



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy
for Addictive Behaviours**

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

**Interim Report for the Inquiry
into a Northern Territory Harm
Reduction Strategy for Addictive
Behaviours**

March 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Reducing Addictive Behaviours

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

11.00 am, Friday, 1 June 2018
Ormiston Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (via telephone)
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly (via telephone)
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer
Michael Tatham, Clerk

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair.

Ms Nelson nominated Mr Jeff Collins to be Chair of the Committee. Mr Kirby seconded the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Secretary declared Mr Collins to be elected Chair of the Committee.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Mr Collins nominated Ms Nelson for Deputy Chair of the Committee. Ms Purick seconded the nomination.

Mr Higgins nominated Ms Purick but Ms Purick declined the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, the Chair declared Ms Nelson to be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee.

3. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS

Ms Nelson moved and Ms Purick seconded:

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

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. COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted.

5. NETWORK ACCESS TO COMMITTEE PAPERS

The Secretary informed the Committee that network access to committee papers has been set up on the M drive and that an email would be sent out explaining how to access it.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded:

That the Committee write to the Minister for Health requesting that a Department of Health officer be seconded to the parliamentary committee secretariat to provide expert support for the duration of the Committee's inquiry.

Question put and passed.

Ms Purick undertook to provide Committee Members with additional information regarding the secondment of any officers from the Department of Health to ensure that Committee secretariat support is independent and free of any possibilities or allegations of interference.

Noting that the Victorian Parliament has just completed an inquiry into Drug Law Reform, the Chair requested that the secretariat prepare an overview of any inquiries other jurisdictions have undertaken in this area.

7. NEXT MEETING

11.00 am, Friday, 15 June 2018

Meeting closed at 11.19 am



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

1.00 pm, Monday, 23 July 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (via telephone)
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MEETING

Mr Higgins was an apology.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Hon. Kezia Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 – 1 July 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. CHAIR'S VISIT TO CANADA

The Hon. Kezia Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded:

That the Committee agrees to the Chair adding Ottawa to his Canadian professional development itinerary to enable him to meet, on the Committee's behalf, with key people involved in drug reform and management in Canada, and for him to seek the Speaker's approval for funding for this additional travel.

5. NEXT STEPS FOR THE INQUIRY

The Committee noted the draft briefing papers.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to send Members a draft schedule for public hearings for Members' consideration. The Hon. Kezia Purick will consider the best rural location in which to hold a public hearing and will make a recommendation to the Committee.

The Hon. Kezia Purick moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

- The 'Snapshot - Scale and Trends of Illicit Drugs in the Northern Territory' be made publicly available;

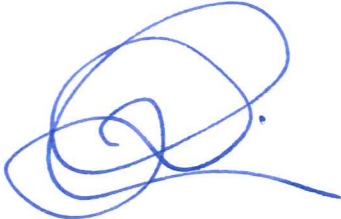
- The advertisement for submissions be approved, with a due date of 7 September 2018;
and
- The draft media release be approved subject to minor changes as indicated by the Chair.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting closed at 1.35 pm

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**Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair**



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Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Addictive Behaviour

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

12.00 pm, Thursday, 16 August 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
Mr Higgins MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Annie McCall, Administration/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Hon. Kezia Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2 of 23 July 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

The Hon. Kezia Purick moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of Submission No. 1 from Professor Stuart Reece.

Question put and passed.

3. CHAIR'S VISIT TO CANADA NEXT MEETING

Draft meeting schedule for Chair's visit to Canada was noted.

4. NEXT STEPS FOR THE INQUIRY

The Committee agreed to the proposed schedule for departmental briefings, public hearings and forums and noted the updated inquiry plan.

5. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting closed at 12.16 pm

Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

12.30 pm Thursday, 30 August 2018
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (via telephone)
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Neil Wright, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Police Fire and Emergency Services

- Travis Wurst, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Crime and Darwin Command
- Zoe Langridge, Assistant Director - Strategic Policy Division
- Superintendent Scott Pollock, Superintendent of Drug and Organised Crime Division
- Neil Hayes, Acting Commander of Crime Command

Department of Attorney-General and Justice

- Anna McGill, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Licensing NT
- Carolyn Whyte, Director - Criminal Justice Research and Statistics Unit
- Dr Natalie Walker, Acting Deputy Director – Offender Services and Programs, NT Correctional Services
- Ros Lague, Director, Programs, Services & Improvement, NT Correctional Services
- Leanne Liddle, Director, Aboriginal Justice Unit

Briefing suspended at 12.00 pm.
The Committee met in private.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 3 – 16 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

4. CHAIR'S VISIT TO CANADA

Projected meeting schedule noted.

5. NEXT STEPS FOR THE INQUIRY

- a) Confirmation of travel arrangements for Tennant Creek and Alice Springs public hearings.

Discussed and noted.

- a) Draft inquiry report plan

The draft inquiry report plan was noted and Members encouraged to provide any comments or suggested changes to the Secretary.

6. NEXT MEETING

Friday 21 September, time to be advised.

Meeting closed at 12.14 pm


7. PUBLIC BRIEFING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Department of Health

- Cecelia Gore, Senior Director, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch

The Committee adjourned at 1.30 pm



**Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair**



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

11.00 am, Tuesday 25 September 2018
Litchfield Room

- Present:** Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
- Apologies:** Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (via telephone)
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Neil Wright, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Annette Brown, Administration Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Purick moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 4 of 30 August 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Ms Purick moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee authorise the publication of all submissions excepting the submission from Northern Territory Police which is to be treated as confidential.

Question put and passed.

3. NEXT STEPS FOR THE INQUIRY

- a) Public forum on Thursday 27 September

Noted.

- b) Arrangements for scheduled public hearings and forums, October 2018 to February 2019

The Committee requested the secretariat to:

- Re-schedule the Darwin public hearing for November or December;

- Organise a hire car for Members from Tennant Creek to Alice Springs;
- Confirm availability of Mr Higgins for the Katherine public hearing/forum on the 10 December 2018 and re-schedule to the 11 December 2018 if necessary;
- Circulate a draft list of witnesses for public hearings for Members' consideration.

The Committee agreed to:

- Adopt Option 3, as set out in the briefing note 'Public Hearings and Forums in Nhulunbuy';
- Schedule a public hearing and forum in the Tiwi Islands for February 2019.

c) Consideration of submissions received

Noted.

4. **NEXT MEETING**

Second week of October sittings (30 or 31 October, time to be advised)

Meeting closed at 11.29 am



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 31 October 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Sasha Lynch, Admin Officer/Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Purick seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of 25 September 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Purick seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of submissions received.

Question put and passed.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FORUMS

Ms Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of papers tabled at the public briefing held on 30 August 2018.

Question put and passed

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee attend the Spilt Milk Festival on the 17 November to observe how pill testing is conducted and that the Chair write to the Speaker to seek approval for travel under clause 5.1(b) of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2017 - contingent on pill testing being undertaken at the Festival.

Question put and passed

The Committee requested that the secretariat develop a schedule for public hearings in Darwin, Nhulunbuy and Tiwi Islands to be held in February 2018 and email schedule to Members for consideration.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Appointment of Dr Victoria Ikutegbe to the position of senior research officer for the Committee.

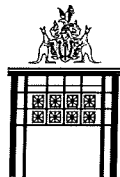
5. NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

Meeting closed at 1.25 pm



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

1.30 pm, Monday, 5 November 2018
Karguru Room, Barkly Education Centre

- Present:** Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine (teleconference)
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Sasha Lynch, Admin Officer/Research Officer

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

1. TABLED PAPERS

Ms Purick moved and Mr Kirby seconded:

That the Committee authorises the publication of papers tabled during the public hearings in Tennant Creek on 5 November 2018 and in Alice Springs on 6 November 2018, subject to any request from witnesses to keep the papers confidential.

Question put and passed

Deliberative meeting concluded.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

The following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Central Australian Health Service

- Kellie Thackeray, Manager, Barkly Mental Health Service
- Ruth Preuss, Drug and Alcohol Nurse, Clinical Nurse Withdrawals
- Gail Tyler, Volatile Substance Abuse Nurse Consultant, Alcohol and Other Drug Services
- Laine Dumny, AOD Clinical Nurse Specialist

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation

- Dean Gooda, Acting Section Manger for Stronger Families

- Linda Turner, Cultural Facilitator
- Stan Stokes, Mental Health Educator
- Patricia Franks, Team Leader for the Women's Centre, Stronger Families
- Billy Walker, Acting Men's Team Leader, Stronger Families

Tabled Paper 3 – Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Corporation Response to the Select Committee

Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group (BRADAAG)

- Toddy Miliado, BRADAAG Finance and Governance Coordinator

Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation

- Alan McGill, Chief Executive Officer
- Clarence Satour, Coordinator Night Patrol and Youth Patrol

Tennant Creek High School

- Maisie Floyd, Principal

Tabled Paper 4 – Tennant Creek High School - Student Perceptions on Family Violence

Tabled Paper 5 – Tennant Creek High School - Haywire Grant Application

Tabled Paper 6 - Tennant Creek High School - School Drug Use Survey

Tennant Creek Women's Refuge

- Shirleen Alum, Acting Chief Executive Officer/Crisis Accommodation Manager
- Ronnie Staunton, Domestic Violence Counsellor

Barkly Youth (Barkly Regional Council)

- Moira Skinner, Director, Corporate Services

Public Hearing concluded at 5.30 pm

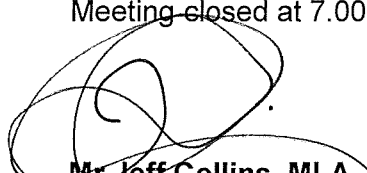
3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Committee held a public forum from 6.10 pm to 7.00 pm

4. NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, 6 November 2018, Alice Springs Town Council

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

2.00 pm, Tuesday, 6 November 2018

Andy McNeill Room, Alice Springs Council Chambers

- Present:** Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
- Secretariat:** Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Sasha Lynch, Admin Officer/Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Central Australian Health Service

- Dr Jeff Brownscombe, Director, Medical and Clinical Services
- Dr Bernard Hickey, Psychiatrist

Tabled Paper 7 – Central Australian Health Service presentation to the Committee

Tabled Paper 8 – Central Australian Health Service, Position paper on Harm Reduction Strategies for Addictive Behaviours from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

Tabled Paper 9 – Central Australian Health Service, Facing Addiction in America, Fact Sheet

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

- Dr Jon-Paul Cacioli, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service Manager

BushMob Aboriginal Corporation

- Will MacGregor, Chief Executive Officer

Drug and Alcohol Services Association

- Carole Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Workforce Program, NT Department of Health

- Andrew Scholz, Clinical Nurse Advisor

Mental Health Association of Central Australia

- Merrilee Cox, Chief Executive Officer

Public Hearing concluded at 5.15 pm

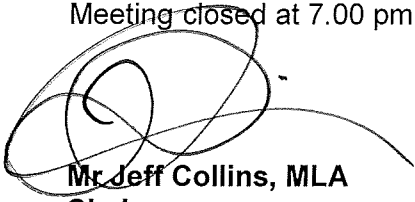
2. PUBLIC FORUM

The Committee held a public forum from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

3. NEXT MEETING

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Meeting closed at 7.00 pm



Mr. Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

11.15 am, Monday, 12 November 2018
Teleconference

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

Apologies: Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer
Sasha Lynch, Admin/Research Officer

1. FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee form a sub-committee comprised of Mr Collins, Mr Kirby and Ms Nelson, with Mr Collins as Chair of the sub-committee, in accordance with Standing Order 187, for the purpose of ensuring a quorum at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, 15 November 2018.

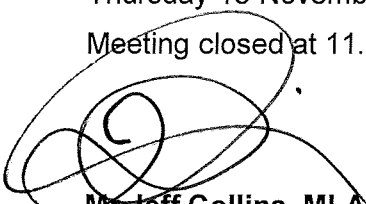
2. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Nelson suggested the secretariat invite Katherine Doorways Hub to the Katherine public hearing to replace Mission Australia which has withdrawn.

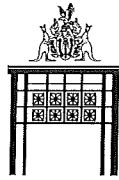
3. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 November 2018 – public hearing in Darwin.

Meeting closed at 11.30 am



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

1.00 pm, Wednesday, 28 November 2018
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

Apologies: Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 6 - 31 October 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 – 5 November 2018 (public hearing in Tennant Creek) be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Kirby moved and Mr Collins seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 – 6 November 2018 (public hearing in Alice Springs) be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 – 12 November 2018 be confirmed

Question put and passed.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Sub-Committee Meeting No. 1 – 15 November 2018 (public hearing in Darwin) be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

3. NEXT STEPS FOR THE INQUIRY

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of papers tabled during all public hearings held during the inquiry, subject to consideration of any requests from witnesses for confidentiality.

Question put and passed.

The Committee noted papers for the public hearing and forum in Katherine

The Committee agreed to the following dates for public forums and hearings in 2019

- Darwin Public Hearing – Friday 15 February 2019
- Tiwi Islands Public Forum – Friday 15 March 2019
- Public Forums in Nhulunbuy – Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March 2019

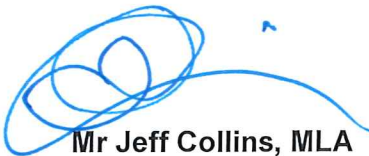
Ms Nelson requested that Mr Costa and Mr Guyula be informed of the forums and be invited to assist with disseminating information about the forums.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

10 December 2018 (Katherine public hearing and forum)

Meeting closed at 1.17 pm



**Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair**



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

12.30 pm, Monday, 10 December 2018
Wurli-Wurlinjang Board Room, Katherine

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Wurli-Wurlinjang Aboriginal Health Service

- Darrell Brock, Executive Director Community Services
- Eric Thomas, Strongbala Justice Program (SJP) Coordinator
- Sid Moore, Specialist Counsellor AOD
- Gardner Shaw Francis, Counsellor Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)
- Bridgette Hutchinson, Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (ANFPP)
- Elijah Sherman
- Michael Taylor

Sunrise Health Service

- Catherine McArthur, AOD and Tobacco Team Leader

Top End Health Service – Katherine Hospital and Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment and Community Services

- Dr Louise Harwood, Director Medical Services, Katherine Hospital
- Jane Hair, Manager, Katherine Mental Health & AOD Service
- Paul Gibbs, Acting Operations Manager, Alcohol and Other Drugs (happy to be contacted in relation to statistics on Volatile Substance Abuse)

Committee suspended at: 2.35 pm

Committee resumed at: 2.53 pm

Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service

- Jacqueline Rimington, Executive Officer
- Mary-Anne Philip, Solicitor

Katherine Doorways Hub, Salvation Army

- Harley Dannatt, Coordinator

Venndale Rehabilitation and Withdrawal Centre (Kalano Community Association)

- Casey Bishop, Program Manager

2. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 4.28 PM

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Kirby seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 28 November 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorises the publication of the supplementary submission provided by Mission Australia.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT STEPS FOR INQUIRY

Public hearing and forum dates noted.

6. NEXT MEETING

TBA – week commencing the 28 January

Committee suspended at 4.33pm

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was scheduled for 5.00 pm but no members of the public attended.

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 pm



Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12 – Public Hearing

8.00 am, Friday, 15 February 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Apologies: Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Drug Free Australia

- Jo Baxter
- Gary Christian

Tabled Paper 12 – Update: Drug sniffer-dog alert site strains under pressure

Tabled Paper 13 - Considering Heroin-Assisted Treatment and Supervised Drug Consumption Sites

Tabled paper 14 – Drug Free Australia’s Summary of Evidence on Pill Testing

Tabled Paper 15 – Why have pill testing when most ecstasy deaths are from normal doses of MDMA?

Exhibit 2 – Information pack from Drug Free Australia containing dvd and miscellaneous information sheets on approaches to drug management in overseas countries.

Ted Noffs Foundation and Australia 21

- Matt Noffs
- Mick Palmer

Matt Noffs advised that he will forward evidence on pill testing.

Hearing suspended 9.50 am

Deliberative Meeting

The Committee held a meeting to form a subcommittee.

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Costa seconded

That a sub-committee be formed, comprising Ms Nelson and Mr Collins, for the purpose of continuing the Public Hearing in the event that Mr Costa needs to leave due to illness.

Question put and passed.

Deliberative meeting closed 9.55 am

Public Hearing Resumed

Harm Reduction Australia

- Gino Vambuca

Mr Vambuca noted that he was also representing Pill Testing Australia as well as Harm Reduction Australia

Penington Institute

- John Ryan
- David Rose
- John Ryan advised that he would send the Committee two reports.

Mr Costa left the meeting at 10.33 am

Territory Families

- Jeanette Kerr
- Brent warren
- Gabrielle Brown

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

- Nicholas Papandonakis
- Simon Saunders

Tabled Paper 16 - National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2016

Tabled Paper 17 - Analysis of Northern Territory Alcohol Related Road Trauma

Tabled Paper 18 - National Road Safety Action Plan 2018-2020

Tabled Paper 19 - Australia's second generational approach to roadside drug testing

Tabled Paper 20 – Towards Zero, Road Safety Action Plan 2018-22 (NT)

Department of Education

- Vicki Baylis
- Susan Bowden
- Sue Beynon

Tabled Paper 21 – Suspension Data for Substance Use/possession

Tabled Paper 22 – Policy: Drugs in Schools

Tabled Paper 23 – Guidelines: Drug Education

Tabled Paper 24 – Guidelines: Management of Drug-Related Incidents in Schools

Tabled Paper 25 – Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Level 11-12

Tabled Paper 26 – Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Level 9-10

Tabled Paper 27 - Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Level 7-8

Tabled Paper 28 - Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Level 5-6

*Tabled Paper 29 – Primary Years, Supplementary Resources, Social and Emotional Learning,
Year 3 – Year 6*

*Tabled Paper 30 – Early Years, Supplementary Resources, Social and Emotional Learning,
Transition – Year 2*

Tabled Paper 31 - Implementation Guide for Schools, Social and Emotional Learning,

Tabled Paper 32 – Middle Years, Supplementary Resources, Social and Emotional Learning

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

- Beth Wild
- Julian Murphy

Amity Community Services

- Nicola Coalter
- Tamara Laing

Tabled paper 33 - Data collated from Amity's internal client database over the 2008-2019

Alcohol and Drugs Foundation

- Erin Lalor
- Sally Underdown

Michael Byrne – private individual

2. NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

Meeting Closed at 2.45 pm



**Mr Jeff Collins, MLA
Chair**



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Addictive Behaviours

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

10.45 am, Tuesday, 26 February 2019
Teleconference

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

In the absence of the Chair the Deputy Chair opened the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

1. The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 – 28 November 2018 be confirmed.
2. The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 – 10 December 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Costa moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 12 – 15 February 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

1. The transcript of the Central Australian Health Service witnesses who attended the public hearing in Tennant Creek be treated as confidential and removed from the Tennant Creek public hearing transcript.
2. The Tennant Creek public hearing transcript be published on the Committee's web page once the Central Australian Health Service section has been removed.
3. Papers provided by the Ted Noffs Foundation, in relation to the public hearing held on 15 February 2019, be treated as confidential.

