NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 42
Wednesday 22 November 2017

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Sievers delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for 22 and 23 November 2017 be granted to Mr Costa due to personal reasons.

Motion agreed to.

5. PAPER TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Ms Ah Kit (Chair of the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 30) (Paper 533) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 534) and made a statement.

6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 36)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 535) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 536).

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved the Bill be declared urgent and delivered a statement.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood (by leave).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 4**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Guyula
Mr Collins	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Gunner	Mr Wood
Mr Kirby	

Ms Lawler
Ms Manison
Mr McCarthy
Mr McConnell
Ms Moss
Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion agreed to.

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be read a second time and delivered a statement.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Mr McCarthy, Ms Wakefield, Ms Fyles.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Mr Higgins moved the following amendment:

Clause 2 be omitted and new Clause 2 be inserted.

2 Commencement
This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

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7. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Criminal Code Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2017 (Serial 38).
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Domestic and Family Violence Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2017 (Serial 40).
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment (Journalist Privilege) Bill 2017 (Serial 37).
4. Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Adoption of Children Legislation Amendment (Equality) Bill 2017 (Serial 39).

8. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.04 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison

Paper Tabled: Ms Manison (Treasurer) tabled a letter regarding an increase in petrol prices in Darwin, Rod Sims, Chairman, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission, dated 20 November 2017 (Paper 544).

14.09 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.12 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.16 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield
14.19 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.23 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner
14.28 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
14.32 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14.33 Mrs Lambley to Mr McCarthy
14.37 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.40 Mr Mills to Mr McCarthy

Papers Tabled: Mr Mills (Member for Blain), by leave, tabled the following papers:

1. Letter to the Hon. Gerry McCarthy, Minister for Housing and Community Development, regarding opportunity to meet with the manager of the Palmerston Housing Office, from Mr Terry Mills, Member for Blain, dated 4 July 2017 (Paper 545).
2. Letter to the Hon. Gerry McCarthy, Minister for Housing and Community Development, regarding seeking your support for my office to deal directly with the local housing office, from Mr Terry Mills, Member for Blain, dated 12 July 2017 (Paper 546).

14.44 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.48 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14.51 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
14.55 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

9. MOTION: GROUNDWATER FOR STOCK AND DOMESTIC USE NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion that this Assembly:

- supports the development and implementation of management plans, regulations and laws for the extraction of groundwater water for stock and domestic use in the Northern Territory.
- recognises that stock and domestic groundwater users have made significant investments in their water infrastructure.

and calls on the Northern Territory Government to:

- make the necessary amendments to legislation to allow as a priority, people who extract water for stock and domestic use to be able to continue to do so
- identify a period of time where all groundwater reliant non income generating users may be exempt from the requirement to obtain an extraction licence and
- plan for the delivery of reticulated water to users of groundwater in the rural area.

Ms Moss, Mr Higgins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 6**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Ms Fyles	Mr Higgins
Mr Gunner	Mr Mills
Mr Kirby	Ms Purick
Ms Lawler	Mr Wood
Ms Manison	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion not agreed to.

10. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement informing the house that the Voluntary Assistance Dying Bill 2017 had passed the Victorian parliament's upper house this afternoon.

11. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2016 (SERIAL 8): BILL NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms Fyles, Mr Guyula, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Question put and not agreed to.

12. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 9): BILL NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms Manison.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment Machinery of Government course students.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Question put and not agreed to.

13. MOTION: PET SCANNER AND CYCLOTRON AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion that this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to immediately deliver a PET scanner and a cyclotron to the people of the Northern Territory.

Ms Fyles.

Ms Fyles moved the following amendment:

Delete all words after 'that' and replace with the following:

The Territory Government has delivered a PET scanner and cyclotron project to the people of the NT.

Mr Higgins, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put and passed.

Question, that the motion as amended be agreed to, put and passed.

14. MOTION: GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HOUSING AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion that this Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government to explain:

- how the new entitlement of Government Employee Housing for local recruits will be rolled out;
- what will be the eligibility requirements and how will these entitlements be managed;
- what benefit will flow to local recruits that are unable to be provided with Government Employee Housing in the short, medium and long term; and
- what impact this will have on current Enterprise Bargaining Agreements and how these impacts will be managed.

Mr Higgins.

Question put and passed.

15. MOTION: RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ANNUAL SHOW SOCIETY TO THE COMMUNITY AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that this Assembly calls upon the NT Government to:

- recognise the importance of the Northern Territory Annual Show Society shows to the community, tourism, culture and the economy;
- that the seven agricultural and community shows being, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Adelaide River, Fred's Pass, Borroloola and Royal Darwin Shows are recognised as important community and economic events in the Northern Territory;
- that the NT Government commits to a five year core funding model to the NT Show Council such that the shows can operate efficiently and effectively and deliver a quality product to all Territorians;
- that the NT Government takes government responsibility from the Chief Minister's Department to the more appropriate Department of Tourism and Culture and/or Sport and Recreation and
- that the government fund an appropriate expert to undertake an economic impact statement of the seven shows such that a full and proper understanding is gained of the importance of the shows to the community and economy.

Ms Moss, Mr Higgins, Mr Paech, Mr Wood, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Mr McCarthy, Ms Purick.

Question put and passed.

16. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 36): BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of consideration in detail suspended earlier this day.

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 5	**Noes 16**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Ms Fyles
Mr Mills	Mr Gunner
Mr Wood	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Ms Manison
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden
	Ms Uibo

Amendment not agreed to.

Question, that the remainder of the Bill stand as printed, agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

17. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled a Study Report for the Member for Nightcliff, Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, in relation to the Member's attendance at the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course, Darwin, 4 - 8 September 2017 (Paper 547).

Mr Guyula, by leave, tabled a Table, Comparison of 2012 and 2016 Informal Votes in the NT Legislation Assembly Elections (Paper 548) referred to in his contribution to the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2016 debate.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Kirby.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Member for Solomon, Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP.

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Ms Lawler, Ms Manison, Ms Fyles, Mr Mills, Mr Higgins, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Vowles, Mr Guyula.

Paper Tabled: Mr Guyula, by leave, tabled a poster, Ban Fracking, Protect Country, Statement from the Aboriginal Fracking Forum, 19 November 2017 (Paper 549).

Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mrs Worden, Mr Sievers, Mr Wood, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 21.27 until Thursday 23 November 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following papers were deemed to have been tabled:

Annual Reports 2016-2017:

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, 2016-2017 (Paper 537).

Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, 2016-2017 (Paper 538).

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner, 2016- 2017 (Paper 539).

Addendum:

Annual Report 2016-2017, Department of Treasury and Finance (Revised Annual Report 2016-2017) (Refer to Tabled Paper 467 on 18 October 2017) (Paper 540).

Corrigendum:

Annual Report 2016-2017, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (Revised Annual Report 2016-2017) (Refer to Tabled Paper 433 on 12 October 2017) (Amendments to page 38, page 59, page 83, page 88) (Paper 541).

***Coroners Act*:**

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Mr Edward James Laurie, dated 9 November 2017 (Paper 542).

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Mr Roy Melbourne, dated 21 November 2017 (Paper 543).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Costa on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly