction of all current tenancies at 2 Emery Avenue (petition 5) and agreed no further action required on this petition.

The committee requested the secretariat follow up on the letter sent to the Minister for Health on 23 March 2021 regarding the petition on health facilities at Dundee Beach (petition 3).

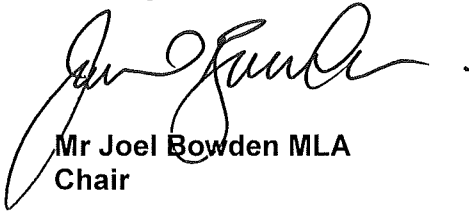
6. PROPOSAL FOR INQUIRY INTO YOUNG PEOPLE AND CRIME

The Committee discussed an email from Mrs Lambley proposing an inquiry into young people and crime. The Committee agreed to take no further action on the proposal at this time, noting that related issues may be considered in its proposed inquiry into local decision making.

7. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 14 May 2021

Meeting closed at 10.50 am



Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

10.30 am, Friday 14 May 2021
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING ON SPECIAL MEASURES RECRUITMENT PLANS

Ms Vicki Telfer, the Commissioner for Public Employment and Ms Camille Lew Fatt, the Director of Aboriginal Employment and Career Development from the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, briefed the committee on the outcomes for the Special Measures Recruitment Plans and future targets of the plan.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

The committee agreed that the Chair would draft a public statement about the information provided by the Commissioner during the briefing which would be circulated to the committee prior to being made public.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 4, 7 May 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

4. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee agreed to invite representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to a private briefing on Friday 28 May 2021.

5. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 28 May 2021

Meeting closed at 11.50 am


Mr Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

10.30 am, Friday 28 May 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via videoconference)
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)

Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka (via teleconference)

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING ON LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Ms Bridgette Bellenger, the General Manager and Mr Sean Hartley, the Senior Research Officer from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet briefed the committee on Local Decision Making and the current initiatives being undertaken.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

2. NEXT STEPS ON LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee discussed drafting of the terms of reference for a potential inquiry into Local Decision Making.

The Committee agreed that Mr Bowden and Mr Monaghan would revise the draft terms of reference for an inquiry into local decision making and to adopt those revised terms of reference by the consent of all members by email.

The Committee further agreed to meet as soon as convenient thereafter to consider a communication plan for the call for submissions and further inquiry planning.

Mr Guyula withdrew from the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 5: 14 MAY 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Costa seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 5, 14 May 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

5. STRATEGIC REVIEW OF AUDIT OFFICE

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The Chair to write to the Chief Minister advising it was satisfied with the terms of reference for the strategic review of the Audit Office in the Chief Minister's letter dated 21 May 2021.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

The committee agreed to defer consideration of petitions. The committee asked the secretariat to follow-up on a response to the committee's letter to the Minister for Education regarding petition no 1.


7. SPECIAL MEASURES

The Committee agreed to the publication of the draft media release, subject to the Commissioner for Public Employment's agreement to the release of the information from the private briefing.

8. NEXT MEETING

As soon as convenient following finalising terms of reference for local decision making.

Meeting closed at 11.40 am


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

10.30 am, Thursday 10 June 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via videoconference)

Apologies Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. MINUTES OF MEETING 6: 28 MAY 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 6, 28 May 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

3. INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee discussed the draft timeline for the Inquiry into Local Decision Making.

Mr Yan moved and Mr Monaghan seconded:

The Public Accounts Committee will inquire into and report on the implementation and future of the Local Decision Making (LDM) Framework, having particular regard to:

- 1) the progress, achievements, challenges and future potential of LDM implementation across the Northern Territory.
- 2) how to foster community and leadership interest in and commitment to new LDM agreements.
- 3) the impact of technology, Treaty, Truth-Telling and Voice on LDM development.

Question put and passed.

Mr Yan moved and Mr Monaghan seconded:

The Committee calls for submission to its inquiry by 13 August 2021.

Question put and passed.

4. PETITIONS

The committee agreed to note petitions 3 and 6 and to forward the Minister's response to the Committee to the Member who tabled the petition.

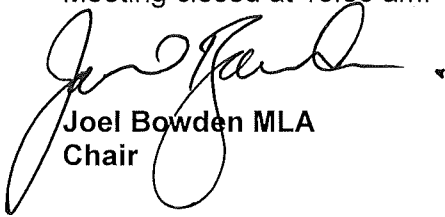
5. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee noted that the Media Release on Special Measures is to be released today and notices calling for submissions on the Inquiry into Local Decision Making is to be circulated tomorrow. Further, a letter from the Chair to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet inviting submissions on the Inquiry into Local Decision Making and the nomination of a contact officer is also to be sent today.

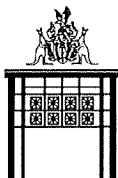
6. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 13 August 2021.

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

10.30 pm, Friday, 13 August 2021
Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
	Mr Yingiya Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee noted submissions received to date and discussed plans for the inquiry, including community visits.

A draft plan for the next steps of the inquiry will be developed out of session having regard to the submissions received.

Mr Guyula withdrew from the meeting.

2. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S JUNE REPORT

Ms Julie Crisp, the Auditor General from the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office briefed the Committee on her June Report.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 8: 6 AUGUST 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 8, 6 August 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

5. PAC ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

The Committee adopts the report.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

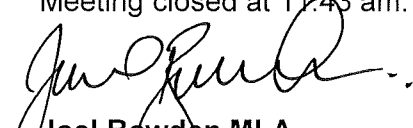
The Committee agree to write to the Minister for Education to follow up on the Committee's letter regarding Petition No. 1.

The Committee agreed to write to the Member for Brennan to seek further information on Petition No. 8.

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 20 August 2021.

Meeting closed at 11.43 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

10.30am, 3 September 2021
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via teleconference)
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)
- Mr Yingia Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka (via videoconference)
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer
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1. MINUTES OF MEETING 9: 13 AUGUST 2021

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 9, 13 August 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

3. PUBLICATION OF LOCAL DECISION MAKING SUBMISSIONS

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Costa seconded:

That the Committee publish submissions 1 to 23 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting the name and position title of the person adversely referred to in Submission 3, and personal information in all submissions such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Submission 1 - Central Desert Regional Council

Submission 2 - Jeff Hulcombe

Submission 3 - Njanjma Aboriginal Corporation

Submission 4 - Northern Territory PHN

Submission 5 - Martin Schahinger

Submission 6 - Green River Aboriginal Corporation

Submission 7 - MacDonnell Regional Council

Submission 8 - Local Government Association

Submission 9 - Country Liberal Party

Submission 10 - Australian Red Cross

Submission 11 - Yolngu Nations Assembly
Submission 12 - Barkly Regional Council
Submission 13 - East Arnhem Regional Council
Submission 14 - Ingkerreke Services
Submission 15 - Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation
Submission 16 - Peter Holt
Submission 17 - NT Treaty Commission
Submission 18 - Anindilyakwa Land Council
Submission 19 - Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation
Submission 20 - Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory
Submission 21 - Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
Submission 22 - concerned Australians
Submission 23 - Empowered Communities

Question put and passed.

4. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The committee discussed the submissions received and next steps for its inquiry.

The Committee agreed to write to the Northern, Central and Tiwi Land Councils noting submissions had not been received from them and seeking their input into the inquiry.

The Committee agreed to hold a public hearing on 16 and 17 September 2021 and invite the attendance of the departments of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Attorney-General and Justice, Health, Education and Territory Families, House and Community services; and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT, National Indigenous Australians Agency, NT Treaty Commission, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Northern Land Council and Tiwi Land Council.

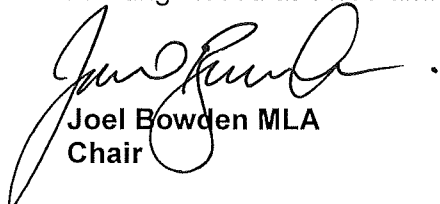
The committee agreed to hold a one day public hearing in Banyala. The proposed date is 1 October 2021. Mr Guyula agreed to liaise with local communities and determine availability of community members.

The committee also agreed to hold a public hearing in Alice Springs and visit nearby communities in the week beginning 4 October 2021.

5. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 23 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 11.05 am.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

10.00am, 16 September 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF MEETING 10: 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded:

The minutes of meeting No. 10, 3 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Committee authorise publication of Submission 24 from the Northern Territory Government to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information

Question put and passed.

3. HEARING FORMAT

The proposed hearing format was noted.

4. REVISED DATE FOR VISIT TO BANIYALA

The Committee agreed to the rescheduled date for the visit to Baniyala of 13 October 2021.

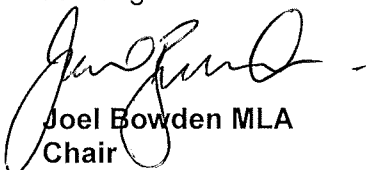
5. ALICE SPRINGS HEARING AND SITE VISITS

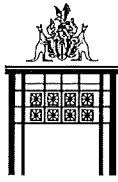
The Committee agreed to conduct hearings and site visits in Alice Springs from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 October 2021.

6. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing: Thursday, 10.30 am 16 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 10.25 am.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

10.30am, 16 September 2021

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Bridgette Bellenger: General Manager, Territory Regional Growth

Bo Carne: Director, Local Decision Making and Director, Aboriginal Interpreter Service

Ms Bellenger undertook to provide the Committee with details of the progress of Local Decision Making across the Territory.

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Gemma Lake: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Leanne Liddle: Director Aboriginal Justice Unit

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of Health

Dr Frank Daly: Chief Executive

Rus Nasir: Acting Director, Aboriginal Health Policy

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of Education

Aderyn Chatterton: Executive Director, Youth Engagement and Partnerships

Paper Tabled: Local Engagement and Decision Making (LEaD) Committees & Community Led Schools

The witness withdrew.

Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Ken Davies PSM: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Public Hearing: Friday, 10.15 am 17 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 3.23 pm.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

10.15am, 17 September 2021

Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Apologies Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Dr Jo Ann Beckwith: Senior Policy Adviser

The witness withdrew.

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Ben Mudaliar: Regional Manager

Tom Dyer: Senior Adviser

Fleur Hill: Regional Manager

The witnesses withdrew.

NT Treaty Commission

Ursula Raymond: Deputy Treaty Commissioner

Steve Rossingh: Director

Paper Tabled: Treaty Discussion Paper, June 30 2020

The witnesses withdrew.

2. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am 24 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 12.07 pm


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

10.30am, 24 September 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston (via teleconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira (via teleconference)
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via teleconference)

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Secretariat: Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee confirmed the proposed itinerary for committee travel to Alice Springs, Kintore and Mutitjulu (4-6 October 2021) and Baniyala (13 October). Committee Secretary to circulate finalised itinerary following confirmation of hearing witnesses, charter flights and community meeting arrangements.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Mr Costa moved and Mrs Lambley seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting numbers 11 of 16 September 2021, 12 of 16 September 2021 and 13 of 17 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Publication of Tabled Papers

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of papers tabled by the Department of Education and the NT Treaty Commission during the public hearings held on 16 and 17 September 2021

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that

The Committee authorise publication of Submissions 25 and 26 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information in the submissions such as person addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Braitling to clarify the Committee's role in relation to petitions referred to it and any subsequent debate in the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Brennan thanking her for the additional information provided regarding Petition No. 8 and outlining the Committee's role in relation to petitions referred to it by the Assembly.

Question put and passed

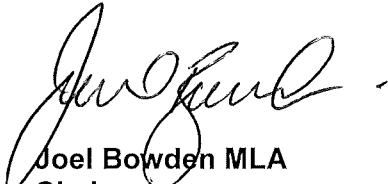
5. PETITIONS

The committee noted the current petitions. Committee Secretary to circulate a copy of Submission No. 10 for discussion at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

Pre-hearing Deliberative: 8.30 am, Monday 4 October 2021 – Spinifex Room, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs.

Meeting Closed at 11.28 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

8.45 am, Monday, 4 October 2021
Spinifex Room, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded:

That the Minutes of Meeting 14 of 24 September 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee write to Minister Moss and invite representatives from the Department of Education to brief the Committee on the status of the review of priority enrolment areas for schools in Alice Springs and anticipated outcomes at its next meeting scheduled for Friday 29 October 2021.

Question put and passed

3. PETITIONS

The committee noted the current petitions. The Committee Secretary undertook to circulate the tabled copy of petition 10 to members for further discussion at its next meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 9.15 am

4. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee reconvened at 9.30 am and heard from the following witnesses:

Tangentyere Council

Dr Anna Flouris: Executive Officer, Strategic Development
Michael Klerck: Social Policy and Research Manager

The witnesses withdrew.

Ingkerreke Services Aboriginal Corporation

Skye Thompson: Chief Executive Officer
Kathy McConnell: Senior Administration Officer

The witnesses withdrew.

Central Desert Regional Council

Diane Hood: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

MacDonnell Regional Council

Jeff MacLeod: Chief Executive Officer
Roxanne Kenny: President

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Brendan Blandford: Regional Executive Director, Central Australia

The witness withdrew.

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

Donna Ah Chee: Chief Executive Officer
Dr John Boffa: Chief Medical Officer, Public Health

The witnesses withdrew.

The Committee adjourned at 1.15 pm

5. SITE VISIT – TANGENTYERE COUNCIL AND TOWN CAMPS

The Committee reconvened at 2.00 pm at the Tangentyere Council Office. The Committee met with the following representatives of the Tangentyere Council and Local Decision Making Subcommittee before undertaking a short tour of a number of town camps.

Walter Shaw: Chief Executive Officer

Geoff Shaw: President, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation and President, Mt Nancy town Camp

Eileen Hoosan: Vice President, Mt Nancy town camp

Baydon Kantjira: President, Little Sisters town camp

Benedict Stevens: Vice President, Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation and President Hidden Valley town camp

Maxine Carlton: President Charles Creek town camp

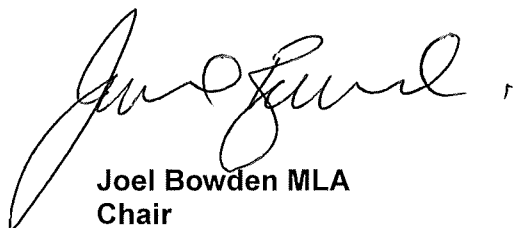
Dr Anna Flouris: Executive Officer, Strategic Development

Michael Klerck: Social Policy and Research Manager

6. NEXT MEETING

Kintore Community Visit: Tuesday 5 October 2021 as per circulated itinerary.

Meeting Closed at 4.30 pm



**Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**

29 October 2021



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

10.00 am, Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation - Kintore

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
	Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING

At the invitation of the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, the Committee undertook a site visit to the community of Kintore.

- Kevin Wrigley: Chief Executive Officer, Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation gave Committee members a tour of facilities in the Kintore Community.
- The Committee met with the following members of the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Board of Directors:
Monica Robinson: Chair
Joe Young
Lorraine Scobie
Giselle Barku
Maureen Wheeler
Gerrard Giles
- The Committee participated in a community forum hosted by the Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation.
- Committee members undertook a site visit to the Ngutjul outstation.

2. NEXT MEETING

Baniyala Community Visit: Wednesday 13 October 2021 as per circulated itinerary.

Meeting Closed at 3.00 pm

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair

29 October 2021

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Meeting No. 17

10.30 am, 29 October 2021
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka

Apologies Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, Acting Deputy Clerk
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING

The Committee discussed options for further travel and hearings in relation to its Inquiry into Local Decision Making and agreed to write to the CEOs of the Tiwi and Anindilyakwa Land Councils to advise them of the Committee's intention to visit in the first quarter of 2022. It was further agreed that the Committee would defer travel to Banyala until the new year.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

Ms Julie Crisp, the Auditor-General from the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office briefed the Committee on her August Report.

3. BRIEFING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr Paul Nyhuis: Acting Executive Director, School Improvement and Leadership (South), and Mr Paul van Holsteyn: Acting Senior Director, School Improvement and Leadership Central Region, briefed the Committee on the review of Alice Springs School Priority Enrolment Areas.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 15, 4 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 16, 5 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission 27 to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making, redacting any personal information in the submission such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.

6. PETITIONS

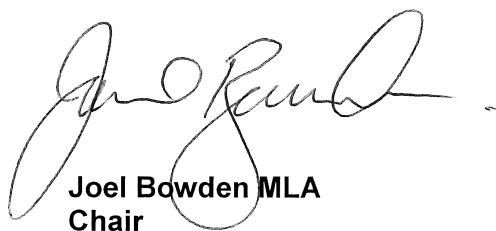
The Committee agreed to write to the Member for Braitling regarding Petition No. 1 and provide an update on the Alice Springs School Priority Enrolment Areas Review.

The Committee noted Petition No. 10 and did not recommend it for debate.

7. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 3 December 2021.

Meeting closed at 12.09 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

10.30 am, 3 December 2021

Litchfield Room

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, Acting Deputy Clerk Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Harry Lane, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

Auditor-General, Ms Julie Crisp, briefed the Committee on her November 2021 Report.

2. BRIEFING NOTE

Outsourcing to Labour Hire Contractors and Private Organisations

The Committee agreed to forward the proposed questions to all agency Chief Executive Officers for response by Friday 4 February 2022.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 15, 4 October 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Mrs Lambley moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of submission 28 from the National Indigenous Australians Agency and associated attachment to the Inquiry on Local Decision Making redacting any personal information in the submission such as personal addresses and phone numbers prior to publication.

Question put and passed.


5. PETITIONS

Noted

6. NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10.30 am, 18 February 2022.

Meeting closed at 11.28 am

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Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

10.30 am, 18 February 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston (via videoconference)
Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura (via videoconference)
Mr Yingiya mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
- Secretariat:** Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. INQUIRY INTO LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Monaghan seconded that:

Due to restrictions on travel to remote communities as a consequence of COVID-19 and the wet season, the Committee defer further activity in relation to its inquiry into Local Decision Making until July 2022, and place a notification to this effect on the Committee's website.

Question put and passed.

Mr Yan moved and Mr Monaghan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the correction to information received from the Department of Health regarding evidence provided to the Committee at its public hearing into Local Decision Making on 16 September 2021, and insert an explanatory footnote in the transcript with a link to the corrected information.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula withdrew from the meeting.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr Paul van Holsteyn: Senior Director, Education Central briefed the Committee on the outcomes of the review of priority school enrolment zones in Alice Springs.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The minutes of meeting No. 18, of 3 December 2021 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

5. OUTSOURCING AND LABOUR HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Monaghan moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that the Committee:

1. Write to all agencies thanking them for their responses and advising them that the Committee is currently considering whether to hold public hearings on the matter.
2. Provide the Department of Health and the Department of Education an extension of time to 31 May 2022 to produce the outstanding information as requested by the Committee.
3. Where applicable, request agencies to advise the Committee by 18 March 2022 as to the percentage of the total value of labour hire contracts paid for the period 1/11/2020 to 31/10/21 that relate to the supplier margin, administrative fees and any other associated expenses paid to labour hire companies.

Questions put and passed.

6. 2021 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF AUDIT OFFICE

Mr Monaghan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee note the brief regarding the Strategic Review of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office.

Question put and passed.

7. PETITIONS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 12(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 1: *Redesign the unfair priority school enrolment zones in Alice Springs.*

Question put and passed (Mr Monaghan abstained from voting)

8. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 25 March 2022.

Meeting closed at 11.35 am



Mark Monaghan MLA
Deputy Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

10.30 am, 29 July 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Apologies:	Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Ms Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 20, of 1 April 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee agreed to recommence travel to remote communities with a view to undertaking visits to communities in the Electorates of Arafura, Mulka and Namatjira over the coming months. Committee Secretary to liaise with the Chair regarding development of a proposed travel plan for consideration at the next meeting.

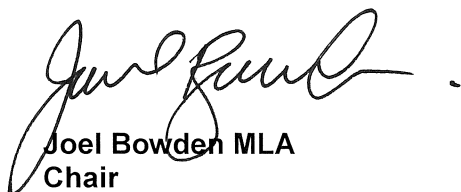
4. PETITIONS

Noted

5. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 September 2022.

Meeting closed at 10.43 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

1.00 pm, 22 August 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. DRAFT UPDATED LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY PLAN

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee travel to the Tiwi Islands in the week beginning 12 September 2022 to meet with representatives from the Tiwi Islands Land Council, the Tiwi Islands Regional Council and the Mantiyupwi Land Owning Group.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee travel to the Gove Peninsula and Groote Eylandt in the week beginning 24 October 2022 to hold public hearings and meet with stakeholders.

Question put and passed.

Committee secretariat to undertake initial planning with travel arrangements to be confirmed at the Committee's next meeting.

2. LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Mr Costa moved and Mr Bowden seconded that:

The Committee write to the Member for Araluen expressing their condolences regarding the loss of her son, Harry Lambley.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 September 2022.

Meeting closed at 1.12 pm


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 23

10.30 am, 2 September 2022
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER FOR FANNIE BAY TO COMMITTEE

Mr Bowden welcomed Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay, who was appointed to the Committee effective as of 2 September 2022 to replace Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA who was discharged from the Committee as of 22 August 2022.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Following discharge of the Deputy Chair, Member for Fong Lim, Hon Mark Monaghan MLA, from the Committee on 22 August 2022, the Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair. Mr Costa accepted the nomination and Mr Potter seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Mr Costa to be Deputy Chair.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee confirmed that it would travel to the following communities as part of its inquiry into the Local Decision Making:

- Tiwi Islands – Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Yirrkala and Groote Eylandt – Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022

Secretariat to arrange travel and advise Members accordingly.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 21 of 29 July and No. 22 of 22 August 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

6. OUTSOURCING AND LABOUR HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Briefing Noted.

7. CHAIR'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Costa moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft *Annual Report 2021-22* to be presented to the Speaker on Tuesday 6 September 2022 pursuant to SO200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

Question put and passed.

8. PETITIONS


The Committee considered petitions 13 – 18 and agreed:

- a) Petition 13: note Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 14: write to the Minister for Local Government and request a response to the petition.
- c) Petition 15: write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and request a response to the petition.
- d) Petition 16: write to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing and request clarification regarding the Government's decision in relation to recalling the \$12m grant for the Darwin Turf Club Grandstand.
- e) Petition 17: write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and request a response to the petition.
- f) Petition 18: write to the Minister for Disabilities and the CEO of Darwin City Council regarding their actions and considerations in relation to disability access.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2022 – Tiwi Islands.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

10.30 am, 14 October 2022
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present: Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Secretariat: Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mrs Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

Committee considered draft itinerary for upcoming public hearings and public forums in Yirrkala and Alyangula.

2. BRIEFING FROM AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Auditor-General briefed the Committee on her August 2022 Report to the Legislative Assembly.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 23 of 2 September 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

5. PETITIONS

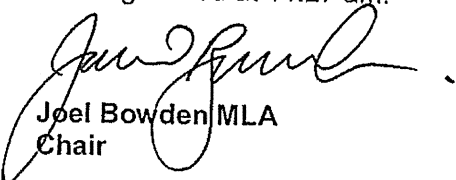
The Committee considered petitions 14 – 21 and agreed as follows:

- a) Petitions 14 – 18: noted Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 19: write to the Minister for Housing and Homelands and request a response to the petition.
- c) Petition 20: write to the Minister for Local Government and request a response to the petition.
- d) Petition 21: write to the Minister for Mining and Industry and request a response to the petition.

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022 – public hearings and public forums in Yirrkala and Alyangula.

Meeting closed at 11.27 am.


Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

9.50 am, Thursday, 27 October 2022

Sea Rights Room, Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre, Yirrkala

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Substitute:	Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly for Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

Kerry Legge: Chief Executive Officer
Barayuwa Mununggurr: Chairperson
Yananyumul Mununggurr: Director

The witnesses withdrew.

Yolgnu Nations Assembly Aboriginal Corporation

Shannon Voss: General Secretary
Nyomba Gandangu: Vice Chairperson
Anthony Hayward-Ryan: Researcher

The witnesses withdrew.

Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation

Matt Stevenson: Community Development Program Manager
Faye Matjarra Garrawurra: Board Director

The witnesses withdrew.

Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation

Ben Grimes: Chief Executive Officer
Gawura Wanambi: Chairperson
Dipililinga Marika: Vice Chairperson

Tabled Paper 1.3: ARDS & LDM Workshops Facilitation

The witnesses withdrew.

East Arnhem Regional Council

Dale Keehne: Chief Executive Officer
Lapulung Dhamarrandji: President
Joanne Baker: Board Member - Milingimbi Local Authority

The witnesses withdrew.

During the hearing, the Committee also heard from the following members of the community:

Dhangatji Mununggurr: Board Member – Yirrkala Local Authority

Marpulawuy Marika: Councillor – East Arnhem Regional Council – Gumurr Miwatj ward

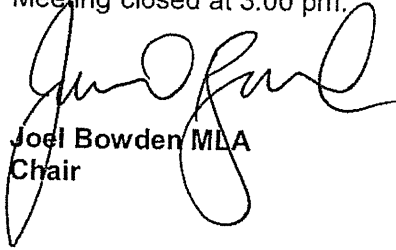
Fabian Marika: Landowner

Graham Maymura: Chairman – North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation

2. NEXT MEETING

Friday 28 October 2022 – public hearings and public forums in Alyangula.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 26

9.15 am, Friday, 28 October 2022
Barra Room, Groote Eylandt Lodge, Alyangula

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Substitute:	Mr Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly for Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. **PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY**

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Anindilyakwa Land Council

Mark Hewitt: Chief Executive Officer
Mark Hautop: Legal and Executive Operations Manager
Tony Wurramarrba AO: Chairman

Tabled Paper 1.4: Garma Speech – Tony Wurramarrba AO

The witnesses withdrew.

Groote Holdings Aboriginal Corporation and Groote Aqua Aboriginal Corporation

Sean McCarthy: Sitzler (GHAC Project Manager)
Silas Bara: GHAC Director
Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witnesses withdrew.

Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Primary College Aboriginal Corporation

Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witness withdrew.

Warnumamalya Health Services Aboriginal Corporation

Atnas Maeko: Deputy Chairman
Marissa Wurramara: Director
Elliott Bara: Board Member

The witnesses withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Melissa Beasley: Regional Director – Anindilyakwa Region

Tabled Paper 1.5: Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Newsletter June 2022

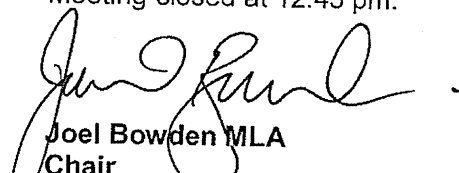
Tabled Paper 1.6: Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making (LDM) Agreement

The witnesses withdrew.

2. **NEXT MEETING**

10.30 am, Friday 25 November 2022

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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Meeting No. 27

10.30 am, 25 November 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

In addition to the public hearing with representatives from the East Arnhem Regional Office of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet scheduled for Friday 1 December 2022, the Committee agreed to:

- a) Invite representatives from the Local Government Association of the NT, Green River Aboriginal Corporation, Barkly Regional Council, Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to appear before the Committee at a public hearing in Darwin on Friday 17 February 2023.
- b) Travel to the Tiwi Islands in the week beginning 20 or 27 February 2023.
- c) Travel to Titjikala in late February or early March 2023.
- d) Consider travelling to the Barkly and/or Big Rivers region in early March 2023.
- e) Table its report in the May 2023 meetings of the Assembly.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 24 of 14 October, No. 25 of 27 October and No. 26 of 28 October 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of papers tabled by the Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation, the Anindilyakwa Land Council and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearings held in Yirrkala on 27 October and Alyangula on 28 October 2022.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of Submission 29 from the Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation regarding Local Decision Making.

Question put and passed.

5. PETITIONS

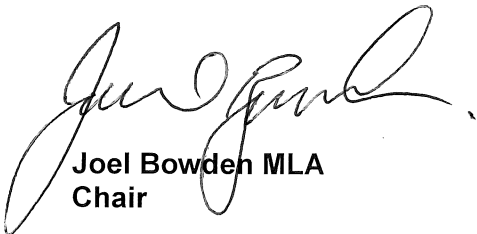
The Committee considered petitions 19 – 22 and agreed as follows:

- a) Petitions 19 – 21: noted Minister's response – no further action required.
- b) Petition 22: write to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and request a response to the petition.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 2 December 2022 – Public Hearing followed by Deliberative Meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.49 am.



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

10.30 am, 2 December 2022

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Participating Member:	Mr Bill Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Apologies:	Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Arafura Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Jim Rogers: Executive Director – East Arnhem

Cathryn Moore: Regional Director – Yolngu Region

Waka Mununggurr: Strategic Cultural Advisor – East Arnhem

Tabled Papers

TP. 1.7: Local decision making in East Arnhem

TP. 1.8: Table of responses to Yirrkala PAC hearing statements

TP. 1.9: Attachment A to table of responses to Yirrkala PAC hearing statements

The witnesses withdrew

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Minutes of Meetings No. 27 of 25 November 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Yan moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the papers tabled by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearing.