Question put and passed.

3. PUBLISHING OF PAPERS TABLED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FORUMS

Mr Costa moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee publish all papers tabled at public hearings subject to consideration of any requests for confidentiality.

Question put and passed.

4. RE-SCHEDULING OF HEARING WITH NUNO CAPAZ FROM PORTUGAL

The Committee agreed to hold a private briefing with Nuno Capaz from Portugal at 8.00 am on one of the meeting days held during the first week of the March Assembly meeting.

The Chair linked in by teleconference.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC FORUMS

Mr Higgins moved and Mr Costa seconded that:

The Committee appoints a sub-committee comprising Mr Collins, Mr Costa, and Ms Nelson, with Mr Collins as the Chair of the sub-committee, in accordance with Standing Order 187, for the purpose of taking evidence at public hearings and forums.

6. NHULUNBUY PUBLIC FORUMS

The Committee noted the schedule of public forums, the stakeholder letter and the plain language flyer and agreed to the stakeholder letter being sent with the plain English flyer, pending its possible translation into Yolngu Matha.

Ms Nelson requested that the secretary cancel her accommodation booking at Walkabout Lodge as she will be attending the forums by teleconference.

The secretary advised Members that they would need to book flights with Keyarna Brown.

7. TIWI ISLANDS PUBLIC FORUM

The Committee agreed to hold a public forum in the Tiwi Islands and to also schedule individual meetings with key stakeholders. These meetings could be attended by Mr Collins and Mr Costa if other Members are unable to stay overnight.

Mr Costa left the meeting at 11.06 am

8. INTERIM REPORT

The secretary provided a brief overview of the interim report that is to be tabled in the Assembly on 12 March 2019.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Wednesday 6 March 2019

Meeting closed at 11.11 am



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

10.00 am, Wednesday, 6 March 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

1. The Minutes of Meeting No. 13 – 26 February 2018 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Higgins seconded:

That the Committee authorise publication of the paper on drug courts provided by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation subsequent to the public hearing held on 15 February 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. RE-SCHEDULING OF HEARING WITH NUNO CAPAZ FROM PORTUGAL

4. NHULUNBUY PUBLIC FORUMS

Mr Higgins confirmed that he would not be available to attend the public forums.

Ms Nelson confirmed that she would be attending the public forums by teleconference.

5. TIWI ISLANDS PUBLIC FORUM

The Committee agreed to review arrangements for the Tiwi Island public forum at the next meeting.

6. INTERIM REPORT

Ms Nelson and Mr Higgins suggested that some options for suggested strategies be included as dot points in chapter 5 under paragraph 5.6.

Mr Higgins requested that when sending out the amended report the secretary set a deadline by which Members must make comments on the amendments.

The Committee agreed to review the amendments prior to the public hearing and deliberative meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 March and, subject to the Committee approving the amendments, to adopt the report at this meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

8.00 am, Tuesday 12 March 2019

Meeting closed at 10.13 am

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Chair



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Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Addictive Behaviours

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

8.00 am, Tuesday, 12 March 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Mr Jeff Collins MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Gary Higgins, MLA, Member for Daly

Apologies: Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Secretariat: Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Victoria Ikutegbe, Senior Research Officer
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1. PUBLIC HEARING

TIME	Organisation	INDIVIDUAL Presenting
8.00 am	General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD) – Portugal	Dr Nuno Capaz, Vice-President, Commission for the Dissuasion of Drug Addiction of Lisboa
8.30 am		CLOSE

Public hearing closed at 8.43 am.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 14 - 6 March 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. INTERIM REPORT

Ms Nelson moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft Interim Report for the *Inquiry into a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy*.

Question put and passed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A paper on Drug Courts from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation was tabled.

Mr Higgins moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the paper on Drug Courts provided by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

Question put and passed.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 8.50 am

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