Question put and passed.

The Committee also agreed to write to the Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making and request an updated version of the document previously provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding details of the progress of LDM across the NT.

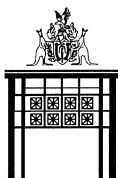
5. NEXT MEETING

9.00 am, Friday 17 February 2023 – Public Hearing followed by Deliberative Meeting

Meeting closed at 11.37 am.

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair

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Meeting No. 29

9.00 am, Friday 17 February 2023
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Participating Member:	Mr Bill Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Sean Holden: Chief Executive Officer

The witness withdrew.

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

Dr John Paterson: Acting Chief Executive Officer, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

David Cooper: Manager Research Advocacy Policy, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

Seranie Gamble: Manager, Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

The witnesses withdrew.

Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation

Waka Mununngurr: Chairperson (via video conference)

The witness withdrew.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Bridgette Bellenger: General Manager, Territory Regional Growth

Mischa Cartwright: Executive Director, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Partnerships

Tabled Paper

TP 1.10 – LDM Ground Up Monitoring and Evaluation Final Report – August 2022

The witnesses withdrew.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Pursuant to Standing Order 186, following the passing of the former Member for Arafura and Deputy Chair of the Committee, the Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Bowden nominated Mr Potter to be Deputy Chair. Mr Potter seconded the nomination.

Mr Yan nominated himself to be Deputy Chair. The nomination was not seconded.

There being no further nominations the Chair declared Mr Potter to be the elected Deputy Chair.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 of 2 December 2022 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Committee agreed to defer discussion regarding Member for Namatjira's letter and request that the Committee consider holding a hearing on the Cost of the Darwin Ship Lift Project to the next meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Bowden moved and Mr Potter seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the paper tabled by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet during the public hearing.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 24 March 2023

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm



Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

10.30 am, Friday 24 March 2023

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

- Present:** Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. BRIEFING FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

It was agreed to invite representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to the next meeting to brief the Committee on procurement processes.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Young moved and Mr Yan seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 of 17 February 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

The reporting timeframe for the inquiry into Local Decision Making was discussed.

4. NEXT MEETING

10.30 am, Friday 31 March 2023

Meeting closed at 11.51 pm

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
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Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

10.30 am, Friday 31 March 2023

Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Apologies	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

Following discussion of the briefing note, it was agreed that a draft report will be circulated before the before the next meeting, with the intention of tabling the finalised report in the second week of the May sittings.

The Chair thanked Member for Mulka for his participation in the Local Decision Making Inquiry.

2. BRIEFING ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

Mr Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Adam Walding, General Manager Infrastructure, Investment and Contracts from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics briefed the committee on the NT Procurement Framework and its application to infrastructure procurement.

The witnesses withdrew from the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 30 of 24 March 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

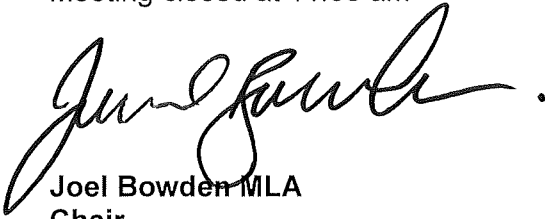
5. PETITIONS

The Committee considered petition 23 and agreed to write to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency services and request a response to the petition.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

10.30 am, Friday 12 May 2023

Meeting closed at 11.55 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Bowden', with a flourish at the end.

Joel Bowden MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
14th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

12.15 pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023
Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House

Present:	Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Chair, Member for Johnston Mr Brent Potter MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Fannie Bay Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen (via videoconference)
Apologies	Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Secretariat:	Mr Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant Ms Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Ms Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer Mr Caelan Ikin, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 31 of 31 March 2023 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

3. LOCAL DECISION MAKING INQUIRY

The Committee considered the Chair's draft report.

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The Chair's report on Local Decision Making be adopted subject to amendments to be circulated and unanimously agreed to by the Members of the Committee.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Lambley indicated that she would add a dissenting report.

4. PETITIONS

Mr Potter moved and Mr Young seconded that:

The committee notes petition no. 24.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

12 noon, Thursday, 27 July 2023

Meeting closed at 1.26 pm

**Joel Bowden MLA
Chair**